

were no longer simply people who fished, they were dry fly specialists who fished for brown trout on large rivers in the western half of the USA. Fourth and final stage anglers became very influential and were instrumental in the development of new techniques and equipment (Kelly, 1996). Their philosophy and expertise may contribute to setting the standard for others who are in earlier stages of involvement.

The leisure specialization continuum is an essential tool in understanding the leisure behaviours of a wide variety of people. While Bryan's initial study focused on **angling**, the theory can be applied to activities ranging from shopping to **whale watching**. Specialization theory has demonstrated its merit through its consistency with other leisure theories. For example, the concept of serious leisure supports the development of careers of participation over time, with a parallel increase in commitment. The popular idea of **flow**, a psychological concept that attempts to explain deep periodic involvement in particular activities (Csikzentmihalyi, 1975), is in agreement with the leisure specialization continuum.

Related internet source

How specialized is specialization research: http://www.findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa3702/is_200107/ai_n8969380

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Leviathan: see Whale

Liability Release A liability release document (waiver) gives up a right, such as releasing one from his/her liability for harm or damage that may occur from participating in an activity, such as **scuba-diving**. Some activities are considered inherently dangerous, and those who participate in such activities may be required to sign a release form, acknowledging that they are assuming the responsibility for their voluntary participation in such activities. The release acts as an assurance to the person requesting the release that they will not be subjected to litigation resulting from the signing party's informed and consensual acts.

Related internet sources

Example of a reliability release form from Tamarack Alpine Adventures Inc.: http://community.netidea.com/powder/waiver_guided.htm

Example of a reliability release form for scuba-diving at Bikini Atoll: http://www.bikiniatoll.com/liab_rel.pdf

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Lido Deck This is the area around the swimming pool on a cruise ship. Lido is the Italian word for **beach**. The lido deck is considered to be the cruise ship's party headquarters, complete with deckchairs, cocktail bars, restaurants and buffets.

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Lifeboat A lifeboat is a small boat used in the event that a ship has to be abandoned. A lifeboat is also used for emergency rescues from shore, or rescues where one ship comes to the aid of another. Lifeboats are required on all commercial **vessels**, and by insurance companies on private vessels. The number of lifeboats or life rafts required depends on the length of the ship and how far from shore it will be sailing. Lifeboats and life rafts are equipped with a minimum of three days' food and water for each person, an electronic position-indicating radio beacon (EPIRB), emergency medical kit, hand pump, oars, mirror and flares. Some may also be equipped with sea dye, a hand-operated desalinator, VHF radio, sails, a small motor, all-purpose knife and **fishing** and survival gear. Carbon dioxide canisters built into life rafts are designed to inflate the raft by use of a quick-release mechanism. Rigid lifeboats, designed to hold more people than a life raft, are commonly found on cruise ships. Lifeboat drills are part of life aboard all ships, including cruise ships, and all passengers are required to participate.

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Lifeguard A lifeguard, usually employed by a local government or regional agency/council, patrols and monitors a designated area of **beach** or a specific beach. The presence of a lifeguard enhances the safety of a beach. A lifeguard's activities will include: (i) maintaining high levels of proficiency and competence in lifesaving techniques and fitness; (ii) placing of swimming flags to indicate safe swimming zones; (iii) the conduct of rescues; (iv) treatment of injuries, marine stings and bites; (v) providing advice on local swimming and surfing conditions; (vi) communicating and liaising with beach users and local authorities (e.g.