



Program Information Package

Paddle Canada Basic Kayak Instructor Training



Program Description

This course is designed for recreational kayakers wishing to increase their skills and knowledge as well as for individuals wanting to become professional sea kayak instructors and join a national standard of instructors across Canada. This 3-day, Basic Kayak Instructor program provides an opportunity to develop the knowledge and skills necessary for becoming a basic kayak Instructor for Paddle Canada.

This course demands your full attention and commitment. Assessment is ongoing throughout the program with a focus on the art of teaching on land and on the water.

Paperwork Checklist

Please use the following checklist to ensure you have received and reviewed all the required documentation prior to the program start date:

- ✓ Basic to Kayak Instructor Course Information Package – please review
- ❑ SKILS Instructor Course Manual – please review
- ❑ Paddle Canada Sea Kayak Program Manual – Please review pertinent pages
- ❑ Paddle Canada Waiver – please sign with your instructor at the beginning of the program
- ❑ SKILS Waiver – please sign with your instructor at the beginning of the program
- ❑ SKILS Medical Form – please bring a completed copy to your program
- ❑ Policy and Procedures Document – please review

Program Logistics

Program Objectives

- Develop the skills necessary to organize and teach a 1-day beginner sea kayaking course,
- Develop and practice your own skill set,
- Become familiar with Paddle Canada's administrative procedures and protocols,
- Develop and practice leadership skills, risk assessment and safety management, decision making, applying judgment, group management and general seamanship.



Skills for Success

In particular, successful candidates for this award will be able to:

- Consistently self-rescue with confidence
- Clearly and confidently communicate with groups of participants in a teaching environment
- Prepare and organize on land and on water kayak related classes
- Create lesson plans, with objectives and learning outcomes
- Demonstrate paddling skills as required of a Basic Kayak Instructor

The evaluation will comprise of continual ongoing assessment throughout the class and a final written and practical evaluation.

Program Prerequisites

- 16 years of age,
- Basic First Aid,
- CPR Level C,
- Paddle Canada Level 1 Skills Award,
- Candidates must have Paddle Canada Level 1 Skills certification prior to take the program.

Class Size

A minimum of 3 candidates is required to run this program. The final decision to run a course will be made 30 days in advance. The class ratio is one instructor for 6 participants.

Registration

A deposit of \$200 is required to secure your spot. No refunds will be issued within 30 days before the start of the program. The balance is due 30 days before the start of the program. Please send your deposit (cheque, money order or cash) to SKILS, Box 727, Ucluelet, BC, V0R 3A0. Fees do not include Paddle Canada membership, immersion gear, personal equipment, or a kayak.

Meals and Accommodation

You are responsible for all meals and accommodation during the program. Participants are encouraged to bring extra snacks to fill in the holes and satisfy personal tastes.

What to Bring

Please bring the following items (of good quality, in good repair and meeting DOT regulations)

- Touring kayak
- Lifejacket
- Paddle
- Pump
- 15 meter buoyant heaving line
- Tow line
- Spray skirt
- Whistle
- Immersion clothing (please be prepared for extended periods of time in the water)
- Sunglasses and hat
- Paper & writing instrument



Thank you for enrolling in our Instructor Training program. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact us at info@skils.ca. We look forward to playing on the water with you!