

COASTAL KAYAKING LEVEL 2

One may proceed through the skill levels and not participate in the instructor levels

Coastal Kayaking Level 2 is an advanced course for participants with a competent base of kayaking experience and knowledge. The course will emphasize the skills required to kayak in a moderate coastal environment.

OVERVIEW OF COASTAL KAYAKING LEVEL 2

Prerequisites

1. The candidate must be at least 17 years of age
2. ORCKA Coastal Kayaking Level 1, equivalent certification or comparable skills and experience (with the permission of the Course Director)
3. Evidence of at least eight separate coastal kayak trips of at least five hours duration each. These kayak journeys should include a variety of locations and conditions
4. A VHF marine radio license and wilderness first aid certification are recommended

Minimum Course Length

24 hours (3 days minimum)

Kayak Type

A suitable kayak for this course must be able to carry limited cargo with at least one sealed bulkhead and a closed cockpit.

Course Conditions

Sheltered to Exposed Wind – up to 38 km/h in protected inland waters (to 29 km/h in offshore conditions in large bodies of water such as Great Lakes or similar). Sea state – waves up to 1.6 m in protected inland waters (to 1 m in offshore conditions in large bodies of water such as Great Lakes or similar).

Note: some of the skills are to be performed in near-maximum course sea states (at least two-thirds of the maximum wind/waves) with the goal of showing control.

Course Location

Exposed. Moderately exposed coastline with less frequent and more difficult landing conditions.

Note: Several manoeuvres are to be performed in near-maximum course sea states.

OVERVIEW OF COASTAL KAYAKING LEVEL 2 (CON'T)

Safety

- Safety review
- Rescue of a swimmer
- Towing rescue^o
- Peer rescue^o
- Assisted Roll rescue
- Unassisted roll rescue
- Unassisted re-entry^o
- Advanced rescues
- Communications

Skills

- Skill review
- Forward paddling^o
- Reverse paddling^o
- Stopping^o
- Sideward paddling
- Pivoting^o
- Turning^o
- Preventing a capsize^o

Theory

- Theory review
- Kayak design
- Repair kit
- Weather

Kayaking resources Touring

- Day trip planning
- Equipment
- Paddling precautions
- Navigation
- Kayak tour

* some of the required skills are to also be performed in near-maximum course sea states. Refer to detailed skill description for more details