

KAYAK TRIPPING LEVEL 2 (Trip Leader)

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

The purpose of the Kayak Tripping Level 2 is to provide a Provincial certification of competence in the planning and leadership of wilderness kayak trips. Kayak Tripping Level 2 provides the experienced kayak tripper with the opportunity to improve his/her kayak tripping skills under more challenging conditions. Kayak Tripping Level 1 skills are reviewed and expanded upon and new skills and theory are introduced to enhance the leadership ability of the candidate. The course involves a kayak trip, stressing organisation, safety, leadership, and risk and crisis management.

Upon completion of Kayak Tripping Level 2, the successful candidate should have the knowledge, skills and confidence to plan and lead single or multi-day trips with kayakers of equal or less experience in conditions according to their certified ORCKA Coastal Kayaking skill level. The Kayak Tripping Level 2 course provides the risk management and leadership components and the ORCKA Coastal Kayaking skills provide the competence in paddling skills required for leading a trip. Additional details on the recommended standards for kayak trip leaders can be found in *Kayak Trip Leader Standards for the Conduct of the Trip Component of ORCKA Program*.

OVERVIEW OF KAYAK TRIPPING LEVEL 2

Prerequisites

1. At least 17 years of age
2. ORCKA Kayak Tripping Level 1, equivalent certification or comparable skills and experience (with the permission of the Course Director)
3. ORCKA Coastal Kayaking Level 1 or equivalent certification (with the permission of the Course Director)
4. At least 25 nights of kayak tripping experience; kayak tripping distances totalling at least 500 km; at least six kayak trips in which the candidate was responsible for some of the organisation and leadership; and at least one near-wilderness kayak trip of five days or more
5. A VHF marine radio license and wilderness first aid certification are recommended

Minimum Course Length

16 hours over a minimum of 5 days including the three-night trip.

Kayak Type

A suitable kayak for this course must be able within in the kayak to carry sufficient cargo for an overnight or multi-night trip and have at least one sealed bulkhead and a closed cockpit.

Course Conditions

Sheltered to Moderate. Wind – Calm to < 29 km/h in protected inland waters (to 18 km/h in offshore conditions in large bodies of water such as Great Lakes or similar).

Sea state – up to 1 m waves in protected inland waters (up to 0.6 m waves in offshore conditions in large bodies of water such as Great Lakes or similar).

Course Location

Moderate. Moderately exposed coastline with easy landing conditions readily available

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

OVERVIEW OF KAYAK TRIPPING LEVEL 2 (CON'T)

Safety

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

Skills

- Skill review
- Kayaking °
- Food and menu planning

Theory

- Theory review
- Kayak design and construction
- Equipment repair and maintenance
- Kayaking history
- Wilderness first aid
- Weather interpretation

Touring

- Trip planning, reporting and assessment
- Kayak tripping gear
- Navigation
- Group awareness and management
- Trip leadership
- Risk management
- Crisis management
- Running a shuttle
- Kayak trip

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