

More Information on the *ORCKA Kayaking Program*

The ORCKA Kayaking Program has the following disciplines:

- Flatwater Kayaking – an introduction to kayaking in sheltered waters
- Coastal Kayaking – kayaking day trips in coastal conditions
- Moving Water Kayaking – kayaking in moving water and rapids
- Kayak Tripping – multi-day kayaking trips

Coastal Kayaking is really furthering the progression of kayaking skills with more difficult water conditions (sea states and coastlines) and more expertise in the paddling and rescue skills. The Coastal Kayaking Level 2 will actually be a Day Trip Leader who needs good paddling skills and enough leadership and group awareness skills for day trips which are very common with kayakers. The Kayak Tripping discipline is for overnight kayak trips at the trip participant and leader levels. It adds more risk management and camping skills to the mix. Coastal Kayaking is a pre-requisite which provides the paddling skill component for the Kayak Tripping Level 2.

Skill levels to be offered are:

- Safe Kayaking Program (abridged)
- Flatwater Kayaking
- Flatwater Kayaking A
- Flatwater Kayaking B
- Coastal Kayaking Level 1
- Coastal Kayaking Level 2 (Day Trip Leader)
- Moving Water Kayaking Level 1
- Moving Water Kayaking Level 2
- Kayak Tripping Level 1 (Trip Participant)
- Kayak Tripping Level 2 (Multi-day Trip Leader)

The following Instructor levels will be available:

- Camp Kayaking Instructor (for OCA Camps)
- Flatwater Kayaking Instructor
- Coastal Kayaking Instructor 1
- Coastal Kayaking Instructor 2
- Moving Water Kayaking Instructor 1
- Moving Water Kayaking Instructor 2
- Kayak Tripping Instructor 2

I am a current Paddle Canada Kayaking Instructor. What Instructor level will I be given in the new ORCKA Kayaking Program? The following table outlines the equivalencies for grandfathering purposes

Paddle Canada Instructor Certification	New ORCKA Instructor Certification
N/A	Camp Kayaking Instructor
PC Flatwater Kayaking Instructor	Flatwater Kayaking Instructor

Paddle Canada Instructor Certification	New ORCKA Instructor Certification
PC Sea Kayaking Instructor Level 1	Coastal Kayaking Instructor 1
PC Sea Kayaking Instructor Level 2 with ORCKA/PC Canoe Tripping Level 2 skills	Coastal Kayaking Instructor 2
PC Sea Kayaking Instructor Level 3	Coastal Kayaking Instructor 2
PC River Kayaking Instructor Level 1	Moving Water Kayaking Instructor 1
PC River Kayaking Instructor Level 2	Moving Water Kayaking Instructor 2
N/A	Kayak Tripping Instructor 1
PC Sea Kayaking Instructor Level 4	Kayak Tripping Instructor 2 depending on experience and other credentials on case by case basis
PC Flatwater Kayaking Instructor Trainer	Flatwater Kayaking Instructor Trainer

All other Instructor and Instructor Trainer equivalencies will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Please contact ORCKA for more information.

The following are the pre-requisites for certification for each of the new ORCKA Kayaking Programs:

- Flatwater Kayaking
 - None
- Flatwater Kayaking A
 - None
- Flatwater Kayaking B
 - ORCKA Flatwater Kayaking A, equivalent certification or comparable skills and experience (with the permission of the Course Director)
- Coastal Kayaking Level 1
 - ORCKA Flatwater Kayaking or ORCKA Flatwater Kayaking B, equivalent certification or comparable skills and experience (with the permission of the Course Director)
 - At least three separate kayaking excursions of at least three hours and 15 kilometres each
- Coastal Kayaking Level 2 (Day Trip Leader)
 - At least 17 years of age
 - ORCKA Coastal Kayaking Level 1, equivalent certification or comparable skills and experience (with the permission of the Course Director)
 - Provide evidence of at least 10 coastal kayak trips (at least four hours each). The candidate assumed responsibility for some of the organisation and leadership on at least five of these trips. These kayak journeys should include a variety of locations and conditions
- Moving Water Kayaking Level 1

- ORCKA Flatwater Kayaking or ORCKA Flatwater Kayaking B, equivalent certification or comparable skills and experience (with the permission of the Course Director)
- Moving Water Kayaking Level 2
 - ORCKA Moving Water Kayaking Level 1, equivalent certification or comparable skills and experience (with the permission of the Course Director)
- Kayak Tripping Level 1 (Trip Participant)
 - ORCKA Flatwater Kayaking or ORCKA Flatwater Kayaking B, equivalent certification or comparable skills and experience (with the permission of the Course Director)
- Kayak Tripping Level 2 (Multi-day Trip Leader)
 - At least 17 years of age
 - ORCKA Kayak Tripping Level 1, equivalent certification or comparable skills and experience (with the permission of the Course Director)
 - ORCKA Coastal Kayaking Level 1, equivalent certification or comparable skills and experience (with the permission of the Course Director)
 - At least 25 nights of kayak tripping experience; kayak tripping distances totalling 500 km; at least 6 kayak trips in which the candidate was responsible for some of the organisation and leadership and at least one isolated kayak trip of 5 days or more
- Camp Kayaking Instructor
 - At least 16 years of age
 - ORCKA Flatwater Kayaking A, equivalent certification or comparable skills and experience (with the permission of the Course Director)
 - It is strongly recommended that all Camp Kayaking Instructors have, in addition to their kayaking qualifications, some qualification in Swimming, First Aid and CPR
 - Note: ORCKA Flatwater Kayaking B skills will be included in this Instructor's course
- Flatwater Kayaking Instructor
 - At least 16 years of age
 - ORCKA Flatwater Kayaking B, equivalent certification or comparable skills and experience (with the permission of the Course Director)
 - It is strongly recommended that all Flatwater Kayaking Instructors have, in addition to their kayaking qualifications, some qualification in Swimming, First Aid and CPR
 - Note: ORCKA Coastal Kayaking Level 1 skills will be included in the Flatwater Kayaking Instructor course unless ORCKA Coastal Kayaking Level 1 is a course pre-requisite
- Coastal Kayaking Instructor 1
 - At least 18 years of age
 - Current ORCKA membership
 - ORCKA Coastal Kayaking Level 2 or equivalent certification (with the permission of the Course Director)

- It is strongly recommended that all Coastal Kayaking Instructor 1s have, in addition to their kayaking qualifications, some qualification in Swimming, First Aid and CPR
- Coastal Kayaking Instructor 2
 - At least 18 years of age
 - Current ORCKA membership
 - ORCKA Coastal Kayaking Level 2 or equivalent certification (with the permission of the Course Director)
 - Any ORCKA Instructor certification or equivalent certification (with permission of the Course Director)
 - It is strongly recommended that all Coastal Kayaking Instructor 2s have, in addition to their kayaking qualifications, some qualification in Swimming, First Aid and CPR
- Moving Water Kayaking Instructor 1
 - At least 18 years of age
 - Current ORCKA membership
 - ORCKA Moving Water Kayaking Level 2 or equivalent certification (with the permission of the Course Director)
 - It is strongly recommended that all Moving Water Kayaking Instructor 1s have, in addition to their kayaking qualifications, some qualification in Swimming, First Aid, CPR and river rescue
- Moving Water Kayaking Instructor 2
 - At least 18 years of age
 - Current ORCKA membership
 - ORCKA Moving Water Kayaking Level 2 or equivalent certification (with the permission of the Course Director)
 - Any ORCKA Instructor certification or equivalent certification (with permission of the Course Director)
 - It is strongly recommended that all Moving Water Kayaking Instructor 2s have, in addition to their kayaking qualifications, some qualification in Swimming, First Aid CPR and river rescue
- Kayak Tripping Instructor 2
 - At least 18 years of age
 - Current ORCKA membership
 - ORCKA Coastal Kayaking Level 2 or equivalent certification (with the permission of the Course Director)
 - Any ORCKA Instructor certification or equivalent certification (with permission of the Course Director)
 - Minimum of five (5) years of kayak tripping activities
 1. Log of kayak tripping leadership or shared leadership for a minimum of 50 nights and 1000 kilometres
 2. Log of kayak tripping experience to include one or two kayak trips in isolated areas, totalling at least 20 days and covering at least 400 kilometres

- It is strongly recommended that all Kayak Tripping Instructor 2s have, in addition to their kayaking qualifications, some qualification in Swimming, First Aid and CPR

The following are deemed equivalent skill course pre-requisites for the new ORCKA Kayaking Program. For example, for a candidate wanting to take an ORCKA Coastal Kayaking Level 2 course which has a pre-requisite of Coastal Kayaking Level 1, either PC Sea Kayaking Level 1 or BCU 3 Star Sea certifications are deemed as equivalent certification for the Coastal Kayaking Level 1 pre-requisite requirement.

New ORCKA Skill Pre-requisite	Paddle Canada Skill Course	BCU Skill Course
Flatwater Kayaking	PC Flatwater	BCU 2 Star
Flatwater Kayaking B	PC Flatwater	BCU 2 Star
Coastal Kayaking Level 1	PC Sea Kayaking Level 1	BCU 3 Star Sea
Coastal Kayaking Level 2	PC Sea Kayaking Level 2 with ORCKA/PC Canoe Tripping Level 2, ORCKA Kayak Tripping Level 2 or an ORCKA Kayak Tripping Workshop or PC Sea Kayaking Level 3	BCU 4 Star Sea
Moving Water Kayaking Level 1	PC River Kayaking Level 1	BCU 3 Star Inland Kayak or BCU 3 Star Whitewater
Moving Water Kayaking Level 2	PC River Kayaking Level 2	BCU 3 Star Inland Kayak or BCU 4 Star Whitewater
Kayak Tripping Level 1	ORCKA/PC Canoe Tripping Level 1	N/A
Kayak Tripping Level 2	N/A	N/A

The following Instructor levels are deemed equivalent to the new ORCKA Kayaking Instructor levels for pre-requisite purposes. As well, this table outlines how existing Kayak Instructors can be grandfathered into the new ORCKA Kayaking program:

New ORCKA Instructor Course	Paddle Canada Instructor Course	BCU Coach Course
Camp Kayaking Instructor	N/A	BCU Level 1 Coach or BCU Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport
Flatwater Kayaking Instructor	PC Flatwater Kayaking Instructor	BCU Level 2 Coach or BCU Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport
Coastal Kayaking	PC Sea Kayaking	BCU Level 3 Sea Coach

New ORCKA Instructor Course	Paddle Canada Instructor Course	BCU Coach Course
Instructor 1	Instructor Level 1	
Coastal Kayaking Instructor 2	PC Sea Kayaking Instructor Level 2 with ORCKA/PC Canoe Tripping Level 2 or ORCKA Kayak Tripping Level 2 or PC Sea Kayaking Instructor Level 3	BCU Level 4 Sea Coach
Moving Water Kayaking Instructor 1	PC River Kayaking Instructor Level 1	BCU Level 3 Inland Kayak Coach
Moving Water Kayaking Instructor 2	PC River Kayaking Instructor Level 2	BCU Level 4 Inland Kayak Coach
Kayak Tripping Instructor 1	N/A	N/A
Kayak Tripping Instructor 2	N/A	N/A

Course lengths are:

ORCKA Kayaking Course	Minimum Course Length
Flatwater Kayaking	10 hours
Flatwater Kayaking A	4 to 6 hours
Flatwater Kayaking B	4 to 6 hours
Coastal Kayaking Level 1	18 hours (2 days minimum)
Coastal Kayaking Level 2 (Day Trip Leader)	24 hours (3 days minimum)
Moving Water Kayaking Level 1	12 hours (2 days minimum)
Moving Water Kayaking Level 2	12 hours (2 days minimum)
Kayak Tripping Level 1	3 days minimum including the trip
Kayak Tripping Level 2	5 days minimum including the trip
Camp Kayaking Instructor	20 hours (2 ½ days minimum)
Flatwater Kayaking Instructor	35 hours (4 days minimum) with Coast Kayaking Level 1 included; otherwise 2 days
Coastal Kayaking Instructor 1	24 hours (3 days minimum)
Coastal Kayaking Instructor 2	36 hours (4 days minimum)
Moving Water Kayaking Instructor 1	24 hours (3 days minimum)
Moving Water Kayaking Instructor 2	36 hours (4 days minimum)
Kayak Tripping Instructor 2	45 hours (5 days minimum) including the trip

The Kayak Course Participant to Instructor Ratios are:

ORCKA Kayaking Course	Minimum Participant to Instructor Ratios *
Flatwater Kayaking A	1:6
Flatwater Kayaking B	1:6
Coastal Kayaking Level 1	1:6
Coastal Kayaking Level 2	1:5
Moving Water Kayaking Level 1	1:6
Moving Water Kayaking Level 2	1:6
Kayak Tripping Level 1	1:6; one Instructor and a leader for the trip component
Kayak Tripping Level 2	1:6; one Instructor and a leader for the trip component
Camp Kayaking Instructor	1:6
Flatwater Kayaking Instructor	1:6, minimum two Instructors
Coastal Kayaking Instructor 1	1:6, minimum two Instructors
Coastal Kayaking Instructor 2	1:6, minimum two Instructors
Moving Water Kayaking Instructor 1	1:6, minimum two Instructors
Moving Water Kayaking Instructor 2	1:6, minimum two Instructors
Kayak Tripping Instructor 2	1:6, minimum two Instructors

* minimum one Instructor unless otherwise noted

2009 ORCKA Kayak Participant Program Fees are the same as the ORCKA Canoeing fees and are:

ORCKA Kayaking Course	2009 ORCKA Program Fee (per Participant)
Safe Kayaking Program	\$5 per course with maximum of six participants
Flatwater Kayaking A	\$5
Flatwater Kayaking B	\$5
Flatwater (non-profit organizations)	\$4.50
Coastal Kayaking Level 1	\$10
Coastal Kayaking Level 2	\$10
Moving Water Kayaking Level 1	\$10
Moving Water Kayaking Level 2	\$10
Kayak Tripping Level 1	\$10
Kayak Tripping Level 2	\$10
Camp Kayaking Instructor	\$85
Flatwater Kayaking Instructor	\$85
Coastal Kayaking Instructor 1	\$85
Coastal Kayaking Instructor 2	\$85
Moving Water Kayaking Instructor 1	\$85
Moving Water Kayaking Instructor 2	\$85
Kayak Tripping Instructor 2	\$85

Please contact ORCKA if you require additional information.