

ASSISTANT OVERNIGHT GUIDE TRAINING UPGRADE

(For already certified Day Guide participants only)

Clayoquot Sound, BC

This course is designed for

- Motivated certified Day Guide seeking to become certified Assistant Guides/Level 2 Guides with the Sea Kayak Guides Alliance of BC (SKGABC); and,



This 5-day Assistant Overnight Guide Upgrade course is accredited by the Sea Kayak Guides Alliance of BC (SKGABC). This course includes an Assistant Overnight Guide exam. Successful candidates will be awarded Assistant Overnight Guide Certificate, Paddle Canada Level 2 Skills.

Meeting place at 8:30am on the first day: Surf Junction Campground in Ucluelet.

Costs include: instruction, food on the trip, camping fees in Ucluelet and Clayoquot Sound, group camping equipment, instruction manuals.

You are responsible for: your SKGABC membership, kayaks and kayak accessories, food for the first morning in Ucluelet, personal camping gear (tent, sleeping bag, clothes, dry bags, etc.) and extra snacks.

SKILS will pay the camping fees at Surf Junction Campground for the night prior to the start of the course.

If you need to rent kayaks, tents or immersion gear, contact our office at info@skils.ca. Your instructors can carry your rental kayak for you at no cost. Affordable kayak and kayak equipment rentals (PFD, paddle, spare paddle, pump, sprayskirt, paddle float) are available for \$30 per day with a 10 days notice.

Prerequisites

All participants must be certified as SKGABC Day Guide.

The Leaders

SKILS staff are industry leaders and professionals with extensive guiding and instructional experience and certification. For profiles of our staff, visit our website at www.skils.ca.

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Our Classroom

Clayoquot Sound will be our classroom with varied stretches of coastline and offer the diversity we need to complete our training. We will experience some of this diversity as we learn to paddle in currents, surf, navigate, and lead trips. In Ucluelet we will be staying at the Surf Junction Campground the night before the course (paid by SKILS). The Surf Junction Campground has showers, a hot tub and sauna.



The Weather

The weather is variable at all times on the West Coast; over the 9 days we can expect sun, rain, and wind in varying amounts. Please come prepared. You will also spend some time in the water during rescue practice and scenarios. The water temperature varies from 9°Celsius to 15°Celsius. Bring lots of clothing and immersion gear.

The Menu

Our menu is vegetarian-based and augmented with meat. Some special dietary needs can be accommodated with sufficient notice. We provide all the food for the course except for the first morning. Participants are encouraged to bring extra snacks.



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Course Outline

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Day 1 Clayoquot Sound	Introductions Paperwork Menu planning Food safety Shopping Packing	Traveling On-Water Communication Navigation Setting Up Camp Tarpology	Weather Wildlife Interactions
Day 2 Clayoquot Sound	Traveling Navigation	Strokes and Rescues review and polishing	Cockpit Bags Weather Navigation exercises
Day 3 Clayoquot Sound	Weather Traveling	Traveling Surfing	Communication Leadership responsibilities Group Management Water treatment
Day 4 Clayoquot Sound	Traveling Scenarios Weather	Traveling Scenarios	Written Exam
Day 5 Clayoquot Sound	Traveling Scenarios in Currents	Debrief Feedback to Participants	

Logistics to Ucluelet and Clayoquot Sound

You are responsible for all transportation to and from the course as well as during the course. BC Ferries provides several links to Vancouver Island from the BC Mainland. Schedules and fare information are available online at www.bcferries.com, or you can call (250) 386-3431 and 1-888-BCFERRY (1-888-223-3779).

If you are heading up island and need transportation, the TOFINO BUS charges reasonable rates. Their number is 1-866-986-3466 and web www.tofinobus.com.

During the course, we will transport kayaks and gear and coordinate car pools between participants to minimize transportation costs and carbon footprint.

Evacuation Policy

Occasionally, we will need to evacuate a participant from the program due to health or behavioral concerns; in this event, you are responsible for all costs associated with the evacuation. Depending on

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the urgency of the situation, we will either arrange for transportation through local resources or through the Canadian Coast Guard.

Changes to the Itinerary

At our discretion, based on the weather conditions and the group, we may have to modify our itinerary. Every reasonable attempt will be made to meet the program objectives; any changes in itinerary and objectives will be discussed with the group.

Registration

By cheque, money order, interact or cash through

SKILS

info@skils.ca

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North Saanich, BC

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A deposit of \$300 is required to secure your spot. No refunds will be issued within 30 days of the course. The balance is due 30 days before the start of the program.

Thanks for choosing our Assistant Guide Training Program Upgrade. If you have any additional concerns or questions, let us know. See you on the water.

The Folks at SKILS.

Andrew Woodford

Michael Pardy

Piper Harris

JF Marleau

