Courses in Currents
(Beginner to Intermediate Levels)

Learn the skills and strategies for dealing with currents, tidal races and over falls. We begin by refreshing paddling skills and reviewing theory. We then head out to play in the currents, building confidence as the currents increase. This is a great class to start building rough water skills and broaden knowledge of the sea.

This course is suitable for those with basic kayaking experience or those who have been kayaking a while and want to advance their skills. It is desirable, but not a requirement, to have attended a rolling course before attending this course. Candidates must feel comfortable in an upside down position. This is a great course to start building rough water skills and increase knowledge about moving water. To ensure a rich learning environment, the ratio is kept to 1 instructor per 4 participants.

Course Contents:

- Reading and understanding moving water
- Crossing strategies
- Predicting time, speed, and direction of currents
- Navigating through currents
- Assessing and avoiding hazards
- Practicing paddling techniques for dealing with eddy lines, eddies, boils and whirlpools
- Self rescues and assisted rescues

If you are unsure of your ability to take this course, please email us to discuss your concerns.

To Register

Registration is handled through SKILS. Our e-mail is info@skils.ca. Please remember that we work on Pacific Standard Time. Payment is by cheque or cash and can be mailed directly to our office at Box 727 Ucluelet, BC V0R 3A0.

A minimum of 2-3 candidates is required to run this program.

Payment

A deposit of 50% 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.

The Weather on the Coast

The weather is variable at all times on the West Coast; over the 2 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 8°Celsius to 15°Celsius. Bring lots of clothing and immersion gear. Dry suits are strongly recommended.

Accommodation and Transportation

Participants are responsible for all transportation and for all accommodation before, during, and after the program.

Meals

Participants are responsible for all meals. Be prepared to bring your meal with you in the kayaks. Snacks are recommended to fill in the hunger gaps between meals.

Equipment

Participants must provide their own kayak, helmet, kayaking gear and immersion gear

Changes to Itinerary

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

Evacuation Policy

Occasionally, we 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 the urgency of the situation, we will either arrange for transportation through local resources or through the Canadian Coast Guard. Purchasing travel and personal insurance is highly recommended when traveling distances to or from the course or when dealing with high output physical activities such as encountered in this course.

Thanks for your time. If you have any questions, please email us at info@skils.ca.