

Pre-course information, Sea Kayak Leader Assessment

Hi,

And welcome to the Sea Kayak Leader Assessment in Anglesey, North Wales, May 1st to 2nd.

Venue and times:

We will meet at Holyhead Sea Cadets, Tuesday May 1st at 9:00 am. After the Assessment Briefing we will drive to the chosen venue and will finish approx. 5:00 pm, depending on conditions. The same times goes for the day after.

There are parking spots on the premises. Address: Newry Beach, LL65 1LB Holyhead

Assessment format:

We will go through all the paperwork in the morning the first day. **Please bring hard copies of logbook and all prerequisite certificates.**

During the 2 days we will cover as many aspects of the Sea Kayak Leader Syllabus as time and conditions allow. This will be done in moderate tidal environment with wind up to Force 4, and you will be assessed leading a group of paddlers at about 3 Star standard.

We know that assessments can be stressful and will do our best to provide you with the environment and assessment tasks for you to perform to your full potential.

At the end of the assessment, we will conduct an assessment review and debrief, with outcomes discussed and explained to candidates. If you are not successful, we will explain our decision, discuss detailed performance elements, and if requested; agree on an action plan for a future assessment.

For a complete list of what you might be asked to perform please go to the BC link below for both Sea Kayak Leader syllabus and assessment notes.

Assessment Pre-requisites

- Home Nation BC Sea Kayak Leadership Registration Form (LR) or International Leadership Registration Form. **This needs to be completed prior to booking.**
- Valid (within 3 years) BC recognised 2-day first aid award.
- Previous experience: provide documented evidence of 24 sea trips (minimum 4 hours duration). During at least 5 of these trips the candidate must assume an assistant leader role. The extensive range of sea kayak journeys should include a variety of coastlines, sea states, sea areas, periods of limited visibility and darkness, tidal waters up to 3 knots, wind up to and including Beaufort Force 5, crossings not exceeding 2 nautical miles, and camping from a kayak. The documentation must be written in English, easy to read, and self-explanatory. Words or Excel formats are fine.
- Valid (within 3 years) BC Sea Kayak Leader Training (OR BC 4 Star Sea Kayak Training).
- VHF license

Copies of all these documents must be mailed to ronny@god-tur.no just after the booking.

Note:

It is not possible to proceed directly from 4 Star training to assessment, in the same week unless you already have a stamped LR Form for a training less than 3 year from the assessment. Or you have an approved APL process from BC.

We will have obtained course numbers by the end of February.

Assessment team

The assessment will be done by Ronny Riise and Eila Wilkinson. The assessment will be observed by Olly Sanders.

Cancelations

Cancelation policy on the candidate's part:

- cancelation more than 30 days before course dates will result in a full refund
- cancelation between 30 and 15 days will result in the loss of 50% of the course fee
- cancelation less than 15 days will result in the loss of 100% of the course fee

Cancelation policy on our part:

- cancelation will result in a full refund of course fee
- transport, travel, accommodation and other costs will not be covered

It is recommended that you take out cancelation insurance.

Accommodation

There are several accommodation opportunities in Holyhead and around Anglesey. www.angleseyoutdoors.com is close to most of the assessment venues.

Transport

We recommend that you bring your own vehicle. If you need to be picked up in the Holyhead area; please send a mail to ronny@god-tur.no .

Equipment

We recommend that you use your own personal equipment. If you need to rent a kayak www.seakayakinguk.com might be able to help you. If you travel by plane, let us know if there is anything you are unable to bring well before the assessment.

Relevant British Canoeing documents

<https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/courses/sea-kayak-leader/#downloads>