

# ACA Coastal Kayak Instructor Development Workshop - IDW

## Thoughts

I have paddling skills and experience. I want to pass my expertise on to others as a Certified ACA Instructor. How can I develop my teaching skills and training toolbox?



**Prerequisites:** *ACA Skill Assessment at intended level, recent training at appropriate level or equivalent experience.*

**Next Step:** *ACA Instructor Certification Exam (ICE)*

## Topics Covered

We will introduce candidates to the ACA and its requirements for Instructor certification and maintenance. Workshop will develop teaching techniques using lecture and a scenarios focused on skills lessons with practice teaching and skills modeling. Where needed, the IT will supply correction and remediation of selected skills. Content will reflect current ACA curriculums for the Instructor level challenged.

## Details and Requirements

Must be at least 18 years old and a current ACA Member. Workshop will consist of 2 to 4 full days depending on Instructor level. Candidates are expected to come with mastery of skills for level challenged and should review current curriculum on the ACA website before class. Candidates should be prepared for homework, including preparation of detailed lesson plans to share with participants. Scenarios can include solo and group teaching modes.

**Basic Equipment** includes a properly outfitted kayak or canoe with paddle and related safety equipment appropriate to level and discipline including PFD, spray skirt, paddle float, pump/bailer, sling and first aid kit. Higher levels may require tow belt, helmet, group support equipment, etc. Please inquire so we can advise equipment needs before the workshop.

**Personal Equipment** Candidates should come equipped proper protective clothing for immersion under "at level" conditions while teaching skills. Items of personal responsibility include: nose-clips, sunglasses, sunscreen, hat with visor, bug repellent, and spare (dry) clothing.

**NOTE:** We are not responsible for lost or damaged personal items. Plan to leave electronic keys, cell phones, etc. on shore or in a floating, waterproof container. Consider retention aids for prescription glasses, hats and other items dear to you.

## Special Requirements

Bring a high energy level, persevering attitude and willingness to learn and help others have fun. Please advise us in advance of any personal issues so that we can prepare for special requirements. Let us know in confidence of any medical or physical issues prior to the start of class. We can accommodate most concerns.

## Costs and Fees

| Class Fee | Boat and Gear Rental | ACA Registration          |
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| Inquire   | Available, Inquire   | Candidates are registered |