

Australian Canoeing Award Scheme 2014

Evidence Guideline

Sea Leader



This information is to be used in combination with the Assessment Record, Safety Guidelines and Award Scheme Handbook.

Skill Component	
Prepare appropriate craft and equipment with consideration for safety, sun sense and hypothermia.	Throughout assessment participants use appropriate equipment for the environment. This equipment promotes personal safety and is prepared in a way to not impede on safety.
Launch and land is surf to 1.0m. Demonstrate: - Surf; - Side surf; - Back surf.	Participant launch's and lands in a safe repeatable manner. Safe demonstrations are performed.
Model Sea Skills set efficiently and safely.	Strokes: - Forward and reverse paddle; - Forward and reverse sweeps; - Draw strokes (feathered and sculling); - Stern Rudder; - Stopping; - Support using both blade faces. For each stroke the minimum performance requirements are: • correct hand placement on paddle; • sufficient wrist movement to enable correct blade placement; • adequate paddle depth in water to achieve effective stroke; • correct paddle blade angle throughout stroke; • correct paddle entry and exit points with respect to craft and body position.
Perform rescues in fresh conditions at sea. Buddy rescue: - Wedge rescue - T rescue Self rescue: - Paddle float rescue - Roll	Rescues are performed as rescue and rescuer were applicable. Rescue technique must be deemed to work in all conditions. Rescue is performed in a timely manner (no time wasted) and promotes safety to all involved.

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<p>- Demonstrate re-enter and roll in fresh conditions at sea.</p>	<p>Renter and Roll to be demonstrated on one side.</p>
<p>Perform tows in fresh conditions at sea:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Single tow;- In line tow;- V tow;- Short tow;- Contact tow;- Towing to hold position.	<p>Tows are performed using:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Quick release system;- floating system if disconnected;- Brightly coloured rope can be an advantage. <p>Tows are performed to promote safety to all.</p>
<p>Secure craft for transport, secure equipment to craft.</p>	<p>Participants transport craft to and from venue and the method is safe for craft and participant (or able to demonstrate method they would use). Equipment placed on craft is secured in a manner that does not impede safety.</p>
<p>Capsize and roll in surf to 1m (capsize in wave, roll either in wave or after).</p>	<p>Craft to capsize while surfing a wave, roll is performed by either, using momentum and power of wave or waiting till wave energy has dissipated and roll behind wave.</p> <p>Technique used must be safe and repeatable.</p>
Knowledge component	
<p>Have an broad understanding of the advantages and limitations of sea kayaks.</p>	<p>Good knowledge may include but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Construction;- Material;- Water line;- Handling characteristics--tracking, edge behaviour, etc;- Storage;- Deck fitting;- Volume;- Hull shapes.
<p>Select appropriate equipment and clothing with consideration of sun sense and hypothermia.</p>	<p>Throughout assessment participants use appropriate equipment for the environment. This equipment is prepared in a way to not impede on safety.</p>
<p>Plan sea activities including multi-day self-contained expeditions for Sea skills paddlers.</p>	<p>Knowledge of but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Latitude and Longitude;- Measuring distance;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tide flow arrows;- Port and Starboard marks;- Cardinal marks;- Special mark;- Paddling speed;- Effects of wind and tide;- Eddies;- Types of coast line eg: cliffs;- Position fixing, 3 point fix;- Aiming off. <p>Able to complete a Navigation sheet.</p> <p>Types of sea floor.</p> <p>Tidal vectors.</p> <p>Lights on marks.</p> <p>Tides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- High and Low <p>Tides;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- High and Low;- Spring and neap;- Rule of twelves;- Secondary ports.
Store, operate and maintain appropriate safety and communication equipment.	<p>Equipment to include but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lifejacket;- Spare paddle;- Mobile phone;- Hand pump;- Helmet (when in surf);- VHF radio;- Tow line;- Sat Phone;- Sling/rescue ladder;- Hands-free pumps, foot or electric.
Interpret weather for an extended sea trip.	<p>Able to identify good source of marine forecasts.</p> <p>Knowledge of but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Highs;- Lows;- Fronts;- Swell;- Sea;- Beaufort scale;- Funneling;- Rebound;- Fetch.

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	Sources of extended weather forecasts. Telling signs of bad weather approaching.
Minimal environmental impact.	Follows AC environmental code.
Knowledge and maintenance of craft.	General knowledge of what makes a kayak a Sea Kayak. Must include but not limited to: - Storage; - Deck lines; - Cockpit; - Bulkheads. Able to explain or show simple repair kits and the purpose of its contents. Able to explain or demonstrate simple glass repair.
Knowledge of Rules and Sea.	Knowledge of but not limited to: - Give way rules for other water craft.
AC's role, membership structure, your rights and responsibilities.	Has an understanding of AC's membership, structure and rights and responsibilities as a registered AC leader.
Safety Guidelines, Minimal Impact Guidelines, Risk Management Policy, Incident Reporting requirements.	Has knowledge of these documents.
Hazard identification and risk management program for a sea trip (including expeditions).	Able to identify Risks and casual factors for a Sea trip and also able to identify management strategies to reduce any risks. May include: - Separation; - Drowning; - Sunburn; - Hypothermia; - Hyperthermia.
Licensing, permits and other legal and behavioral laws and requirements.	Able to give examples of any licensing, permits and other legal and behavioral laws and requirements that may be required for a trip .
Understanding of selection of launching and landing sites.	Sites must be appropriate and promote safety to group.

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Maintaining log books.	Knowledge of ACs online logbook. Understands the purpose and contents of a logbook.
Use and maintain an overnight campsite.	Campsite is used with safety of people and ongoing up keep of campsite.
Experience component	
Six sea environment trips of a minimum of three hours duration over a period of at least two years. Two different overnight coastal sea kayak trips. Three trips of at least three hours in a Sea environment as group assistant leader. One self-contained overnight trip in a sea environment of at least 25 km distance.	Produce a logbook to Australian Canoeing that shows a minimum standard of: Six sea environment trips of a minimum of three hours duration over a period of at least two years. Two different overnight coastal sea kayak trips. Three trips of at least three hours in a Sea environment as group assistant leader. One self-contained overnight trip in a sea environment of at least 25 km distance.
Communication component	
Establish and maintain an effective communication system within a group of sea skills paddlers.	Participant establishes a safe working system group stays within communication distance. Communication is limited to: - Verbal; - Whistle; - Visual.
Brief a group of sea skills paddlers to participate in activity, must include but not limited to: – purpose and duration of trip; – expected conditions; – group movement requirements; – launching and landing; – actions in the event of an emergency.	Brief is clear and concise, attention of the group is gained. Recollection could be tested.
Deliver directions in a clear and concise manner.	Deliver directions in a clear and concise manner.
Debrief.	A debrief is conducted to suit the trip and group.
Leadership component	
Manage the launching and landing of a group of	Launch and landing promotes safety to all involved.

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Sea skills paddlers:

- In surf to 1.0m;
- In flatwater.

Manage a group of sea skills paddlers in fresh conditions at sea.	Group is managed in a safe manner to reach goal, assistance and direction given if and when needed. Route is managed to promote safety to group.
Manage multiple capsizes and emergencies of sea skills paddlers.	Rescues are managed to promote safety to all in group.
Manage group packing.	Packing is managed to promote efficiency and safety.
Manage a campsite.	Promotes safety and enables an efficient campsite.
Manage tows of sea skills paddlers in fresh conditions at sea.	Roles of the group are determined, good communication system used.