

# Kayak Training Opportunities

The following is an incomplete list of businesses offering kayak instruction. This list is just a start and new items will be added to it. The Nanaimo Paddlers Club does not endorse any of these businesses but is simply providing the list so that their members have at least some initial contacts. If you know of any other businesses that should be on this list then send an email to [report-problems@nanaimopaddlers.org](mailto:report-problems@nanaimopaddlers.org).

## **Adventuress Sea Kayaking**

### **Jan Kretz**

Certified Guide & Instructor. Fun, introductory lessons and full day Paddle Canada certified course.

<http://www.adventuress.ca/>

## **Alberni Outpost**

Always has the basic kayak instruction courses, may have more advanced courses.

<http://www.albernioutpost.com/>

## **Body Boat Blade**

More advanced kayak instruction leaning towards various certifications with the BCU ( British Canoe Union ). They are located on Orcas Island but are to my knowledge the closest BCU instruction center.

<http://www.bodyboatblade.com/>

## **Comox Valley Kayaks**

Intro and Paddle Canada Courses

<http://www.comoxvalleykayaks.com/>

## **Ocean River Sports**

Various general courses and some Paddle Canada courses.

<http://www.oceanriver.com/>

## **Paddle Fest in Ladysmith**

Some interesting workshops offered

<http://www.paddlefest.bc.ca/>

## **SKILS Sea Kayak Instruction and Leadership Systems**

Various SKGABC guiding, Paddle Canada Skills, and Paddle Canada Instructor Courses. Generally more advanced instruction many for kayaking professionals, but some intro level programs as well.

<http://www.skils.ca/>

## **Certifying Organizations**

( They are all quite similar but with slightly different focuses, the one exception is that Guides Alliance truly focuses more on the commercial guiding issues and you require commercial guiding experience to progress. )

### **BCU**

<http://www.bcu.org.uk/bcu/bcu-standardtemplate1.aspx> // British Site

<http://www.bcuna.com/> // BCU North America Site

### **Paddle Canada**

<http://www.paddlingcanada.com/main.php>

### **Sea Kayak Guides Alliance of BC**

<http://skgabc.com/>