

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.

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/>

Go Kayak – Sea Kayak Instruction

Yves Aquin

Email: info@gokayak.ca

Phone: 250.477.9881

<http://www.gokayak.ca>

Located in Victoria B.C. Yves provides Paddle Canada Course instruction and Certification as well as custom instruction.

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/>