CTPC Small Boat Navigation

Thoughts

Compass, charts, and tide tables: what do they all mean? How do you use them to plot a course and navigate your small craft to your chosen destination? Let's find out how to do just that.





Prerequisites: *None, ACA L2 training or equivalent is recommended.*

Next Step:

ACA Level 3 or 4 Skills classes, Trip Leader Training

Topics Covered

We will discover the fun of chart work and kayak navigation through this guided experience. We will cover route planning, chart reading, tide effects, course plotting, on-water navigation, location plotting, route finding and more.

Details and Requirements

This 3 - 6 hour clinic is designed for the introductory to advanced paddler. We recommend that students have completed at least Level-2 curriculum, such as an ACA Essentials course to fully appreciate content. The course is taught in a classroom setting with or without on-water practice.

Basic Equipment local chart and chart bag with waterproof marker (wax pencil), deck mounted or hand-held compass. On-water practice requires a properly outfitted kayak or canoe with paddle and appropriate safety equipment including PFD. Some equipment can be provided for the beginner, although it is best to use your own equipment if available. Please advise us on any equipment you may need prior to the class.

Personal Equipment casual clothing is recommended for off-water classrooms unless otherwise specified. On-water practice recommendations include clothing suitable for unexpected immersion (synthetics, no cotton) and water shoes (no open-sided sandals). Other items of personal responsibility include: sunglasses, sunscreen, hat with visor, bug repellent and spare (dry) clothing. In cooler weather or on windy days, a wind breaker may also offer comfort.

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

Please bring your desire to have fun and work on a new skill. In order to best serve you please advise us of any personal issues when registering so that we can prepare in advance for special needs or equipment. Let us know in confidence of any medical issues prior to the start of class. We can accommodate most concerns.

Costs and Fees		
Class Fee	Boat and Gear Rental	CTPC Participation Card
Inquire	Available, inquire	Available on request