

## **British Sea Kayak Weekends in Halibut Cove, Alaska, September 2009**



You've heard about the British Sea Kayak Craze making the American manufacturers dance to catch up? Well this is your chance to see what all the fuss is about. We are British Sea Kayak Specialists and we are also certified ACA instructors and British Canoe Union coaches.



### **Dates:**

- **September 11-13 & 25-27 (neap tides),**
- **September 18-20 (spring tides),**

- **September 4-7 (spring tides) may be offered as a 3-day program, please ask.**

**Why offer these programs? To share all the fun to be had paddling these maneuverable and seaworthy kayaks.** We'll be beach camping in Halibut Cove weekends in September 2009, to focus on the fun to be had in British Sea Kayaks. On the water activities will center on developing and honing sea kayaking skills and maneuvers, rescues and recoveries, paddling in conditions and more. What's more, you get to learn and enjoy many of the fine maneuvering and rescue skills these kayaks are famous for: bow rudder, low brace turn, side-slip (aka hanging draw), cowboy/cowgirl scramble and more. In addition, you will learn and practice paddling the kayaks in fast moving water that flows in and out of Halibut Cove Lagoon with the daily tidal exchanges. This is a weekend of fun and training for paddlers with previous experience wanting to grow and expand their skills; novices might be accommodated, please contact us for more information.

### **Evening Program - Sea Kayak Navigation and Trip Planning, Saturdays.**

A sea kayak navigation primer will be light-fare for Saturday evening programs. All skills in these weekend programs lead to level 3 and 3 star assessments in the ACA and the BCU, respectively. Please note, there is much faster water in spring tides, so if you want to maximize the fun, come for the big tides 18-20 September or 4-7 September (should we offer it).



**During these fun instructional weekends,**

**We provide** – instruction, Nigel Dennis and Valley sea kayaks and cold water protective paddling gear, drysuits, plus the rest (paddles skirts, etc).

**You provide** – you own transportation (water taxi), camping gear (tent, sleeping bag, pad, stove, cooking stuff, cooking tarp, etc.), food, water and clothing. We can get you a special rate on the water taxi, please ask. Need a gear list? O.K. we can send you one when you register.



**Kayaks we will have available:** Nigel Dennis composite – Explorer, HV Explorer, Romany, Romany Surf, Romany Excel, LV Explorer. Valley composite – Aquanaut, HV Aquanaut, Nordkapp, LV Nordkapp; Valley plastic – Nordkapp, HV Aquanaut, Avocet. Fleet is dynamic, please ask if you want to paddle a specific kayak.

**Alaska Yurt Rentals** has a yurt on our home base beach in Halibut Cove, and we normally try to rent the yurt as a group for shelter as needed, OR for those of you that wish to sleep inside. Ask about the yurt connection if this appeals to you.

**Pre-requisites:** You have practiced and have a safe and effective wet exit, know a few strokes and maneuvers, and you have taken a class before and want to improve your skills. You can also swim and follow verbal instructions. Novices may be accommodated, please ask.

**Sample Itinerary:**

Fridays\*\* @ 3 PM, meet at Mako's Water Taxi on Homer Spit for 4 PM departure to Halibut Cove.

Saturday – Strokes and maneuvers with a few rescues, 9-4 PM

Sunday – Rescues and Recoveries, more strokes and maneuvers, 9-3 PM.

5 PM afternoon water-taxi return trip back to the Homer Spit (or timed as

needed). \*\* If you can't make it Friday afternoon, we can arrange an early morning water taxi on Saturday mornings.

### **Costs**

#### **Daily Instruction**

\$110/person or \$105/person if pay w/ check

#### **Daily sea kayak and dry suit + cold water gear**

\$50/person or \$45/person if pay w/ check

#### **Weekend fee**

\$320/person for instruction and gear, \$300 if pay w/ check

**\*\*7.5% sales tax applies**

**Water Taxi fees:** \$80.30/person, Mako's Water Taxi honors a special rate for Kayak School students.

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