



American Canoe Association Coastal Kayak Instructor Development Workshop (IDW), and Coastal Kayak Instructor Certification Exam (ICE), 3-9 September 2009. Homer, Alaska.

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American Canoe Association Coastal Kayak Instructor Development Workshops (IDW), September 3-5, 2009

What does this program consist of? Learn to teach and share your passion for Coastal Kayaking and get a professional certification from the American Canoe Association, the governing body of paddle sport in the United States. This comprehensive 3-day will provide training in:

Identifying and delivering safe instructional sessions for students with different learning styles,

How to properly perform, model and teach: fun, safety, strokes, maneuvers, and seamanship. Lots of video analysis.

Deliver short and informative "lectures" on topics that are appropriate to the level of certification.

Contact us for: Certification Requirements and additional details, info@alaskakayakschool.com.

This training will help you to prepare for the ACA's Coastal Kayak Certification Exam, which is given over 3-days after the IDW (7-9

May in Homer this year). Certifications offered in the exam include: Coastal Kayak Basic, Coastal Kayak Open Coast, Coastal Kayak Advanced (if conditions allow), each corresponding to teaching and leading in increasingly demanding sea conditions.

This is the start of your paddling instructor education, and it will open your eyes to many subtle aspects of teaching and guiding. This is a "must-do" for anyone considering guiding or leading paddlers on the sea.

***** NOTE:** Full membership in the ACA (\$40/yr) is required to participate in the training and exam, and membership in the Safety Education and Instruction Committee (\$25) is required for successful completion of the certification.

General Outline of the program: Take 2 days to cover material that relies on video analysis in Homer, and then move across Kachemak Bay to a site in Kachemak Bay State Park with access to open water and rocky coastlines as well as a predictable tidal stream with up to 8 knots of current for training and teaching opportunities.

When: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,

Dates: 3-5 September, 2006,

Times: 9 AM - 7 PM

Where: Homer , Alaska

Cost: \$500 + 7.5% sales tax

Pre-requisites: previous paddling experience and kayaking skills, ideally ACA Coastal Kayak Level 3 or comparable set of skills and experience.

Register: Alaska Kayak School 235-2090, ([online form](#))

American Canoe Association Coastal Kayak Instructor Certification Exam (ICE) - exam: Homer, Alaska, September 7-9, 2009. Put your instructor training and skills to the test. Test your personal and modeling skills, teaching ability, leadership and gear set. This test may provide the opportunity for certification of American Canoe Association Instructors at the basic, intermediate, and open water levels. Contact us with questions regarding certification levels being offered.

Held in Homer because of the diversity of sea conditions. Homer is a fantastic venue for this set of ACA instructor courses, we have current, wind waves and if we're lucky, some good surf.

Contact us for Certification Requirements, or visit the ACA website, www.acanet.org.

When: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday

Dates: 6-9 September 2009

Times: 9 AM - 7 PM

Where: Homer , Alaska

Cost: \$500 +7.5% sales tax

Pre-requisites: Coastal Kayak Instructor Development Workshop.

Register: Alaska Kayak School 235-2090, ([online form](#))

Accommodations and other logistics - Course Lodging Special: Ocean Shores Motel in Homer (235-7775) will offer us a lodging

special. OSM is centrally located (over looking the water) and easy access to all downtown services and the beach.

Water Taxi – On Day 3 we are moving to Halibut Cove, a location in Kachemak Bay State Park where we'll camp and finish the course, there is a water taxi fee of \$80.30/person, a special price for our students.

Dale Williams has spent more than 15 years teaching paddling and coaching paddlers and instructors. Dale is an ACA Advanced Open Water Coastal Kayak Instructor Trainer Educator with many years experience. He's the previous owner of the successful sea kayak center, Sea Kayak Georgia and is also a BCU level 5 coach trainee. We are lucky to have someone of Dale's caliber coming to work with us.

Tom Pogson, owner and founder of the Alaska Kayak School is a 28-year Alaska resident that has traveled and paddled in many of Alaska's stunning natural regions. Tom is a level 4 British Canoe Union sea kayak coach, and ACA Coastal kayak instructor, He has been teaching paddling and guiding since 1995.

Preliminary Itinerary

Day 1, 3 September

Thursday, Homer area, skills modeling, shoo video, analyze video footage.

Day 2, 4 September

Friday, Homer area, finish analyzing video, etc.

Day 3, 5 September

Saturday, Homer area, Skills and rescues in open water

Day 4, 6 September

Sunday, Water taxi to Halibut Cove, camp, Leadership and Navigation, & paddling in moving water

Day 5, 7 September

Monday, Exam begins formally

Day 6, 8 September

Tuesday, Labor Day, extra day for study/makeup material

Day 7, 9 September

Wednesday, final day of exam, water taxi back to Spit