



## Pre-course information, “New Sea Kayak Leader Assessment”

Hi,

And welcome to the New Sea Kayak Leader Assessment.

Depending on your local environment the award will be Tidal or Non-Tidal.

In order to achieve the qualification, candidates need to show competence in the following elements:

- A. Participant focused leadership skills
- B. Personal paddling skills
- C. Rescue skills
- D. Underpinning background knowledge, understanding and experience

The Assessment Criteria are detailed in the specific ‘Assessment Guidance’ for each pathway and summarised in the specific ‘Skills Checklist’ for each pathway.

### Teams pre course meeting

I will suggest a time for a Teams meeting where everyone can ask questions about the Assessment.

### Booking and Registration

You are already booked on this course. You also need to register on your British Canoeing profile at least 2 weeks before the Assessment. Click the “MENU” - “Registrations, CPD & APL” - “Add registration or Check In” – “Sea Kayak Leader Registration” chose “Non tidal” if you are not doing tidal.

### Venue and times

We start at God Tur; Sandviksveien 62G at 09:00 am on the day(s) of your assessment.

There is parking, toilets, and access to hot water on the premises. There is also a grocery store nearby.

We will have a short Assessment brief, and then make decisions on how we will arrange the day(s) to the best for you and the other candidates and when feedback will be given. After that we will drive

to our chosen venue. We will finish approx. 6:00 pm. You must be prepared for a navigation activity in the evening.

## Assessment format

During the 1-2 days we will cover as many aspects of the New Sea Kayak Leader Syllabus as the time and conditions allows. This will include moderate water tidal environment. During this time, you will be given opportunities to show your performance by leading a group of 3-6 paddlers (mock students).

You might be given a theory task before the Assessment or as homework.

I know that assessments can be stressful and will do my best to not put extra burden on you. We will find good venues, and we will find the best possible environment and assessment tasks for you to perform to your best potential.

Sometimes the Assessment tasks will be authentic and realistic, and sometimes we must set up scenarios. This might be awkward, but it's all for the purpose to give you the best opportunities to show your competence.

Please don't hesitate to ask for clarification if something is unclear!

At the end of the assessment, we will conduct an Assessment review and debrief, with outcomes discussed and explained. If you are unsuccessful, I will explain my decision, discuss detailed performance elements, and if requested; agree on an action plan for your future development. I will give you a written feedback for your future record.

For a complete list of what you might be asked to perform please refer to the following documents:

- SeaKayakLeaderAssessmentGuidanceV1-1Sep2020
- ParticipantFocusedLeadershipGuidanceV1-1Sep2020
- LeadershipAwardCourseGuideV1-1Sep2020

## Assessment Pre-requisites

- Valid (within 3 years) BC recognized 2-day first aid award.
- Valid (within 3 years) "Introduction Safeguarding Training" recognised by British Canoeing
- Full National Association Membership
- Coastal Navigation and Tidal Planning, or a similar RYA or Canoeing Ireland course.
- You need to be able to use and carry a VHF.

**Please send copies of all these documents to [ronny@god-tur.no](mailto:ronny@god-tur.no) before the Assessment.**

## Recommended documentation

Even if it is not required with a logbook, I recommend that you send your logbook to me before the Assessment. A logbook gives you a great opportunity to provide me with relevant and valuable information about your experience.

## Optional preparations: a 5-minute talk about a topic of your choice:

I know that you have considerable experience. If you want, you can prepare and perform a 5-minute talk about a topic of your choice that would show your competence.

Examples being if you are a guide (sea, river, mountain, skiing) and would like to share some thoughts about how this relates to being a Sea Kayak Leader. Or you might have had an experience, for good or bad, that could be an interesting talk to the benefit for the course, other candidates, mock students, and me.

## Course fees

Must be paid before or at the start of the course

UK resident members: £39

Non-UK resident members: £50

## Cancelations

Cancelation policy on the candidate's part:

- cancelation more than 30 days before course dates will result in a full refund
- cancelation between 30 and 15 days will result in the loss of 50% of the course fee
- cancelation less than 15 days will result in the loss of 100% of the course fee

Cancelation policy on our part:

- cancelation will result in a full refund of course fee
- transport, travel, accommodation, and other costs will unfortunately not be covered

It is recommended that you take out cancelation insurance.

## Accommodation

Please let me know if you want recommendations for accommodation.

## Transport

It's recommended that you bring your own vehicle. If you need to be picked up, please arrange with one of the other participants or send a mail to [ronny@god-tur.no](mailto:ronny@god-tur.no).

## Equipment

It's recommended that you use your own personal equipment. If you borrow equipment it will still be regarded as yours. If you travel by plane, let me know if there is anything you are unable to bring for the assessment.

## Covid-19

Please read and relate to the "Covid-19 Screening Form" until the course is finished.

## GDPR

Please read the GDPR Briefing

I look forward to seeing you on the course.

Kind regards,

Ronny Riise