



Sea Kayak Basic Chart Work and Navigation

This course is designed to teach participants the skills and knowledge required for safely navigating a sea kayak using nautical charts and compasses. The course covers topics such as reading and interpreting nautical charts, using compasses and planning a safe sea kayaking trip. The goal of the course is to equip kayakers with the necessary skills to confidently navigate on the water, whether you are exploring new waters or planning a longer trip.

Cost for SISKA Members

. Classroom and on-water session: \$150.00/pers (Min 4 and max 8)

Course outline

Reading and interpreting nautical charts

Learn how to read and interpret marine charts.

Navigation

Learn how to take bearings, headings and plot a course.

Position fixing

Learn techniques for determining your position at sea, such as taking coordinates and using triangulation.

Route planning

Learn how to plan a safe and efficient route using a marine chart.

Compass skills

Learn the ability to navigate, understand directions, and orient yourself in the physical world. It involves understanding how to use a handheld compass with a marine chart.

Safety at sea

Learn how to recognize and assess potential hazards while navigating.

Participants need to provide.

Classroom session

- . A basic handheld compass
- . A pen and a pencil
- . An eraser
- . Paper to take notes
- . A plastic ruler
- . A piece of string 1 metre long



On-water session

- . A sea kayak and the required safety equipment.
- . A basic handheld compass
- . A kayak deck compass
- . A pencil
- . A waterproof notebook, such as a “Write-In the-Rain” notebook.
- . An extra dry bag with a full set of warm clothes.
- . Enough water and food to keep you going through the session.
- . The appropriate immersion gear for paddling.



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Go Kayak, your first steps to kayaking!

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