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Greetings and thank you for inquiring about the ACA Coastal Kayaking Certification process at Sea Kayak Specialists (SKS) where we've been doing these workshops since 1999. These workshops are offered by qualified ACA Instructor Trainers across the country and are designed to provide for your advancement in sea kayaking. At SKS, we offer you a great value in ACA instructor workshops with an experienced staff, optimum facilities and professional feedback.

Benefits of becoming an ACA Instructor are numerous. The ACA provides affordable liability insurance for instructors, sponsoring organizations, landowners and other related parties. Multi-level certification and advanced instruction in various specialty areas including Adaptive Paddling provide for continued professional growth. Membership in the Safety, Education and Instruction Committee (SEIC) and their newsletter, the *SEI News* keeps you up to date as an ACA Instructor. Pro Deals are available from various companies.

The certification process is broken down into two components: the Instructor Development Workshop (IDW - a three day event; the training) followed at a later date by the Instructor Certification Evaluation (ICE - a three day event; the testing). A period of time between the two events facilitates the growth of the candidate as an instructor by further developing and refining their teaching and paddling skills. Participation in each workshop is necessary to complete the ACA coastal sea kayak instructor certification.

The Instructor Development Workshop - is designed to introduce and give you thorough exposure and practice with the information and skills necessary to pass an ACA Instructor Certification Examination course. As an ACA instructor you can be certified at three different levels L1-3. Please see the ACA website www.AmericanCanoe.org for more information. The workshop focuses on obtaining technical coastal sea kayaking knowledge, experiencing various teaching techniques and modeling the paddling skills effectively. In other words, this portion is designed to "teach you how to teach coastal sea kayaking" to beginning paddlers.

The Instructor Certification Examination - is designed to evaluate the instructor candidate regarding their instructor skills. Primary assessment areas include teaching ability on & off water as well as in appropriate conditions, skill modeling, coastal kayaking skills (includes knowledge, personal skills and experience), leadership and

scenario performance. Other areas assessed include the candidate's professionalism, attitude, personal equipment and physical fitness. In addition, staff presentations provides for continued training and professional growth.

Workshop participants are pre-assigned individual teaching topics for both the IDW and ICE. You will receive in the mail before the workshop starts your teaching topics. In addition, during the workshop students are assigned an on water paddle stroke lesson and a team teaching presentation.

During the workshops you receive immediate feedback from the staff on your presentations and paddling skills modeling. At the end of both workshops, you'll receive verbal and written feedback. In addition at the IDW you'll receive a copy of staff and participant modeling paddle strokes, a useful tool in preparing for the ICE.

DATES: IDW – June 15-17, 2018. ICE – Sept. 15-16, 2018.

WORKSHOP TUITION:

IDW: \$395. Price includes ACA Instructor Manual, Topic Outline book and video of paddle strokes.

ICE: \$295.

PREREQUISITES: The ACA requires all participants to have passed a Level 3 Skills Assessment, be a full member of the ACA and for the ICE, be a member of the Safety, Education and Instruction Committee (SEIC).

LOCATION: Marquette MI on Lake Superior offers a variety of locations and potential conditions for the on water portion of the workshop. The classroom is located within a 10 minute drive of on water sites.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Nearby hotels offer lodging and Tourist Park offers close by camping. Local restaurants and grocery stores offer a variety of meal options.

TO REGISTER: Fill out the [Registration Form](#) and mail it with payment to: Sea Kayak Specialists, P.O. Box 94, Marquette, MI, 49855. **Registration closes 3 weeks prior to class date.** Checks or money orders are accepted as payment. Refunds, minus a cancellation fee, can be obtained up to 2 weeks prior to class date. Space is limited and it is recommended to register as soon as possible. Registrations received within the last 3 weeks maybe assessed a \$25 late fee.

Sincerely,
Sam Crowley
ACA Instructor Trainer