

Instruction by Sea Kayaking Finland

3.1.2009

INSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

The following is a tentative schedule for Sea Kayaking Finland's advanced classes in 2009.

Basic classes are arranged mainly for Groups wanting high quality instruction as part of their paddling experience. Basic level instruction is mostly handled in Finland by kayaking clubs. However, we are happy to arrange a basic class, if we get a group of 8 or more interested. We have not scheduled any open for all basic classes for the season, but shall do so, if there is enough interest.

BCU skills classes are arranged as mixed 2 Star / 3 Star Sea classes. This will allow us to possibly graduate such candidates, who do not quite yet reach the 3 Star Sea level as 2 Stars.

We are arranging most of the 2/3 Star classes in Estonia this spring/summer. This is due to two reasons:

- The Estonian coast is less protected than the Finnish Coast, There is a better chance of wind and sea state to meet the 3 Star Sea requirements for training and test.
- East Pole Kayaks in Estonia has been active in arranging BCU classes together with us, since Estonian guides and active paddlers have a wide interest in internationally acknowledged certification.

Additionally we are planning to arrange a 3Star Sea / 2 Star in conjunction with the Hanko Sea Kayak Gathering

This way we can use the services of the British Coaches coming to visit Hanko Symposium, as we did in 2008.

Instructor Workshop

We are working with kanotklubben Wiking from Borgå to arrange an Instructor Workshop for their beginner class Instructors. Main idea is to update everyone's own skills so that they are performing the basic strokes according to ACA/BCU's tested and accepted models. Then we cover basics of how to teach paddling, how to keep a beginner group safe and scenario-based incident management. If there are more clubs interested in this kind of training, please contact us, the Wiking class has some seats for guests + as long as there are weekends left in April/May, we can arrange also another class

Date	Class	Place	Prerequisites
May 2.-3.2009	2/3 Star Sea Training and Test	Estonia	Beginnings of a Roll
May 9.-10.2009	Instructor Workshop for Kanotklubben Wiking (*)	Porvoo/Emsalö	Basic Strokes + experience
May 23.-24.2009	2/3 Star Sea Training and Test	Estonia	Beginnings of a Roll
June 13.-14.2009	2/3 Star Sea Training and Test	Estonia	Beginnings of a Roll
Aug 24.-25.2009	2/3 Star Sea Training and Test	Hanko	Beginnings of a Roll

*) Some openings for other than Wiking members as well