

LEAD 100: DAY GUIDE'S COURSE

PREVIOUS TRAINING OR EXPERIENCE RECOMMENDED.

DATES

May 28-31, 2010.

PRICE

\$685 CAD (+ \$115 CAD for 4 nights shared accommodation)
+ GST.

COURSE GOAL

Guiding day trips is an excellent way to start a career in sea kayak guiding. And Tofino is the ultimate place to learn to guide day trips. Clayoquot Sound offers stunning wilderness scenery and ancient rainforest trails, as well as strong tidal currents, lots of boat traffic, and the possibility of fog and strong winds. If you learn to guide here, you will be prepared to guide anywhere on the BC coast! Our course is endorsed by the Sea Kayak Guide's Alliance of BC. Students who successfully complete this course and meet SKGABC prerequisites are eligible for Level One Guide certification.

ITINERARY

The course is based in Tofino, BC. Each day will be a combination of on-water and classroom sessions, covering both hard and soft skills necessary for guides. You'll eat and sleep in comfort at the Whalers on the Point Guesthouse in Tofino. Course cost includes kayaking equipment, wetsuits, and accommodation. Participants are responsible for their own meals and snacks.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

You will learn:

- a philosophy of safety that emphasizes **seamanship, judgement**, and personal responsibility.
- a philosophy of **leadership** that emphasizes client care and incident prevention.
- techniques for **keeping a group together on the water**.
- kayak **strokes** including edging, turning, draws, and bracing.
- **paddling in tidal currents**, including ferry glides and eddy turns.
- assisted and solo **re-entry procedures** including paddle float rescue, assisted re-entry, and the sling rescue.
- towing techniques
- **navigational skills** specific to coastal travel, including chart-reading, use of tide tables, interpreting marine weather forecasts, and route-finding while underway.
- how to use a **compass**, and to navigate in fog.
- Leave No Trace ethics and **techniques**.
- natural and cultural history **interpretation**.

REGISTER EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!
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