

Equipment List Required for Award:

Level 5 Sea Kayak Skills

Properly equipped kayak:

- End loops and/or toggles.
- Suitable buoyancy/hatches
- Suitable foot rest
- Deck Lines
- A kayak must be of sufficient volume to carry out all necessary safety equipment and perform any rescue as required by the Level 5 Sea Kayak Skills Award

Personal kayaking equipment:

- Paddle and splits
- ISO approved Buoyancy Aid.
- ISO approved helmet.
- Spray deck
- Adequate footwear
- Wetsuit or dry pants, dry bag or dry suit, combined with sufficient thermal clothing

Other Equipment:

- Towing System
- First Aid Kit
- Mobile Phone
- Waterproof phone case
- Whistle
- Torch
- Flask and Food
- Spare Clothes
- Bivvy Bag and group shelter
- Flares (one red parachute flare and one red pinpoint flare)
- Bailer/Sponge
- Repair Kit (to include, at a minimum, wax, tape, cable ties/webbing)
- Charts (or copies of OS maps containing all relevant trip planning information)
- Waterproof Bag or other method of keeping equipment dry)
- Compass
- Watch
- VHF
- Strobe

All equipment should be stored in a logical fashion with emergency equipment always secure and allowing easy access. Equipment must remain secure during rescues and spare clothing should be dry at the end of the day. The candidate must be fully conversant with the use of all equipment carried. It is not appropriate that the retrieval of emergency equipment should require assistance.