





PADDLER PROFILE

SEA KAYAK LEVEL 3. EXPLORER AWARD

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HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR PADDLER PROFILE.

Welcome to your Canoeing Ireland Paddler Profile. This book provides a record of your progression and Certification along your Sea Kayak Skills Awards pathway.

- The sea kayak skills in each award are grouped into different modules, each with their own learning outcomes. Completion of these outcomes must be signed off in the Skills Checklists Section of your Profile, by a registered, qualified Canoeing Ireland sea kayak instructor to verify that you have met the required standard. You can work on the modules in any order you wish.
- Once you have completed the learning outcomes for all modules in the award you
 must get a qualified, Canoeing Ireland registered sea kayak instructor to sign the
 Certification Section and they will then process the relevant sea kayak skills award
 certificate for you.
- 3. At the end of each award there is a section for you to note down ideas and plans for your future development as a paddler.
- 4. You may choose to train and do a one-off assessment for each award or you may complete modules over time at your own pace. Once all modules are signed off, and the certification section completed, you have attained the award.
- 5. In the Reflection Pages you are encouraged to reflect on your paddling pathway, and to engage with instructors, coaches and other paddlers to help guide and refine your progression.

Reflection can involve some or all of the following:

		KAMINING ur own performance		g your LINGS
what did you LEARN as an individual or part of a group?	r as	EVALUATING your plans		LLENGES aced or overcame
CHANGES you might make		future TASKS you might undertak when you might do		IDENTIFYING areas for future development
noting OBSERVATIO from others	ONS	assessing wha NEED to do or who yo	•	o help you

6. The Sea Kayak Paddle Journal is there to encourage you to record the trips you have done and to assist in your trip planning. It is good practise to keep a paddle journal. At Level 4. Adventure Award and L5. Horizon Award you are expected to keep a Paddle Journal as part of your assessment. You can download extra pages from canoe.ie and insert then into your Profile.



SEA KAYAK LEVEL 3. EXPLORER AWARD.

EXPECTATIONS

I can join a group of peers on a day-long trip. I can plan a trip incorporating weather, navigation and tidal information. I can assist a suitably qualified sea-kayaker in group management and rescues. I have access to the necessary equipment. I have the skills to safely manage my kayak on coastal trips in L3 conditions. I can launch and land in small surf. I can rescue myself unassisted from a capsize in deep water.

I understand the effects of wind, wave, tide and coastal features on the sea kayak. I can summon outside rescue assistance. I understand how to reduce my impact on the environment and wildlife while seakayaking. I can identify the next steps in the Canoeing Ireland Sea Skills Awards. I am eligible to enter the following:

- Sea Kayak Club Leader pathway.
- Sea Kayak Instructor scheme.
- Level 4 Adventure Award training course.

	CONDITIONS
COASTAL FEATURES	Coastal areas within 1 nautical mile of shore. Launching and landing from beaches with no greater than 0.5m broken waves.
WIND (BEAUFORT)	F0-4
SEA STATE (MET ÉIREANN)	Slight (0.5 - 1.25m significant wave height)
SURF	≤ 0.5m broken waves
FLOW	Overfalls, tidal streams and tide races of less than 2kn
OPEN CROSSINGS	N/A
CRAFT	A seaworthy sit-in sea kayak of adequate buoyancy, fitted with fore and aft toggles, deck lines (perimeter lines) fore and aft, a minimum of two bulkheads, minimum of two hatches. The hull shape must be conducive to edge-turning and pivot turns required at this level. Skegs and rudders are acceptable when used appropriately.





	TRAINING, ASSESSMENT, CERTIFICATION
TRAINING COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	Level 2. Sea Kayak Peer Award Skills standard (mandatory requirement or Approved Prior Learning). At least 12 years of age. Obtain a Canoeing Ireland Sea Kayak L3 Explorer Award Paddler Profile from the Canoeing Ireland website at canoe.ie or their instructor. Be a member of Canoeing Ireland.
DURATION OF TRAINING COURSE (INDICATIVE GUIDELINES)	Recommended 14-21 hours contact time with a qualified instructor. The sea kayaker is expected to put in significant and sufficient self-directed time to practice Level 3 skills and knowledge in order to achieve L3 Explorer Award standard. Likely minimum 70 hours.
ASSESSMENT	Paddlers can choose a single one day assessment or progressive sign off of skills in their Paddler Profile. One day assessments are not binary pass/fail outcomes, instructor/s sign off the paddler's module/s where they have met the required standard, and provide feedback to the paddler where they are 'not there yet.' The paddler is required to be able to demonstrate all knowledge and skills from lower levels, and at a higher standard than that required for the preceding level.
CERTIFICATION	When all the required L3 sections of your Paddler Profile have been signed off by your instructor/s, you must ask the final instructor to apply for certification. Canoeing Ireland then award the Canoeing Sea Kayak L3 Explorer Award Certificate to you. Sea Kayak Level 3 Explorer Award holders under 18 years of age should be appropriately accompanied by a person who is over 18 and holds the Sea Kayak Level 3 Explorer Award or higher. Please refer to your club or centre's guidelines regarding paddling with under 18s.

LEVEL 3. EXPLORER AWARD MODULES.

There are 12 modules to be completed in this award.



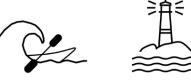




EQUIPMENT KNOWLEDGE

BOAT - HANDLING SKILLS

PADDLING IN WIND







PADDLING PADDLING IN SURF ROCKY SHORES

PADDLING IN FLOW

SELF-RESCUE AFTER CAPSIZE



TEAM

RESCUES



SCENARIO MANAGEMENT

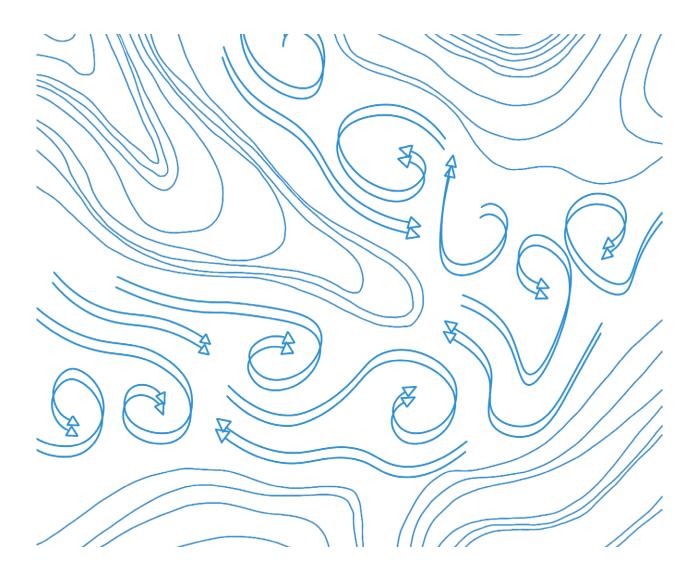
NAVIGATING ON THE WATER

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS



EQUIPMENT FOR SEA KAYAKING.

The list of equipment you will need to use for this award is available on canoe.ie



SEA KAYAK L3. EXPLORER AWARD SKILLS CHECKLISTS.

The sea kayak skills in each award are grouped into different modules, each with their own learning outcomes.

Completion of these outcomes must be signed off in the Skills Checklists Section of your Profile, by a registered, qualified Canoeing Ireland sea kayak instructor to verify that you have met the required standard.

You can work on the modules in any order you wish.





MODULE: SHORE-BASED TRIP PLANNING

	LEARNING OUTCOMES	INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE, CI REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE
✓	I can use the Met Eireann sea area forecast and other complementary weather forecast sources to ascertain wind direction, wind strength, likelihood of precipitation, estimate temperature and apply these aspects of the weather forecast to a marine chart/OS map of the area I intend to paddle.	
√	I can explain the cause and effect of a sea breeze.	
✓	I can obtain the time and height of high water and low water in their area and then transfer this to a marine chart/OS map detailing the effect the tide will have on my intended trip.	
✓	I can explain and apply the 50/90 rule and the Rule of Twelfths	
\checkmark	I can explain the term 'Slack Water'.	
√	I can recognise areas on a chart where wind and tide oppose each other and discuss the challenges to sea kayakers which this effect may pose.	
✓	I can obtain a swell forecast and estimate the effect of the swell on an intended trip at sea.	
✓	I can combine the forecasted effects of weather, tides and swell to plan a basic trip at sea including waypoints, distances between waypoints, direction of wind relative to each leg between waypoints, and effect of the tide on each leg between waypoints.	
√	I can plot a compass course between two waypoints	
√	I can calculate the distance between two waypoints.	
√	I can estimate the time to paddle between two waypoints.	
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REFLECTION ON MY PROGRESSION IN SHORE BASED TRIP PLANNING







MODULE: EQUIPMENT KNOWLEDGE

	LEARNING OUTCOMES	INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE, CI REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE
\checkmark	I can demonstrate a check on my own to equipment ensure sea worthiness.	
\checkmark	I can demonstrate the equipment a sea kayaker at this standard should wear to be safe at sea when kayaking in Ireland.	
√	I can differentiate and explain the difference between different types of personal protective equipment for sea kayaking, e.g. wetsuit/drysuit, neoprene spray-deck/fabric spray-deck, buoyancy aid, adequate footwear/booties, different types of paddles, different types of sea kayaks, and the application and use of helmets.	
√	I can explain the use of the equipment a sea kayaker should carry to keep themselves safe on the sea when paddling in Ireland dealing with the following situations: 1. Fix a broken boat, 2. Provide alternate means of propulsion, 3. Deal with hypothermia, 4. Deal with an injury, 5. Provide spare food and drink, 6. Contact emergency services.	
\checkmark	I can stow safety equipment in a manner such that it can be deployed effectively when/if necessary.	
\checkmark	I am conversant with the uses and limitations of electronic navigation and communication aids.	
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REFLECTION ON MY PROGRESSION IN EQUIPMENT KNOWLEDGE







MODULE: BOAT HANDLING SKILLS

		LEARNING OUTCOMES	INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE, CI REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE
SAFE KAYAK CARRYING.	✓	I can demonstrate a 4 person carry of a heavy sea kayak using straps and slings.	
KAYAK ENTRY	✓	I can launch a sea kayak using the 'float boat' technique (forwards and backwards).	
AND EXIT, LAUNCHING AND LANDING.	✓	I can land a sea kayak using the 'float boat' technique (forwards and backwards).	
FORWARD PADDLING.	√	I can demonstrate methods of forward paddling using all-body involvement for acceleration, manoeuvrability, paddling long-distance and stability.	
REVERSE PADDLING.	✓	I can steer a sea kayak while reversing between objects.	
STOPPING.	✓	I can stop the kayak within 4 strokes and turn the sea kayak to face the conditions.	
STAYING UPRIGHT.	✓	I can apply a low brace for support in a practical context.	
TURNING ON THE SPOT.	✓	I can combine sweep strokes showing full torso rotation and pivot turn using a combination of reverse and forward sweep strokes while holding an edge to facilitate an efficient turn.	
TURNING ON THE MOVE.	√	I can apply a medium to high edge and/ or lean to enable efficient steering while paddling forward.	
	✓	I can apply a turn on the move in its correct context. Turn is initiated by a forward sweep stroke, edge/lean the kayak, and maintain speed or low brace.	
	√	I can apply a back-face stern rudder while running downwind.	
	\checkmark	I can demonstrate an effective bow rudder.	
MOVING SIDEWAYS.	✓	I can use a sculling draw stroke to move the sea kayak sideways.	
	√	I can demonstrate a hanging draw.	

BOAT HANDLING SKILLS MODULE SIGN (DFF: Where one instructor	observes a candidate	achieve all
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REFLECTION ON MY PROGRESSION IN BOAT HANDLING SKILLS





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MODULE: PADDLING IN WIND

LEARNING OUTCOMES

INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE, CI REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE

I can paddle effectively in headwind, tailwind and beam wind, and counteract weathercocking or leecocking.

PADDLING IN WIND MODULE SIGN OFF: Where one instructor observes a candidate achieve all Learning Outcomes for an entire module they must sign here:

Instructor Signature:	
Canoeing Ireland Registration No.:	Date:

REFLECTION ON MY PROGRESSION IN PADDLING IN WIND







MODULE: PADDLING IN SURF

	LEARNING OUTCOMES	INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE, CI REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE
√	I can paddle a sea kayak across small surf and perform an appropriate support stroke to stay upright.	
✓	I can perform a beach landing in small surf by following the back of a wave to control speed and direction.	
✓	I can catch a wave before letting the boat bongo slide in the broken wave and holding stability with a low brace for support.	
√	I can hold position inside the impact zone and identify the best time to paddle out past the breaking waves.	
✓	I can paddle through the broken waves and take a position outside the impact zone.	
✓	I can perform a pivot turn to line up a sea kayak to catch a wave.	
√	I can observe other water users in the area and maintain a safe distance from others when surfing.	
√	I can identify rip and cross shore currents.	
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REFLECTION ON MY PROGRESSION IN PADDLING IN SURF







MODULE: PADDLING ROCKY SHORES

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	LEARNING OUTCOMES	INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE, CI REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE		
<b>√</b>	I can demonstrate an ability to make sound judgement based on my skill level and the dynamic nature of the white water found at the shoreline.			
✓	I can apply an edging/leaning turn, and a pivot turn in the correct context.			
✓	I can apply sound timing to navigate through, between and over obstacles found on the shoreline.			
<b>√</b>	<ul> <li>I can work as part of a team of sea kayakers to navigate shorelines safely applying the CLAP principle at all times:         <ul> <li>Communication: Ability to share information without speaking.</li> <li>Line of sight: Always being in visual contact with members of the group to enable communication.</li> <li>Avoidance: Recognition of and avoidance of common hazards at this level.</li> <li>Positioning: For best effect to enhance self and group safety, communication, and line of sight.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
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#### REFLECTION ON MY PROGRESSION IN PADDLING ROCKY SHORES





MODULE: PADDLING IN FLOW		
LEARNING OUTCOMES	INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE, CI REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE	
✓ I can break into a flow.		
✓ I can break out of a flow.		
✓ I can ferry-glide across a flow.		
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Instructor Signature:		
Canoeing Ireland Registration No.: Date:		
REFLECTION ON MY PROGRESSION IN PADDLING IN FLOW		
Feel free to use this space to note any ideas and sugge your paddling progression and training in this modu	stions that you and your instructor have to help further	





#### **MODULE: SELF-RESCUE AFTER CAPSIZE**

	LEARNING OUTCOMES	INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE, CI REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE
✓	I can perform a kayak roll on any one side, demonstrating good technique (i.e. technique that involves the whole body and which protects the shoulders).	
✓	I can perform a self-rescue in deep water after exiting the kayak. This can be performed using a paddle float, cowboy rescue or roll.	
<b>√</b>	I can swim defensively and offensively using the paddle in a benign dynamic environment such as a shoreline or small surf.	
<b>√</b>	I can paddle a swamped kayak from waist-deep water to a beach and empty it.	
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#### REFLECTION ON MY PROGRESSION IN SELF-RESCUE AFTER CAPSIZE







# **MODULE: TEAM RESCUES**

			REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE
ASSISTED	<b>√</b>	I can execute an X-rescue in deep water as rescuer and swimmer.	
RESCUE AFTER	✓	I can perform a link/toggle tow with a swimmer and their sea kayak.	
CAPSIZE.	<b>√</b>	I can carry a swimmer using a bow and/or stern carry for 20m.	
	<b>√</b>	I can demonstrate an assisted capsize rescue – T-rescue or paddle-presentation rescue in a dynamic environment.	
	<b>√</b>	I can perform an incapacitated paddler ('unconscious paddler') rescue.	
	<b>√</b>	I can perform an 'all-in' rescue	
TOWING.	✓	I can execute a contact tow with and without equipment over a short distance, approx. 20m.	
	✓	I can perform a single point tow using a sea kayaking towline for 100m.	
	<b>√</b>	I can perform a tandem tow of a two-person raft.	

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#### **REFLECTION ON MY PROGRESSION IN TEAM RESCUES**

Feel free to use this space to note any ideas and suggestions that you and your instructor have to help further your paddling progression and training in this module.



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# **MODULE: SCENARIO MANAGEMENT**

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#### REFLECTION ON MY PROGRESSION IN SCENARIO MANAGEMENT





	MODULE: NAVIGATING ON THE WATER		
	LEARNING OUTCOMES	INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE, CI REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE	
✓	I can paddle on a compass bearing.		
✓	I can paddle on a transit.		
NAVIGATING ON THE WATER MODULE SIGN OFF: Where one instructor observes a candidate achieve all Learning Outcomes for an entire module they must sign here:  Instructor Signature:			

#### REFLECTION ON MY PROGRESSION IN NAVIGATING ON THE WATER

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#### **MODULE: ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS**

	LEARNING OUTCOMES	INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE, CI REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE	
✓	I can explain 3 ways plastic pollution can interfere with marine wildlife and how to reduce plastic pollution in the sea (Three-for-the-Sea).		
<b>√</b>	I can explain how to differentiate between a porpoise and a dolphin.		
<b>√</b>	I can identify and name two different sea birds in the local area.		
I can describe the difference between two of the following jellyfish: Compass, Lion's mane, Barrel and Common jellyfish.			
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# CANOEING IRELAND SEA KAYAK LEVEL 3 EXPLORER AWARD CERTIFICATION.

Once all your modules have been completed, or you have successfully completed a one-day assessment you must get the instructor who signed off your final learning outcome/module/assessment to apply for your Sea Kayak Level 3 Explorer Award certificate from Canoeing Ireland.

They must complete the form below.

I (name of instructor)
Confirm that (name of paddler)
has completed all Sea Kayak Level 3. Explorer Award modules to the standard
required. I undertake to process the certificate application from Canoeing
Ireland.
Signature of Instructor:
Canoeing Ireland Registration number:
Date:
YOUR FUTURE PLANS FOR YOUR SEA KAYAKING.
Use this section to make notes upon any aims, goals or other sea kayaking plans that you would like
to work on in the future.



Note: It is not to be used as a Name:		Date:	
TRIP DETAILS			
My role in this Trip:		Map/Chart Number:	
Group Members:			
		Distance (NM/Km)	
		):	
Sea state:			
Crux Locations:			
Rest stop locations:			
Escape points:			
Safety equipment carried: _			
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Mark in crux points, rest stop	•		



GENERAL OUTLINE OF YOUR TRIP
REFLECTIONS ON YOUR TRIP
What did you do well on this trip?
What challenges did you have on this trip if any?
Upon reflection, what changes would you make to the trip if you were doing it again?
What did you do to keep yourself (and/or your group) safe on the water during the trip?
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