
Coastal Navigation & Tidal Planning

What Paperwork Is Required?

Please bring your BCU log book (if you have one). Note: It is not essential to be a member of either of the Canoe Unions to undertake training. However, we recommend that all students join before attending: Tel: BCU on 0845 370 9500; or Tel: SCA on 0131 317 7314.

The Course

This one-day course is designed for all sea kayakers who want to develop their knowledge and skills in Tidal Planning and Navigation.

This course is a pre-requisite for the BCU 4 star Sea Leader Award, as well as being a course suitable for any sea kayaker wanting tidal planning training.

Training will be classroom based and will make use of Glenmore Lodge's IT facilities, classrooms and extensive tidal planning resources. The emphasis of this course is an introduction to tides, how to predict them and how they work. In addition to this it will give you the skills to plan coastal journeys in areas that are affected by tidal movement. This planning will include the use of Tidal Streams Atlas's, Pilots, Charts and Ordnance Survey Maps. Having learned how to plan these coastal journeys we will also look at key navigation techniques to ensure that you can stay on route during your journey! The course is a practical classroom based day and no paddling equipment is required. Feel free to bring any of your own tidal planning resources.

For further information and more detailed syllabus please contact the BCU on 0845 370 9500 or www.bcu.org.uk

Arrival & Departure Information

This one-day course starts at 0900 when you meet your instructors and finishes around 1700. Lunch, teas, coffees, and afternoon tea/cake at 1645hrs are included in the course price.

What Will I Need?

This is an indoor based course so no specialist equipment is needed. Please feel free to bring along any personal tidal planning resources with you.