

Scout Association Leader Permits

CANOEING FS120651 (Published January 2022, replacing March 2016)

KAYAKING FS120654 (Published January 2022, replacing March 2016)

Below, summary information on the above Scout Association Factsheets, refer to the Scout Association direct for full and latest information.

A Kayak or Canoe Scout Leaders Adventurous Activity Permit is required for all kayaking and/or canoeing to take place, except on Scouts Class C water. See Scout Rule 9.44 (below) for Scout Classification of Waters.

Summary examples:

- To take your Scouts in Kayaks or on Sit On Tops “Kayaking” on a River, Scouts Class B1, you would need a Permit for – B1 Kayak River.
- To take your Scouts in Open Canoes “Canoeing” on a Lake, Scouts Class B2, you would need a Permit for – B2 Canoe Open Inland.

At Bewl Water Scouts & Guides, we cover:

- Bewl Water – Kayak and Canoe – B1 and B2 Open Inland
- River Medway – Kayak and Canoe – B1 River

SCOUT PERMIT TYPES

Kayak or Canoe are separate Permits. You need one of each to lead both craft.

There are three types of permits available for canoeing or kayaking:

Personal – Allows a young person (under 18) to take part in canoeing or kayaking with others also with a personal canoeing or kayaking permit.

Leadership – Allows the permit holder to lead canoeing or kayaking for a single group.

Supervisory – Allows the permit holder to remotely supervise more than one canoeing or kayaking group.

PERMIT LIMITATIONS

Personal (under 18's) – If you hold a personal canoeing or kayaking permit you can go paddling with others who hold a personal canoeing or kayaking permit. It does not allow you to go paddling with anyone not holding a canoeing or kayaking permit.

Leadership – If you have a permit to lead canoeing or kayaking then you can look after a maximum of:

- eight canoes or 12 people (whichever is less) at a time, or
 - eight kayaks or 12 people (whichever is less) at a time,
- subject to any restrictions on your permit. You need to remain on the water with these canoes or kayaks at all times.

If permits are held for a number of different types of canoes and / or kayaks, it is acceptable to take charge of a group consisting of a mixture of these craft. The permit holder must be in a craft which is suitable for undertaking rescues of all the various boats within the group.

Supervisory – If you hold a permit to supervise canoeing or kayaking then you can supervise up to three groups. All supervised groups should have means to communicate with the permit holder who will need to be in or have immediate access to a rescue craft (this may be another canoe) and be in a position to provide prompt assistance if required. You remain responsible for all the groups you are supervising but can designate someone with the appropriate skills to be the leader of each group.

FURTHER DEFINITIONS

For Scouting, the types of water are defined below:

<p>Canoe Open Inland Canoeing on inland non tidal waters including rivers of less than British Canoeing grade 1.</p>	<p>Kayak Open Inland Kayaking on inland non tidal waters including rivers of less than British Canoeing grade 1.</p>
<p>Canoe River Canoeing on inland non tidal moving waters of British Canoeing grade 1 and above.</p>	<p>Kayak River Kayaking on inland non tidal moving waters of British Canoeing grade 1 and above.</p>
<p>Canoe Sea Canoeing on tidal waters (including tidal inland waters) where there is no intent of doing activities in the surf.</p>	<p>Kayak Sea Kayaking on tidal waters (including tidal inland waters) where there is no intent of doing activities in the surf.</p>
<p>Canoe Surf Canoeing where there is an intention of doing canoeing activities in the surf (this is only available on B2-A class waters).</p>	<p>Kayak Surf Kayaking where there is an intention of doing canoeing activities in the surf (this is only available on B2-A class waters).</p>

Those holding a permit for B1 in any of the above types of water may also operate in the other types of water on B1 waters.

When on B1 waters a permit to lead kayaks also allows the permit holder to lead canoes.

SCOUT RULE 9.44. CLASSIFICATION OF WATERS

- a. All waters used for Scouting activities must be classified as C, B1, B2, B3 or A in accordance Rule 9.44b.
- b. Water class definitions:
- **Class C** - safe inland waters which are less than 100m wide where flow causes little effect (including swimming pools).
 - **Class B1** - sheltered inland waters and other sheltered water where currents and tides create no real danger.
 - **Class B2** - the sea up to one mile from the shore, but excluding more dangerous waters close inshore; more sheltered parts of estuaries; large inland lakes and lochs; inland waters British Canoeing Grade 2.
 - **Class B3** - the sea up to three miles from the shore, but excluding more dangerous waters close inshore; busy commercial ports, exposed parts of estuaries; inland waters British Canoeing Grade 3.
 - **Class A** - open sea more than three miles from the shore, and other dangerous waters close inshore; inland waters British Canoeing Grade 4 and above.

ASSESSMENT CANOEING PERMIT AC120902 (Jan 2022, Edition no 7)
ASSESSMENT KAYAKING PERMIT AC120919 (Jan 2022, Edition no 7)

Below, summary information on the above Scout Association Assessment Checklists for Canoe and Kayak permits, refer to the Scout Association direct for full and latest information.

Scouts Assessment

Applicants do not need to hold a British Canoeing (BC) award, but you do have to prove to a Scouts Assessor that you can paddle and rescue to the below, on the Water type / class and vessel you require a permit for:

CORE SKILLS	B1	B2	B3 / A
Paddle to the standard of (craft or discipline = Scout Water)			
• Kayak - BCU 3 Star or BC White Water / Touring / Sea Award	✓		
• Kayak - BC Moderate Water Leader (discipline specific)		✓	
• Kayak - BC Advanced Water Leader (discipline specific)			✓
• Canoe - BCU 3 Star or BC Canoe Award	✓		
• Canoe - BC Canoe Leader		✓	
• Canoe - BC Advanced Canoe Leader			✓
Emergency Procedures			
• Knowledge of relevant procedures in the event of an accident	Demonstrate on water / class using permit vessel		
• Ability to - Retrieve capsized paddler, Rescue capsized paddler, Retrieve entrapped paddler or craft, Recover conscious & unconscious incapacitated paddler, Recover a swamped craft			
Other Core Skills			
• Paddling and Emergency Equipment	Relevant to water / class and permit vessel		
• Responsibilities			
• Group Management			
• Risk Assessment			

- Weather

BC Equivalent Qualifications

If an applicant holds an award of the British Canoeing (BC) from the table below, or equivalent or higher, and has up to date logged experience, then no practical assessment is likely to be required. They will still require a recommendation from an assessor for a Commissioner to grant them a permit.

BC Qualification	Scout Association Leadership Permit		
	Vessel	Class	Water
BC Paddlesport Instructor (PI)	Kayak Canoe	B1	River / Open Inland / Sea Note: any operating restrictions applied to the Paddlesport Instructor award must be applied to the permit unless a further assessment is undertaken of these skills.
BC Sheltered Water Kayak Coach BC Sheltered Water Canoe Coach	Kayak Canoe	B1	River / Open Inland / Sea
BC White Water Kayak Coach BC Sea Kayak Coach BC Surf Kayak Coach	Kayak	B2	River Open Inland / Sea Surf
BC White Water Canoe Coach BC Open Water Canoe Coach	Canoe	B2	River Open Inland / Sea
BC White Water Kayak Coach (Advanced Waters) BC Sea Kayak Coach (Advanced Waters) BC Surf Kayak Coach (Advanced Waters)	Kayak	B3 / A	River Open Inland / Sea Surf
BC White Water Canoe Coach (Advance Waters) BC Open Water Canoe Coach (Advance Waters)	Canoe	B3 / A	River Open Inland / Sea