



Paddlesports Instructor Courses Course Information

As part of the continued Royal Navy and Scouts partnership with the sponsorship of the *Time On The Water* badge; further opportunities have been identified to offer upskilling opportunities for Scouts and Scout leaders.



The Paddlesport Instructor (PSI) qualification is designed for leaders running paddlesport taster/starter sessions within the safety management systems of clubs, centres or other organisations in:

- **'Very Sheltered Water' environments (see below);**
- **craft deemed suitable for a first-time experience.**

'Very Sheltered Water' Definition

The very sheltered water definition includes:

- quiet canals with easy bankside access and egress;
- small lakes, which are not large enough, and do not have
- difficult landing areas for problems to occur if there is a sudden
- change in conditions;
- specified sites on gentle, slow moving rivers;
- enclosed swimming pools.

The definition implies normal conditions where weather conditions that are not in themselves likely to cause problems. Care is advised when water temperatures are low. At any point the paddler should not be more than 50 metres from the bank.

The primary role of the Paddlesport Instructor is to deliver safe and enjoyable taster/starter sessions based on their group's needs and aspirations. The qualification will support the instructor with practical skills such as kitting up a group and getting afloat, initial familiarisation activities, games and activities to support learning and how to use mini journeys to support learning, inspire adventure and exploration. This will be enhanced with support on how these sessions can be delivered in a way that is enjoyable, safe and rewarding. In conjunction to the PSI a B1 permit will be awarded which satisfies the Scouts requirement in the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR).

Prior to attending the Paddlesport Instructor course you are expected to have developed personal paddling and rescue competence in your preferred craft. Candidates choose to paddle **one** type of craft for the personal paddling and rescue skills assessment; kayak, open canoe, sit on top, **or** stand up paddleboard. These skills are assessed during the course (but not trained).



We expect you to be able to be able to complete the following check list found in the Course Guide, page 17 and 18: Click here: [Paddlesport Instructor Course Guide](#)

What's Included

Each successful applicant will receive 2 days of training and PSI certification. All the kit and equipment that is needed to complete the qualification is included, however candidates are welcome to bring their own craft and waterborne safety equipment if they wish.

(Included will be a bolt-on assessment for a B1 Permit if the chosen craft is kayak or canoe)

Participants Need

Pre-requisites:

- Full Home Nation Association Membership (£35-£45 dependent on age);
- Home Nation Association **Registration** Of course Attendance (£45);
- British Canoeing Foundation Safety and Rescue Training (Cost varies usually £60) (This can be organised by Prime Paddling if no course is available);
- Personal paddling and rescue competence, this is of the same competence of someone with the BC Paddle Explore Award;
- 18 years of age, or older. Please follow the Prime Paddling 'How to get Qualified' Document for support or email info@primepaddling.co.uk.

Locations

- **South** – Gosport Scout Kayaking, The Brodrick Hall, Clayhall Road, Gosport PO12 2BY
 - 10th & 11th September 2022 - 09:00-18:00 – 6 places.
- **East** - 1st Blofield & Brundall Scouts, Plot 7&8 Hobrous Dyke, Brundall Bay Marina. Brundall, Norwich NR13 5PN
 - 18th & 19th June 2022 - 09:00-18:00 – **Fully booked**
- **North** - 33rd Lancaster RN Sea Scout, Halton Rd, Lancaster, LA1 2EG
 - 11th & 12th February 2023 - 2020 09:00-18:00 - 6 places.
- **West** – 2nd Warwick RN Sea Scouts, St Nicholas Park, Pickard St, Warwick CV34 4PT
 - 15th & 16th October 2022 - 09:00-18:00 - 6 places.



Further Course Information

Assessment

The assessment is throughout the course and you will be assessed in your chosen craft. Either kayak, canoe, paddle board or sit-on top. This chosen craft will then be the craft that you are able to operate out of whilst running sessions on the water as an Instructor. Please see <https://www.primepaddling.co.uk/coaching-and-safety/bc-paddlesport-instructor-award> for more details.

British Canoe FREE E-learning

There is free online e-learning available to all participants, however, this is not mandatory. <https://www.britishcanoeingawarding.org.uk/paddlesport-instructor-elearning/>

Accommodation and meals

Accommodation and meals are not provided for these courses so you will be required to make your own arrangements. Depending on which location you attend the course, there may be camping facilities available on site but you will need to liaise with the venue direct about this.