

# INTRODUCING THE PROPOSED NEW CANOEING IRELAND SEA KAYAK SKILLS AWARDS

## Why do we need a new sea kayak award scheme?

- The old system did not fulfil the needs of the modern Irish Sea Kayaker at L1 and L2.
- The Irish sea kayaking community has long called for an updated scheme relevant to them.
- The sea kayak community needs more Sea Kayak Club Leaders and Instructors.

## What is different about the new awards?

- Designed to be specific to sea kayaking from L1 to L5, with clearly stated paddling conditions for weather, sea state and environment at each level.
- A modular approach at each level enabling you to progress at your pace.
- You decide which modules you work on and when.
- There is a steady progression in skill from L1- L5 to encourage greater engagement at L1 and L5.
- An innovative Specialisation Module at L5 allows paddlers to develop their own paddle related interests and 'give back' to the community.

## How will I be assessed?

- By continuous assessment at your pace. The awards use a Log Book and Paddle Journal system enabling you to progress along your paddling pathway in your own time when you are ready.
- A Canoeing Ireland instructor will observe you and sign off on parts of your log book as you progress. Once all modules of your chosen level of award are complete and signed off, you have the award, plain and simple. No more Exam Day!
- If you prefer to do a single once-off assessment you can easily arrange one with a qualified Canoeing Ireland Instructor.

## I already have Canoeing Ireland Sea Kayak Skills awards, what happens to them?

- Your existing L3, L4, L5 certificates still stand. We invite you to explore the information sheets on the new awards to decide your progression pathway.

## Can I become a sea kayak instructor or Sea Kayak Club Leader with the new awards?

- Yes! Once you have completed the L3 sea skills award you are eligible to progress to the Sea Kayak Club Leader (in development) and Sea Kayak Instructor Awards. Check out the Canoeing Ireland Sea Kayak Awards Pathway on next page.

**How will the new awards benefit my sea kayaking?**

- You will gain new and valuable skills in addition to those you may already have, develop a deeper understanding of the environment in which you paddle and contribute to the development of sea kayaking in Ireland.

**How do I do provide feedback on the new L1-5 skills awards?**

- Visit the [SKARG Review Page](#) to submit your feedback on the skills awards. We welcome your views

## Canoeing Ireland Sea Kayak Award Modules



**SHORE BASED TRIP PLANNING**



**EQUIPMENT KNOWLEDGE**



**BOAT-HANDLING SKILLS**



**PADDLING IN WIND**



**PADDLING IN SURF**



**PADDLING ROCKY SHORES**



**PADDLING IN FLOW**



**SELF-RESCUE AFTER CAPSIZE**



**TEAM RESCUE**



**SCENARIO MANAGEMENT**



**NAVIGATING ON THE WATER**



**ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS**



**SPECIALISATION MODULE**

# Canoeing Ireland Sea Kayak Awards Pathway

Note: The SK Instructor and SK Club Leader awards are currently being developed.

At this time we invite your feedback only on the content of the proposed skills awards at [www.canoe.ie](http://www.canoe.ie).

You will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed SK Instructor and SK club Leader awards at a later date.

