

## NSSKA Advanced Leadership & Wilderness Camping Class 2017

Three Days - June 16, 17 & 18

Welcome to the North Sound Sea Kayakers Association leadership and camping class. We are excited that you are considering joining us for a fun, entertaining and challenging learning experience. The class will provide a rich environment to develop and expand your current sea kayaking skill set and judgment. In this class, you will learn efficient paddling and boat handling techniques, effective capsized recovery skills and correct bracing techniques. Included in this class is a wilderness camping experience. You (yes you) will be responsible to develop a trip plan for this event. We will compare plans with your fellow students and trip leaders before we set off and then we'll see what happens!

Please take the time to review the schedule and requirements for participating in this class. If you are comfortable with the demands of the schedule and the requirements for participation in this class, please contact Bill Porter to confirm your spot in this class. If you have additional questions or concerns that are not answered by the provided information, please do not hesitate to contact Bill.

### Equipment and Class Requirements:

This class is designed as a hands-on, progressive skill-building course. We have found that practicing your basic class skills is essential in mastering more complex leadership related skills. We have included two nights of camping so we will be testing our boat packing skill set, too. You can expect to have fun and be challenged in this course.

1. Membership in the NSSKA.
2. Have taken a 'Basic Skills Class' prior to 2017
3. You will need to supply your own boat with flotation and all appropriate paddling gear as well as first aid kit, emergency gear and tow belt. VHF radio is optional but if you have one please bring it.
4. Camping gear, water and food for 3 days camping.
5. In addition to PFD, spray skirt, paddle, paddle float, helmet and a hand bilge pump is required.
6. Since the Salish Sea water temperature is in the 46-48 degrees range all year, we **require** that you wear a **dry suit** for this class.
7. You will need a helmet for the current play sessions (Deception Pass)
8. **\$50.00** to secure your registration for the class.

The schedule for the class is:

- **Friday, June 16**, 9:00 a.m. – **Washington Park, Anacortes**. Bring a helmet, it is required for this trip. Bring all your camping gear for a two-night stay, food and cooking gear, water and supplies for your personal use. We will paddle across Rosario Strait and find a campsite in the San Juan's (TBD Island).
- **Saturday, June 17**– 9:00 a.m. Pack up and move to Burrow's Island working on individual and group skills and the currents as we cross Rosario Channel.
- **Sunday, June 18**, 7:00 a.m. - **Deception Pass State Park**, We will pack up and paddle back from Burrow's Island to Washington Park and head to Bowman Bay (DISCOVER PASS). We will play with the currents and use our vastly improved skills to practice in the moving water of the Pass, eddy lines crossing, a rescue or two and maybe a roll ;-).

Trip Leader: You can register by contacting Bill Porter at 'wep2754@gmail.com' or call Bill Porter 425-949-9333.

Date: Friday June 16 - 18

Classification: IV-B