



ACA – South Carolina and United States Coast Guard Joint Incident Management Program



Overview: The course will present composite risk management principles in a joint training session with the United States Coast Guard. Additional learning objectives include VHF communications, Emergency Signaling and receiving Search and Rescue assets. The target audience of this course is American Canoe Association Trip Leaders and Instructors or British Canoe or Paddle Canada equivalent participants.

Objectives: The course is designed to be a combination of academic review followed by practical exercises on the water. The focus of the on water vignettes will expose leaders to a variety of incidents and reinforce leadership, group management and problem solving. The outcome will be risk informed leaders that understand composite risk management and are capable of managing an incident to a successful conclusion.

Course Prerequisites: ACA L3/L4 Skills Award or BCU 3 Star of 4 Star Award.

Course Duration: 5 hours combination of academic and on water training.

Course Location / Venue: Conditions no greater than winds up to 15 knots, waves up to 1.5' and current up to 2 knots.

Class Ratio: 1 Instructor to 4 Students 1:4. 2:8 with an additional instructor

Minimum Personal Equipment for the course:

Properly sized and outfitted sea kayaks with front and rear flotation and related paddling and safety equipment (i.e. paddles, PFDs, spray skirts, paddle floats, pumps, tow belt, appropriate paddling clothing, VHF and/or Cell Phone and helmet).

Incident Management Program Learning Objectives:

1. Understand and apply the principles of Composite Risk Management

- Five step of Composite Risk Management
- Risk Identification
- Control Measures
- Supervision and Control

2. Employ Leadership and Group Management

- Goal setting integration into planning
- Group Organization and Communications
- Group Management - CLAP
- Incident Management - SAFER and Priorities of Work



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3. Demonstrate VHF Communications

- VHF Marine Channels
- Communications Protocols
- May Day, Pan Pan and Securite Calls
- May Day Relay

4. Employ Emergency Signals

- Types of Signals
- Employment Considerations and Limitations
- USCG Requirements

5. Establish Rafts and Towing

- Environmental considerations
- Size and organization
- Casualty maintenance

6. Hail and Receive Search and Rescue assets

- Group Management and delegation
- May Day Call
- Follow On Information
 - Provide location, wind, sea conditions and drift
 - Deploying day and night passive and active signals
- Vectoring surface or air assets
- Transfer casualty/patient to SAR platform/swimmer
- Post incident actions - reports and group assessment

Conclusion: Participants conduct facilitated after action review and review key course terminal learning objectives.