

SKGABC - ACSKG Sea Kayak Guide Certification & Water Classification Equivalence



Sea Kayak Guides Alliance of BC	Association of Canadian Sea Kayak Guides www.acskg.ca
SKGABC Certification	ACSKG Certification
Level One Guide (Day trip certification)	ACSKG guides are certified to lead day trips <i>and</i> overnight expeditions.
Assistant Overnight Guide - AOG (Minimum requirement for assistant guiding in Gwaii Haanas)	Assistant Guide (Minimum requirement for assistant guiding in Gwaii Haanas)
Level Two Guide	SKGABC Level Two Guide certification is equivalent to: Somewhere between ACSKG Assistant Guide and ACSKG Full Guide certification.
Level Three Guide (Minimum requirement for lead guiding in Gwaii Haanas)	Full Guide (Minimum requirement for lead guiding in Gwaii Haanas)
Class Four Waters Endorsement (Required for lead guiding in the most exposed water classification)	Class III Full Guide Endorsement (Required for lead guiding in the most exposed water classification)
Guide Trainer	Guide Instructor
Examiner	Guide Examiner
SKGABC Water Classifications	ACSKG Water Classifications
Class 1 and sometimes Class 2	Class I (The ACSKG identifies no Class I waters in Gwaii Haanas)
Class 3 and sometimes Class 2	Class II
Class 4	Class III

These equivalencies were determined after meticulously comparing the two organizations certification and classification parameters. The ACSKG will update this chart if compelling evidence for change is submitted.

Paddle Canada instructors and SKGABC guides may transfer to the ACSKG without additional exams: acskg.ca/transfer

This equivalence chart outlines the requirements for guided sea kayak tours licensed to operate in:
**Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, National Marine Conservation Area Reserve
and Haida Heritage Site - British Columbia, Canada**

This chart is used as a basis to assess equivalencies in other regions worldwide.



Coastal Water Classifications

- I Protected waters
- II Open coastal waters
- III High energy waters with minimal refuge

Guide to Client Ratios
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Water Classification	Single kayaks	Mixed fleets	Double kayaks
Class I	1:4 2:5 to 8	1:5 2:6 to 10	1:6 2:7 to 10
Class II	2:6	2:8	2:10
Class III	2:4	2:6	2:8

Synopsis of ACSKG Standards: acskg.ca/synopsis
Water Classification Maps: acskg.ca/maps

The latest version of this document is available at:
acskg.ca/equivalence

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