INTRODUCTORY NAVIGATION & MARINE WEATHER

(3.5 hours) Chart your course!

Planning for a safe kayaking trip and navigating during a trip are both very necessary skills. What you didn't know is these skills are also interesting and enjoyable to learn and practice. In this classroom-based clinic, we'll teach you how to safely and confidently interpret marine weather forecasts, predict tides and currents, read nautical charts (maps), and plan routes on the ocean. You'll learn when and where to paddle as well as how to avoid dangerous water conditions—important skills for a sea kayaker!

Itinerary

Meet your instructor(s) and other participants at 6:00 pm at Ocean River Sports, 1630 Street, Victoria, BC. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early for your program and check in at the Adventure Centre at the rear of the store. If you are driving, there is free street parking available after 6 pm. If you are parking a vehicle, we cannot be responsible for damage to or loss of your personal items, so please ensure valuables are stored securely.

What You Will Experience

Specifically, during the clinic, you will learn the following:

- Interpreting marine weather forecasts
- Selecting and reading marine charts
- Predicting tides and currents
- Using a compass
- Trip planning

Equipment List

What Ocean River Sports Provides for Your Program

Ocean River Sports provides the following equipment and supplies for your program:

- VHF Marine Radio.
- Shared charts of the paddling areas.
- Chart 1: Symbols, Abbreviations and Terms.
- Tide and Current Tables Volume 5: Juan de Fuca Strait & Strait of Georgia.
- Orienteering Compass.

What You Provide for Your Program

*indicates optional item.

- 2 pens for writing notes.
- 2 pencils for drawing on charts.
- Notebook for taking general notes
- Water bottle (filled): large enough to hold about 1 liter or 1 quart of water so you can keep yourself well-hydrated.
- *Snack(s).
- *Thermos with a warm drink.

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