

# Skills & Safety Directory



Vancouver Island Paddlefest - Wavelength photo

## Alberni Outpost

**Courses:** beginner and advanced paddling skills, rolling, rescues

**Location:** Nanaimo, Port Alberni and Nanoose, BC

**Cost:** depending on course selected

**When:** year round

We offer a variety of courses from beginner flat water paddling to advanced rough water skills in a pool and outdoors. Develop core sea kayak skills, safety, kayak design, equipment, clothing and etiquette. Practice rolling and rescue skills in a heated pool. Practice the 8 staple strokes and paddling technique. Learn how to read marine charts and tide and current tables. Visit [albernioutpost.com](http://albernioutpost.com) for course details.

[www.albernioutpost.com](http://www.albernioutpost.com) • [outdoor4@albernioutpost.com](mailto:outdoor4@albernioutpost.com) • 1-866-760-0011

## Alder Creek Kayak & Canoe

**Courses:** a wide variety of classes covering Introductory, Foundations, Refinement, and Advancement skill sets, as well as BCU Training & Assessments

**Location:** our Portland locations on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers, local pools, Oregon Coast and Columbia River Gorge, OR

**Cost:** range from \$35 – \$225 depending on the class; package deals are also available

**When:** year round. Visit our online calendar for dates.

Wherever you want to go, our exceptional courses will take you there! Our aim is to help you reach your goals by providing an educational program that suits your needs. Structured around the British Canoe Union system, our classes form a progressive learning system that develops proficient paddling in a variety of conditions.

[www.aldercreek.com](http://www.aldercreek.com) • [reservations@aldercreek.com](mailto:reservations@aldercreek.com) • 1-888-571-4545

## Aquabatics

**Courses:** Youth and School Programs, Adult Touring, Recreational and Whitewater

**Location:** Calgary, AB

**Cost:** depending on course

**When:** May to September

Join Aquabatics Kayak School in 2008 for one of our kayaking programs. Our small group size and internationally qualified and experienced instructors ensure a fun, informative and successful learning experience. Course fees include instruction and essential equipment, plus take-home materials. Custom/private courses and instruction are available on request, and we would love the opportunity to put together a specific program for you and your family/friends.

[www.aquabatics.com](http://www.aquabatics.com) • [courses@aquabatics.com](mailto:courses@aquabatics.com) • 403-813-9283

## Bowen Island Sea Kayaking

**Courses:** Introduction to Strokes, Capsize Recovery, Kids Kayaking Kamp, Youth Leadership Course, Women's Kayaking, Intermediate Kayaking, Basic Sea Kayaking

**Location:** Bowen Island, Howe Sound, BC

**Cost:** depending on the course

**When:** year round

We offer safe, informative and fun experiences for novice and seasoned kayakers. We provide well maintained kayaks, gear and safety equipment. Our staff of well trained, friendly professionals provide expert instruction and local knowledge.

[www.boweniskayaking.com](http://www.boweniskayaking.com) • [info@boweniskayaking.com](mailto:info@boweniskayaking.com)  
1-800-605-2925

## Canadian Outdoor Leadership Training (COLT)

**Courses:** 93-day outdoor leadership training semester

**Location:** based out of Strathcona Park Lodge & Outdoor Education Centre, Vancouver Island, BC

**Cost:** \$10,900 (plus GST on food & accommodation portion)

**When:** semesters start March 23, April 23 and August 23 each year.

[www.colt.bc.ca](http://www.colt.bc.ca) • [info@colt.bc.ca](mailto:info@colt.bc.ca) • 250-286-3122

## Comox Valley Kayaks

**Courses:** "Paddling Canada" Courses (AKA CRCA), Adventure Race Practice, Intermediate, Intro Courses, Rolling.

**Location:** Campbell River and Courtenay, BC

**Cost:** depending on course

**When:** year round

We offer a wide variety of educational courses with professional instructors all year. Indoor pool lessons and advanced on the water courses available. Visit [comoxvalleykayaks.com](http://comoxvalleykayaks.com) for details.

[www.comoxvalleykayaks.com](http://www.comoxvalleykayaks.com) • [info@comoxvalleykayaks.com](mailto:info@comoxvalleykayaks.com)  
250-334-2628 or 1-888-545-5595

### David Dreves Kayaking

**Courses:** "Paddle Canada" certified Sea Kayak Courses

**Location:** White Rock / South Surrey, BC

**Cost:** Flat Water Kayaking: \$150; Level 1 Sea Kayaking: \$230; Level 2 Sea Kayaking: \$600

**When:** various dates from May through September

Small class sizes mean participants get the most from their training experience!

[www.kayakcourses.ca](http://www.kayakcourses.ca) • [info@kayakcourses.ca](mailto:info@kayakcourses.ca) • 604-318-4019

### Deep Cove Canoe & Kayak Centre

**Courses:** Trip Preparation, Capsize recovery, Double Kayak Rescues, Bracing & Edging, Rolling Clinics, Solo Paddlers Awareness and much more!

**Location:** Deep Cove, North Vancouver, BC

**Cost:** starting at \$50

**When:** weekly

Set on the scenic shores of Canada's southern most fjord, Deep Cove Canoe & Kayak Centre has calm waters that are great for harnessing new skills. Our large team of nationally certified instructors deliver high quality lessons where their passion for the sport is easy to see and quite contagious.

[www.deepcovekayak.com](http://www.deepcovekayak.com) • [office@deepcovekayak.com](mailto:office@deepcovekayak.com) • 604-929-2268

### Ecomarine Coastal Kayaking School

**Courses:** 40 different courses including novice to professional certification

**Location:** Vancouver, BC

**Cost:** see website for cost of courses

**When:** May to September

Ecomarine Coastal Kayaking School offers ocean kayaking lessons from beginner to professional Instructor training. All our Instructors are Paddle Canada certified. With three waterfront locations we can give the aspiring paddler the opportunity to learn about kayaking in a safe, comfortable and supportive environment. In small classes with individual attention everyone has a great experience. Get kayaking with Ecomarine.

[www.ecomarine.com/school/index.html](http://www.ecomarine.com/school/index.html) • [school@ecomarine.com](mailto:school@ecomarine.com)  
604-689-7575

### Hooksum Outdoor School

**Courses:** West Coast Outdoor Leadership Training

**Location:** Hesquiaht Harbour, BC

**Cost:** \$4200

**When:** May 1 – 28, 2008 or Sept. 5 – Oct. 3, 2008

Hooksum Outdoor School provides the hard and soft skills essential to safe and meaningful coastal guiding. Traditional indigenous knowledge is taught alongside modern skills. WCOLT certification courses include: Wilderness First Aid, Lifesaving, Paddle Canada Sea Kayaking Flatwater, Level I and Level II, BOAT, and ROC(M).

[www.hooksumschool.com](http://www.hooksumschool.com) • [info@hooksumschool.com](mailto:info@hooksumschool.com) • 250-670-1120

### Island Escapades

**Courses:** Endorsed Level 1 and Level 2 SKGABC Guide Courses

**Location:** Level 1 courses on Salt Spring Island; Level 2 Courses in the Gulf Islands (Portlier Pass for currents) and on the west coast near Jordan River.

**When:** Level 1 courses: April 20–24 (condensed course with full night sessions) and May 21–25; Level 2 Course: May 6–13; Level 1 Upgrade: May 10–13 (for Guides that have Level 1 Cert.)

Jack Rosen has been running endorsed SKGABC guides courses for over 12 years, helping guides gain accreditation through courses, classes and scenario based learning models. Short classes are also offered to kayak clubs and individuals on navigation, judgment and leadership skills, strokes, rescues, and current and tidal work. Stroke and rescue courses and rolling sessions are available throughout the season and can be scheduled to suit your needs.

[www.islandescapades.com](http://www.islandescapades.com) • [escapades@saltspring.com](mailto:escapades@saltspring.com) • 1-888-529-2567

### Madawaska Kanu Centre

**Courses:** Whitewater paddling certification courses for kayak and open canoe

Wilderness First Aid, Swiftwater Rescue Technician, Instructor Level Certification, Sea Kayak skills certification

**Location:** Madawaska River, ON

**Cost:** Please check out our course calendar and pricing at <http://www.owl-mkc.ca/mkc/courses.htm>

**When:** every weekend and every week of the summer

[www.mkc.ca](http://www.mkc.ca) • [paddle@owl-mkc.ca](mailto:paddle@owl-mkc.ca) • 613-594-5268

### Malaspina University-College

**Courses:** White Water Raft Guiding May 13–16; Sea Kayak Guiding Level 1 May 19–23; Surf Guiding, boards and kayaks May 26–29

**Location:** Nanaimo, Woss, Gulf Islands, Tofino, BC

**Cost:** contact Malaspina University-College gymnasium office to register or for information

**When:** May 2008

Learn leadership theory and skills required to teach and guide on rivers, in the surf and on the ocean. No experience is required, all trips cover instruction in basic skills with lots of time to practice leading and teaching under the supervision of professional guides. All equipment and transportation is supplied.

[www.mala.ca](http://www.mala.ca) (student activities - campus recreation - outdoor programs)  
[cohen@mala.ca](mailto:cohen@mala.ca) • 250-740-6418 ex. 2 or 250-753-3245 loc. 2480



photo: Hooksum Outdoors

## North Island College

**Courses:** Coastal Adventure Tourism Certificate (5 months) and Adventure Tourism Diploma (2 years)

**Location:** Campbell River & waters around Vancouver Island, BC

**Cost:** CAT Certificate = approx. \$7500

**When:** CAT Certificate every January to May; Diploma entry in January or September  
Learn about yourself, the coast, and share it! This intensive program prepares guides for BC's growing sea kayaking and coastal tourism industries. Training includes SKGABC recognized kayak training, plus canoeing, sailing, sportfishing, wilderness first aid, risk management, interpretation, and leadership. Time is divided between the classroom and the field.

[www.nic.bc.ca/Tourism](http://www.nic.bc.ca/Tourism) • [questions@nic.bc.ca](mailto:questions@nic.bc.ca) • 1-800-715-0914



photo by David Pinel, North Island College

## Ocean River Sports

**Courses:** introductory, intermediate and advanced level courses

**Location:** Victoria, BC

**Cost:** depending on course selected

**When:** year round

Ocean River Sports has been a leader in sea kayak instruction and touring since 1981. Our certified instructors deliver a range of enjoyable introductory, intermediate, and advanced level courses. As well, we offer accredited training for sea kayak guides and instructors and specialized instruction in Greenland-style kayaking. Select programs lead to certification with the Canadian Recreational Canoeing Association and the Sea Kayak Guides Alliance of BC.

[www.oceanriver.com](http://www.oceanriver.com) • [adventure@oceanriver.com](mailto:adventure@oceanriver.com)

250-381-4233 or 1-800-909-4233



photo: Pacifica Paddle Sports

## Oceanside Kayaks Company

**Courses:** beginner to advanced

**Location:** Qualicum Beach, BC

**Cost:** \$60 per lesson

**When:** can be set up on an individual basis to suit you

Learn to kayak in some of the warmest waters on Vancouver Island. Paddle Canada certified instructor with seven years teaching experience.

[www.oceansidekayaks.ca](http://www.oceansidekayaks.ca) • [info@oceansidekayaks.ca](mailto:info@oceansidekayaks.ca) • 250-951-3512

## Orca Canoes & Kayaks Ltd.

**Courses:** courses in wooden boat building including strip built canoes, kayaks, small boats and traditional Skin on Frame kayaks.

**Location:** Port Moody, BC

**Cost:** \$1850 plus shop rental fees

**When:** course is offered in an ongoing, open workshop environment in which students work at their own pace.

Ever thought about building your own wooden kayak, canoe or small boat? If so, we can help. Take the opportunity now to build your own boat in our shop. All the materials, tools, and instruction are provided. Work at your own pace and be on the water sooner.

[www.orcaboats.ca](http://www.orcaboats.ca) • [info@orcaboats.ca](mailto:info@orcaboats.ca) • 604-312-4784

## Pacifica Paddle Sports

**Courses:** The Basics (P1) - Introduction to Kayaking. Recovery Essentials (P2) - A review of wet exits, and basic self and assisted recovery techniques. Bracing & Edging (P3). Rolling (P4). Sunday Instructional Tour - We meet at chosen starting place

**Location:** The Crystal Pool, Victoria, BC. and on seawater and lakes around Victoria.

**Cost:** Between \$65 and \$90 depending on which course you choose.

**When:** Lessons on Sundays at the Crystal Pool from October 1 to May 1. Sunday Instructional Tour is offered almost all year round.

Want to learn the basics of kayaking or canoeing, or to learn and improve new techniques? Private and group lessons available.

[www.pacificapaddle.com](http://www.pacificapaddle.com) • [customerservice@pacificapaddle.com](mailto:customerservice@pacificapaddle.com)

250-361-9365 or 1-877-921-9365

## Rainforest Kayak Adventures

**Courses:** Guide Certification Courses - SKGABC & ACSKG endorsed

**Where:** Tofino, BC

**Cost:** Day Guide's Course - \$685 + \$115 (4 nights accommodation) + GST; Assistant Overnight Guide's Course - \$1150 + \$115 (4 nights accommodation) + GST

**When:** May, June and September

Dan Lewis and Bonny Glambeck have 50 years combined experience guiding, teaching, and expedition paddling in BC. Tofino, in Clayoquot Sound, is spectacularly beautiful and offers a full range of paddling conditions from flatwater, to currents and surf. Courses also open to non-guiding paddlers who want a comprehensive wilderness kayaking course.

[www.rainforestkayak.com](http://www.rainforestkayak.com) • [majestic@oceankayaking.com](mailto:majestic@oceankayaking.com)

1-877-422-WILD (9453)

### Sea Kayak Association of British Columbia

**Courses:** Core training courses developed by SKABC and taught on a volunteer basis by members include: Beginner's Course, Strokes and Rescue, Navigation, Weather, Currents, Surfing, Best Practices in Kayak Camping, Trip Leader, and Instructor's Course. Additional courses for members vary from year to year and include: Rolling Clinic, VHF Radio Operators License, Wilderness First Aid, Star and Constellation Identification, Kayak Repair.

**Location:** Vancouver, BC and various on-water locations in BC

**Cost:** Varies depending on the nature and duration of the course. Participants provide own equipment.

**When:** Year round. Most courses run from early March to mid June.

Please note that SKABC courses focus on skill development, not certification, and are only available to SKABC members. More information available at club meetings on first Tuesday of each month and on web site. [www.skabc.org](http://www.skabc.org)

### Sea to Sky Kayak Center

**Courses:** intro to kayaking; rescues, re-entries and rolling (the 3R's!); advanced stroke technique; roll that kayak; also all levels of whitewater instruction

**Location:** at our Center in North Vancouver, BC and various pool locations

**Cost:** \$30 – \$140 per course

**When:** March to October

Owner Don Jamieson has been studying paddling and rolling techniques for 30 years and setting the standard for kayak instruction at the Sea to Sky Kayak Center for over 25 years. His success is evident in the ability and confidence of his students. Development of skills is a step in the right direction for your own enjoyment and safety. Prepare for a great paddling season—sign up for a course and increase your knowledge and comfort level on the water.

[www.seatoskykayak.com](http://www.seatoskykayak.com) • [info@seatoskykayak.com](mailto:info@seatoskykayak.com) • 604-983-6663



photo: Silva Bay Shipyard School

### Silva Bay Shipyard School

**Courses:** Making & Using Wooden Hand Planes (4 days); Steam-bending & Vacuum-bagging (4 days), Building a Strip Kayak (6 day and 10 day courses); Building the Nutshell Pram (6 days)

**Location:** Gabriola Island, BC

**Cost:** from \$500 to \$4950, depending on the course

**When:** various dates from April to August

This summer we're adding a series of new short courses for aspiring boat builders and woodworkers. Turn your dreams into skills and learn how to turn a pile of lumber into a beautiful cedarstrip kayak or a handy little rowboat. Learn how to build a set of custom oars or wooden hand planes.

[www.boatschool.com](http://www.boatschool.com) • [info@boatschool.com](mailto:info@boatschool.com) • 250-247-8809

### Sea Kayak Guides Alliance of British Columbia

**Courses:** Spring Guides Exchange

**Location:** Victoria, BC

**Cost:** \$75

**When:** April 18–20

The Spring 2008 Guides Exchange goes back to its roots. The first Guides Exchange was held in Victoria at Ocean River Sports. The Spring and Fall Guides Exchanges offer sea kayaking professionals an opportunity to network and share knowledge. See website for details. Registration upon arrival.

[www.skgabc.com](http://www.skgabc.com) • [info@skgabc.com](mailto:info@skgabc.com)

### Silver Moon Kayak Company

**Courses:** Basic 101 Wet, Advanced Beginner 4 hour lesson, Intermediate 2 day ACA Skills Upgrade Level 2 Workshop

**Location:** Flathead Lake, NW Montana

**Cost:** depending on the course

**When:** 101 Wet & Advanced Beginner – anytime by appointment; ACA Level 2 – June 28 & 29; Yoga & Paddling Combo Workshop – July 21, 22 & 23

Learn the basics with our ongoing 101 Wet courses, up the ante with a 4 hour advanced beginner lesson, or really dive in for two days of kayak boot camp! Our ACA Level 2 Course is designed for non-beginner paddlers who really want to invest in themselves and their safety.

[www.silvermoonkayak.com](http://www.silvermoonkayak.com) • [susan@silvermoonkayak.com](mailto:susan@silvermoonkayak.com) • 406-752-3794

### Sealegs Kayaking Adventures

**Courses:** Paddle Canada Sea kayaking Level 1, weekly clinics, custom lessons

**Location:** Eco-adventure Centre at Transfer Beach, Ladysmith, BC

**Cost:** from \$69 – \$249

**When:** Level 1 courses in April, May and June

From private lessons, weekly wet exit and basic strokes clinics to Paddle Canada's Sea Kayaking Level 1 program, Sealegs' professional sea kayak guides have a program for you. Lessons take place in the calm, quiet waters of Ladysmith Harbour, an ideal learning venue for novice kayakers.

[www.SealegsKayaking.com](http://www.SealegsKayaking.com) • [info@SealegsKayaking.com](mailto:info@SealegsKayaking.com)

1-877-KAYAK BC (529-2522)



photo: Silver Moon

### Sunshine Kayaking

**Courses:** Kayaking 101 – Introduction to Sea Kayaking; Kayaking 102 – Rescues, Bracing and Advanced Paddling Strokes

**Location:** Gibsons Landing, BC

**Cost:** \$65 / lesson

**When:** Daily. Reservations required (call or visit our website)

Discover the pleasures of paddling in a beautiful and unique setting. Located in Gibsons Landing, where Howe Sound meets the Salish Sea, only a 40 minute ferry ride from Horseshoe Bay to the gateway of the Sunshine Coast. We have been introducing paddlers to true ocean kayaking since 1991.

[www.sunshinekayaking.com](http://www.sunshinekayaking.com) • [info@sunshinekayaking.com](mailto:info@sunshinekayaking.com) • 604-886-9760

### Western Canoeing and Kayaking

**Courses:** Canoeing, Touring Kayaking, Whitewater Kayaking

**Location:** various locations in the Lower Mainland, BC

**Cost:** \$60 to \$200, depending on the course

**When:** April to October

Lessons will increase your safety level and the amount of enjoyment you get from your boat. Call us today to see how lessons can make you a safer, better paddler.

[www.westerncanoe kayak.com](http://www.westerncanoe kayak.com) • [westerncanoe@telus.net](mailto:westerncanoe@telus.net)  
604-853-9320

### White Squall Paddling Centre

**Courses:** Basic Kayaking & Canoeing, Kayak Rescue, Rolling, Paddle Canada Level 1 to 3 Skill and Instructor, Kids Kayaking & Kayak Camps for Teens.

**Location:** Paddling Centre, Cole Lake, (near Parry Sound, Ontario)

**Cost:** \$47 – \$60 (day courses) and \$168 to \$895 (multi-day Paddle Canada courses)

**When:** May to October (May 3-4, Georgian Bay Kayak & Canoe Festival)

We have been leaders in sea kayak instruction for the past 23 years. Many of our staff are Paddle Canada certified instructors as well as trained and qualified guides. More than that, we simply love paddling through the 30,000 islands of Georgian Bay, and hope to share that with you.

[www.whitesquall.com](http://www.whitesquall.com) • [info@whitesquall.com](mailto:info@whitesquall.com) • 705-342-5324



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### Tofino Sea Kayaking

**Courses:** Clinics, Beginning Basics, Coastal Touring in the Wild, Surf & Currents, and Leadership Courses

**Location:** Tofino, BC

**Cost:** \$60.00 – \$1300.00 depending on the course and its length

**When:** Clinics are scheduled on a demand basis, the rest are prescheduled and found on our website.

From protected waters to ocean swell and surf, Clayoquot Sound offers ideal locations for all levels of skill development. Our sea kayaking courses are designed for those interested in learning sea kayaking basics, paddling surf and currents or potential guides. Certificates of completion are given at the end of each course.

[www.tofino-kayaking.com](http://www.tofino-kayaking.com) • [paddlers@island.net](mailto:paddlers@island.net) • 250-725-4222

### Wilderness Kayaking Co.

**Courses:** Youth Programs – Kayak Kids (summer day camp for youth to learn the basics); Youth Tour 'N' Learn (3 day overnight kayak trip where youth learn all the sea kayaking basics on a Gulf Island kayaking adventure). Introductory Programs – Try It Sea Kayaking (a 2 hour ocean session); Wet Exits & Basic Rescues, Introductory Sea Kayaking (includes pool/theory and an ocean session, Kayak Rolling, Kayak Rescues, Basic Kayak Navigation)

**Location:** Maple Bay, BC

**Cost:** depending on course

[www.wilderness-kayaking.com](http://www.wilderness-kayaking.com) • [info@wilderness-kayaking.com](mailto:info@wilderness-kayaking.com) • 250-746-0151

### West Coast Expeditions

**Courses:** Novice or Intermediate Instructional Weeks from our remote base camp

**Location:** Spring Island, Kyuquot, BC

**Cost:** \$2499 + GST (7 days) includes all transportation (from Gold River), base camp and hotel accommodation, meals, kayaking equipment, instructors

**When:** customized by request for groups of 4 or more

Your customized learning vacation is designed to build paddling confidence and competence. Skills are introduced on-land (retreating to our kitchen shelter in nasty weather) or in sheltered water (with propane shower close at hand!). Daily explorations apply skills to conditions and decision-making that build practical experience in a world-class setting.

[www.westcoastexpeditions.com](http://www.westcoastexpeditions.com) • [westcoastexpeditions@shaw.ca](mailto:westcoastexpeditions@shaw.ca)  
1-800-665-3040



photo: West Coast Expeditions

## Symposia and Paddlefests

(see also Events, page 52)

### Alder Creek Spring Paddle Festival @ Vancouver Lake

April 26 – 27, 9 am – 4 pm

Clinics, vendors, and paddlesport fun! Try before you buy! Free introduction clinics and rescue demonstrations will be offered throughout the event.

[www.aldercreek.com](http://www.aldercreek.com) • 503-285-0464 • [info@aldercreek.com](mailto:info@aldercreek.com)

### MEC Victoria Paddlefest

June 15, 10 am – 4 pm

Gyro Park, Cadboro Bay, Victoria, Vancouver Island, BC

Cost - Free

A full range of on-water as well as land-based workshops will be available from top instructors. Join Mountain Equipment Co-op as we welcome Vancouver Island to the MEC Victoria Paddle Fest. Walk the beach at beautiful Cadboro Bay and check out (or even demo) a wide variety of kayaks, canoes and paddling equipment. Exhibitors include many paddlesports equipment manufacturers, retailers, outfitting companies and tour operators.

[www.mec.ca](http://www.mec.ca) • [victoriapaddlefest@mec.ca](mailto:victoriapaddlefest@mec.ca) • 250-386-2667

### 1st Annual Northeast Canoe & Kayak Symposium (TAPS)

September 5 – 7

Spruce Run State Recreational Area, Clinton, NJ

3 days of on water demos and instruction, speakers and presentations as well as a full retail area. Friday Night sponsored by Adventure Kayak Magazine will feature the Reel Paddling Film Festival and Saturday Night sponsored by Canoe & Kayak Magazine will feature Jon Bowermaster and his Antarctic Expedition.

Register on line at [www.necanoeandkayak.org](http://www.necanoeandkayak.org) (after April 15)

Contact Ray Fusco at [ray@gopaddle.org](mailto:ray@gopaddle.org)

### Vancouver Island Paddlefest

May 10 – 11

Transfer Beach, Ladysmith, Vancouver Island, BC

Cost - \$20 per session

Various 1-hr clinics covering wet exits, rolling, strokes, towing, bracing, etc. Weekend long celebration of watersports for novice to experienced paddlers. Includes tradeshow, sea trials of hundreds of boats, water based and land based workshops and demonstrations. Tradeshow and land based workshops are FREE. Nominal fee of \$20 for each water workshop and for unlimited sea trial pass. Registration day of event.

[www.paddlefest.bc.ca](http://www.paddlefest.bc.ca) • [info@paddlefest.bc.ca](mailto:info@paddlefest.bc.ca) • 250-245-4096

### 25th Anniversary West Coast Sea Kayak Symposium (TAPS)

September 19 – 21

Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend, WA

Three days of on water demos and instruction, speakers and presentations as well as a full retail area. Friday Night sponsored by Adventure Kayak Magazine will feature the Reel Paddling Film Festival and Saturday Night sponsored by Canoe & Kayak Magazine will feature Jon Bowermaster and his Antarctic Expedition.

Register online at [www.wcsks.org](http://www.wcsks.org) (after April 15)

Contact Nikki Rekman at [nikki@gopaddle.org](mailto:nikki@gopaddle.org) or 1-800-755-5228



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## MEC PADDLEFEST

June 15,

10am-4pm

Gyro Park, Cadboro Bay  
Victoria, BC

Join Mountain Equipment Co-op as we welcome Vancouver Island to the MEC Victoria Paddle Fest. Walk the beach at beautiful Cadboro Bay and check out (or even demo) a wide variety of kayaks, canoes, and paddling equipment. Exhibitors include many paddlesports equipment manufacturers, Island retailers, outfitting companies, and tour operators.

For more details, visit  
[mec.ca/victoria](http://mec.ca/victoria)

