# Hoosier Canoe and Kayak: Getting started in Sea Kayaking

**Sea Kayaking requires an appropriate kayak, specific gear, training and progressive experience.**

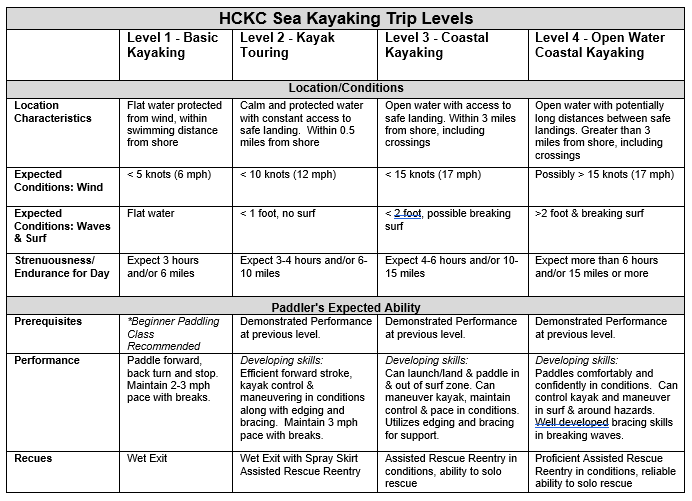
**Kayak Requirements**

* Sea Kayaks are longer and narrower for better tracking, managing wind & waves and speed
* Length at least 14’, preferably 15”+
* Skeg or rudder for wind and weathercocking
* Airtight hatches Fore and Aft
* Perimeter deck lines (not bungee cord)

**Safety Gear**

* Spray Skirt
* Paddle float
* Pump
* Clothing for conditions (Cold water exposure)

**Review Types of Water, Conditions, Distance and Expected Paddler Ability for SK trip**



**Get to Know HCKC Experienced SK Paddlers**

* How did they learn?
* What gear/boat/paddles work the best?
* Experiences they learned from

**Online Resources**

* HCKC Web site SK Page
* HCKC Website Forum
* Facebook HCKC Page
* Endless information in Paddler.com, You Tube and other searches

**Take Advantage of HCKC Training Opportunities**

* Beginner & Intermediate Kayak Classes
* Open Water Rescue
* Open Water Rescue
* Pool Practice
* Tuesday Night Training Paddles at Eagle Creek

**You cant learn it all at once so……..Participate and Practice, Practice, Practice**