

# Open Water Coastal Kayak Trip Leader / Instructor Equipment List

Here is a list of equipment that should be carried by a trip leader or instructor when leading a group on open water such as San Francisco Bay or the Open Coast

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| <p><b><u>Life Jacket (USCG Approved Type 3 or 5)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VHF Radio</li> <li>• Whistle</li> <li>• Knife</li> <li>• Compass (hand-held)</li> <li>• Flashlight/Headlamp/Light Stick</li> <li>• Strobe</li> <li>• 1 x Orange Smoke Flare</li> <li>• Personal Locator Beacon</li> <li>• Hydration Bladder</li> <li>• Energy Gels</li> <li>• Short Tow System</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Day Hatch</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunch (including group snack)</li> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Minor boat repair (bituthene/butyl adhesive tape)</li> <li>• Storm Cag</li> <li>• First Aid Kit</li> <li>• Additional Flares (Rocket and Smoke)</li> <li>• Neoprene Gloves</li> <li>• Balaclava/Skull Cap</li> </ul> | <p><b><u>Main Hatches</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group Shelter</li> <li>• Survival Blanket</li> <li>• Extra Water</li> <li>• Dry Thermal Wear</li> <li>• Comprehensive Repair Kit</li> <li>• Float Bags</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Boat</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spares Paddles</li> <li>• Pump</li> <li>• Paddlefloat</li> <li>• Chart/Map</li> <li>• Float Notes</li> <li>• Deck Compass</li> <li>• Long Tow System (waist or deck mounted)</li> <li>• Short Tow System</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Body</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spray Skirt</li> <li>• Helmet</li> <li>• Splash Jacket</li> <li>• Wetsuit or Dry Suit</li> <li>• Thermal Layers</li> <li>• Booties (suitable for swimming and climbing on rocks)</li> </ul> |
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Items in **RED** should be considered mandatory R&O Instructors and for the ACA Instructor Development Workshop / Instructor Certification Exam