



New ACA Website – Enhanced Resources & Functions

Once you see the above picture as the website header, you'll know you're on the new and improved ACA Website.

- Easier Navigation (*it's all left nav!*)
- Enhanced search capabilities for Instructors, Paddling Clubs & WaterTrails
- Online Forms for Instructors
- Enhanced eStore
- Post a Course Online on the Event Calendar page
- What's New? section and Social Networking links

Login & Instructor Visibility

1. Login to the website (username is last name followed by first initial – if you need a password, then click “forgot password” and you will get an email to reset your password and login)
2. When you are logged in to your profile – click the “Manage Profile” link on the right
3. Click “Edit Bio”
4. Now you can make as much information visible as you like by clicking the check boxes on the left of your information. Whatever fields you check will become visible on your profile.

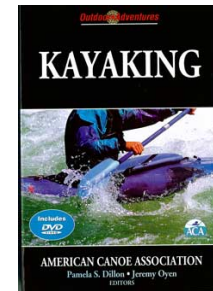
Something else to check is to make sure your “Groups” are correct. When the data merged into the new system, some instructor groups did not directly get activated. Instructor, IT & ITE Groups are based on your certifications – if something is awry, send an email to sei@americancanoe.org with the details and the SEI Department will correct the situation.

If you need assistance, please contact any ACA Staff member!

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ACA Kayaking book now available on your PC, Mac or iPad!

The ACA has gone digital! The popular book, *Kayaking* now has an iPad version through our partnership with Human Kinetics. In addition, the ACA receives a royalty on every one purchased.

[Learn more...](#)



National Safe Boating Week – May 21-27, 2011

Join with the ACA and paddlers from across the country next week to promote awareness of safe boating practices.

If you have an event planned (not just a class, but an open to the public event) please submit a [Post an Event](#) form and the ACA will promote it through the website, FaceBook and Twitter pages.

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Save the Date!

National Paddlesport Conference – ACA Membership Meeting

Completely revised conference website:

[National Paddlesports Conference](#)

National Paddlesports Conference

- Date: September 30 - October 2, 2011
- Location: Louisville, KY
- Facility: The historic riverfront Galt House Hotel
- Registration: Online registration available in June

Additional Highlights

- Exciting events for paddlers of all experience levels
- Family Opportunities
- High Quality Educational Sessions
- Instructor Updates
- Reel Paddling Film Festival
- SUP Summit
- Flatwater & Whitewater paddling opportunities literally from the hotel parking lot!
- and much more...

Join fellow paddlers from across the country in Louisville this fall!

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SUP Summit

In conjunction with the 2011 ACA National Paddlesports Conference, the ACA will be hosting a Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP) Summit. The purpose of this summit is to bring together all aspects of the discipline (flatwater, coastal, surf and river users) along with the manufacturers, retailers, liveries, competitors, and instructors.

The [SUP Summit](#) will focus on education and instruction. There will be discussions on:

- Best Practices
- Course Curriculum Development
- Tips & Techniques
- Expansion of the sport

In addition, the [SUP Summit](#) will offer:

- ACA Instructor Certification Courses
- Instructor Trainer Crossover Course
- Beginner clinics
- Flatwater & whitewater SUP trips
- Race (*3 classes: expert, intermediate, fun SUP*)
- Keynote Presentation - TBA
- Multiple educational sessions
- Film Festival
- Ability to joint register for the National Paddlesports Conference
- Tentative Schedule (*will be posted shortly*)

Mark your calendars for September 30 - October 2 and join the SUP Summit in Louisville, KY.

(Yes, Louisville! Literally from the conference facility parking area you can paddle on flatwater and then there are class I-III rapids approximately half a mile downstream)

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2011 EXCURSIONS

Only a few places remain, sign up today.

In cooperation with the host organization, you will be able to paddle with representatives from the ACA National Office, creating a better connection with those working daily on your behalf. In addition, a percentage of each registration fee goes directly to support the on-going efforts of the ACA on behalf of all paddlers to fulfill our mission of Education, Stewardship, Recreation & Competition. [Read more...](#)

- **Sea Kayaking - Bahamas** Paddle the beautiful Southern Exuma Cays, the most beautiful place on earth, on our kayak adventure! Seven mile paddle days between secluded beaches await adventurers and relaxers alike. Snorkeling, shelling, fishing, and bird watching are just some of the daily activities that await you on the adventure you'll remember forever.

This excursion is a guided island to island sea kayaking adventure in the Exuma Cays. First and last nights' lodging, dinner the night before and all meals and beverages while camping are included, as well as boats, camping and snorkeling gear, round trip airport transfers and internal transportation, and services of O.I.E staff.

Dates: June 11-18, 2011

Cost: \$1,395.00 per person

Registration: Contact Out Island Explorers (goexuma@outislandexplorers.com / 256-365-5686)



- **Wilderness Canoeing - Grand Ronde, Oregon & Washington**

One of Slickrock Expeditions favorite western canoe trips, this is a 100-mile excursion down the fast-flowing Wallowa-Grande Ronde River as it winds through the remote Blue Mountains of Oregon and Washington. *Western Whitewater* describes the Grande Ronde as "one of the most scenic river trips in the Pacific Northwest." And *Oregon River Tours* says, "There are few river trips in Oregon that can surpass the Grande Ronde as a wilderness experience." The Wallowa-Grande Ronde flows north out of Oregon's Elkhorn and Wallowa Mountains ("the Oregon Alps"), in the northeastern corner of the state, enters Washington, then curves east and joins the Snake River, at Heller's Bar, on the Idaho border. The Grande Ronde's water is clear and fast, with a whitewater rating of Class II-II+. While paddling and camping through beautiful western canyons up to 3000' deep, we'll see the landscape various dramatically from lush green forests to treeless rimrock. On past trips we have seen deer, elk, bear, bighorn sheep, moose, coyotes, river otters, and eagles. We'll canoe the river for 5 days, coming out at Heller's Bar, then settle in for a comfortable night and breakfast at the Reflections Inn B&B, along the Clearwater River, in Idaho. As a "paddling extra," on the last day we'll canoe a beautiful Class II stretch of the South Fork of the Clearwater, then drive to Boise along the scenic Salmon and Payette Rivers. Trip starts and ends in Boise. Cost includes transportation from Boise, boats and all paddling gear, all camping equipment, food, shuttling, and the final night and breakfast at the Reflections Inn. Sign up and bring your clothing; everything else will be ready to go when you arrive!

Dates: July 3-10, 2011

Cost: \$1,675.00 per person

Registration: Contact Slickrock Expeditions (Slickrock@dnet.net / 828-293-3999)



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Instructor Audit Approaching

Ever fall, the SEI Department conducts an audit of all Instructors, Trainers and Educators whose certifications expire at the end of the calendar year.

In order to fulfill Instructor, Instructor Trainer (IT) or Instructor Trainer Educator (ITE) maintenance requirements, it is necessary to complete a few simple steps. One of which is to report a minimum number of courses.

*However, the SEI Department encourages Instructors to report all courses using either the regular Skills Course Report Form or the **new** EZ Skills Online Course Report Form.*

Having an accurate assessment of the ACA's safety, education and instruction outreach is a vital component in advancing the mission of the association.

Instructor Maintenance Requirements:

- Maintain annual ACA membership and SEIC registration
- Instructors must teach and properly report a minimum of two classes every four years. At least one class should be at the highest level of certification.
- Successfully complete an Instructor Update during the certification period.

A complete list of requirements for Instructors and Instructor Trainers can be found in the [SEIC Policy Manual](#) on the new website.

Paddle Safe & Paddle Often!



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