



Welcome to the SEIC Newsletter! We have created this monthly newsletter to supply updates, information, and important news to increase communication and connectivity between the ACA Safety Education and Instruction Council, Discipline Committees, the ACA Staff, and certified instructors and trainers.



For a limited time only, our friends at Level Six are offering major savings for ACA Instructors and Trainers only! To set up an account and receive the discount, follow the steps outlined on [Level Six's web page](#). *You must upload a copy of your current instructor certification when setting up your account. *Obtain a copy of your certification from your CMS account.*

[Apply for a Pro Account](#)



Regularly \$99 per year, we are proud to offer FREE premium savvy navy accounts for ACA Instructors!

savvy navy was created by former Google software engineer and avid sailor Jelte Liebrand who wanted to enable more boaters to confidently and safely enjoy their time out on the water.

savvy navy is really as simple as 'Google Maps for boats.' Supporting both new and experienced boaters on the water, savvy navy supports not only power boats, but also kayakers and paddleboarders. Using official NOAA hydrographic data, the app shows essential marine information with a clean and easy-to-view interface for safety and ease of use, enabling better and quicker navigation. Some of its features include:

- Weather forecasts
- Automatic route planning
- Boat ramp information, ideal for anyone looking to launch
- Departure scheduler which enables boaters at a glance to see the best time to depart based on their route, wind, and tidal conditions
- Ability to record GPS tracks
- Satellite overlay
- Cloud and wind overlay
- Wind gusts

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To grow our community of paddlers, the Regional Activity Council (RAC) is hosting a competition for instructors in all ACA disciplines who are teaching Level 1 and Level 2 courses. The goal of this initiative is to encourage our instructors to safely welcome new and prospective paddlers to the community by teaching a few more Level 1 & 2 courses this season. This is a chance for instructors to engage with their local paddling community, find or create a source of new course students, and earn some prizes along the way!

Every Level 1 or 2 course taught between December 1, 2022 – October 1, 2022, is eligible as a contest entry. **Enter the contest by submitting courses to the ACA Course Management System (CMS) by 11:59pm EST on October 1, 2023.**

[See the Contest Leaderboard](#)

2023 National Awards

Each year, the ACA presents a series of prestigious national awards to individuals and organizations who have illustrated exemplary leadership, service, and dedication to various aspects of paddlesports. **Deadline to submit a nomination is November 20th.**

- Excellence in Instruction (Instructor of the Year)
- Sanctioned Event of the Year
- Joe Pina Volunteer of the Year
- J. Henry Rushton for Organizational Excellence
- Green Paddle for Waterway Conservation
- Havens Leadership Award
- Legends of Paddling

[Submit a Nomination](#)

A promotional graphic for the ACA Swiftwater Rescue Conference. It features a photograph of two people in full whitewater rescue gear, including helmets and life jackets, kneeling on a riverbank and examining something in their hands. A large, stylized yellow number '8' is overlaid on the image. To the left of the image, there is text providing registration information.

**REGISTER TODAY FOR THE ACA
SWIFTWATER RESCUE
CONFERENCE!**

**Summit Bechtel Reserve, Glen
Jean, West Virginia**

**\$425 for ACA members
\$465 for non-ACA members**

- Learn
- Practice
- Network

LAST CALL TO REGISTER! Deadline is September 15th.

This year's Swiftwater Rescue Conference will be held in wild and wonderful Glen Jean, West Virginia! From September 29th to October 1st.

Registration includes all meals and transportation to all river event sites. Discounts available for one more week!

[Learn More & Register](#)

ACA Instructors & Instructor Trainers

Gear Now Available!

- 1 Choose your favorite item
- 2 Select a logo
- 3 Check out!



The ACA has launched a brand new store! Proceeds from sales will benefit various ACA programs and teams when you purchase items with the corresponding logo. For example, you can support ACA's LEAD program, USA Canoe/Kayak Team, etc. We have included logos for ACA Instructors and Instructor Trainers too!

[Check It Out!](#)



SEIC DISCIPLINE COMMITTEES
NOMINATIONS OPEN IN OCTOBER

Friendly Reminder! In October, currently certified ACA Instructors, Instructor Trainers, or Instructor Trainer Educators will be invited to nominate themselves to serve on one or multiple committees as outlined above. **Nominees must be currently certified within the discipline(s) for which they nominate themselves.* For more information, check out the details in [July's SEIC Newsletter](#).



Instructor & Instructor Trainer Resources

We've developed new resources and tools for ACA Instructors and Trainers!

- [Instructor & Trainer Resources YouTube Playlist](#)
 - [Course Management System \(CMS\) Log In & Tools](#)
 - [Free Online Paddling Safety Course for Students](#)
 - [About the ACA Presentation](#)
 - [ACA Presentation Template \(PPT\)](#)
 - [ACA Outreach Flyer](#)
 - [Contact Your SEIC Board & Discipline Committee](#)
 - [SEIC Newsletter Archives](#)
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Note for Instructor Trainer Candidates and others who have submitted special SEIC Waiver Requests: Just like you, the SEIC Standards Committee is busy with on water events and coursework; they also have a multitude of IT applications, waiver requests, and other projects on their plate that require valuable time and energy. For these reasons, please note that submitted IT applications and waiver requests may take between 6-8 weeks for processing. Thanks for your patience!

Upcoming SEIC Meeting Dates: Find more details within the "SEIC Meetings" tab within the CMS left side menu!

- Tuesday, September 26th from 7PM – 9PM Eastern
 - Saturday, December 2nd from 10AM – 4PM Eastern
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