



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.



The ACA has recently introduced an international Raft Guide Certification and is proud to offer a new opportunity in a fun and exciting weekend full of workshops and clinics! This event provides top notch professional development for raft guides and instructors! Hosted on the world class whitewater of the beautiful New River National Park, this event is the first of its kind!

The Rafting Rendezvous costs \$295 and includes 3 hearty meals per day, 3 nights of camping on-site, transportation to and from event sites, and all the necessary boats and gear! What a deal!

[Learn more and sign up today!](#)



Couldn't get enough of the surfing and kayaking Olympic coverage?! Do you love the ocean and want a new way to experience it? We have an exciting opportunity for you! An enthusiastic group of ACA Instructors and Instructor Trainers are bringing back the energy, excitement, and fun of surf kayaking – and you are invited!

The ACA SEIC and Board of Directors recently approved revisions to the ACA Surf Kayaking curriculum, aimed at making the discipline more accessible at entry levels. [Check it out!](#)

To learn more about these curriculum revisions, and to pursue surf kayak instructor or IT status, check out a [special event being hosted in Eugene, Oregon on September 13-15](#). Camping, transportation, and equipment included!

Don't miss this chance to learn and have lots of fun along the less-traveled Southern Oregon coast!



The ACA Universal Paddling Program started in 1990 – same year as the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). The program began with the Adaptive Paddling Workshop (APW) curriculum. The APW has been quite successful, featuring hands-on practice for modifying equipment for those with mobility impairments. Throughout the years, some items were identified as missing from the APW program: a toolbox to maximize participant ability and inclusion for paddlers with vision impairments / blindness, hearing impairments / deafness and communication differences. In 2018, the ACA Advanced Communications Workshop (ACW) program was developed!

In the words of ACA Instructor and Advanced Communications course participant, [Robert Nissenbaum](#):

“This workshop was invaluable. Immediately after getting on the water with both club outings and as an instructor, I was more aware of how I was communicating – what I was saying, and how else I could get the information across.

- I was more cognizant of where paddlers were and how I could communicate with them when needed.
- I was paying more attention to body language and behavior of others to pick up on potential communications issues that weren't disclosed.
- I was also acutely aware of my own behavior on the water and how it impacted others and their ability to communicate with me.

Beyond the understanding and the tools that will make me a better trip lead and instructor, the Advanced Communications Workshop has made me a better paddler.”

Want the full scoop? The ACA Universal Paddling Committee has got your back! [Learn more on our website](#), including a special [ACW event](#) coming up next month on September 21-22!



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Remember To Review Your Certification Expiration Date & Renewal Requirements!

By the end of your 4-year certification period, the following minimum maintenance requirements must be met for your certification to be renewed for an additional 4 years:

- 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 must be at their highest level of certification.
- Successfully complete an Instructor Update during the certification period.

Instructor Updates can be accomplished by one of the following methods:

- Participate in an actual Instructor Update course at your highest certification level.
- Assist with an IDW or ICE at the highest level of certification (with the pre-approval of the facilitating IT) and complete a review of ACA Policies & Procedures with the IT.
- Co-teach a skills course at your highest level of certification under the supervision of an IT in that discipline and complete a review of ACA Policies & Procedures with the IT.

If you need assistance with reporting courses that you have taught, please consider reading the user manual and update bulletins located in the “Help and Training” tab within the CMS. To access the CMS, use your regular ACA username and password to [log in](#).

Cool tip: When you log into your CMS account, you'll see a link directly to the right side of your certification. Click that link, and it will take you to a page called "Progress Towards Certification Renewal." That page outlines all the certification renewal requirements, which ones you have met, and which ones you may have not yet met.

We've got 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](#)
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