



## BCU 4 Star Open Canoe Training Course

With Steve Banks

### Overview:

This course comprises the training element of the BCU 4 Star Open Canoe Leader award. There are significant alterations to this qualification; not least that it is now a leadership award in its own right. Holders of the new 4 Star certificate will now be qualified to lead groups of up to 4 competent others on moderate inland waters (i.e. rivers up to grade 2, exposed open water with wind up to force 4) – this is a big difference to the previous version in which the requirement was to be competent to be in such a led group. It is also hoped that this award will act as a much more effective progression to the 5 star qualification. Please note that this is not a coaching award and is not deemed suitable by the BCU for introducing beginners to the sport.

### Content:

The 2 day course will cover the following elements:

Personal paddling

Leadership and group organisation

Boat set up and appropriate equipment

Safety and rescue

Environmental issues

For a comprehensive syllabus please visit the BCU website.

### Venue:

Practical sessions will normally be run at local Cumbrian venues though occasionally we may travel slightly further afield.

### Times:

9am until approximately 5pm

### Cost and Dates:

As advertised

### Prerequisites:

BCU 3 Star Open Canoe.

Confident and competent to work and train in moderate inland waters up to grade 2



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### **Equipment:**

Please bring any canoeing equipment you have, including your own boat. If you have any kit problems please contact Steve for advice.

This course will be conducted in Steve's usual, highly practical, holistic, student centred manner so please come prepared to be challenged to think and question.

**Due to high staff/client ratios and the disruptive effect of late withdrawals, any course cancelled within 30 days of the start will incur loss of all fees. If you have any concerns regarding your ability to participate in a course on which you have enrolled you are strongly advised to take out appropriate insurance. Steve Banks Outdoors is not in a position to indemnify clients against any illness, injury or other misfortune which may affect attendance. If a course has to be cancelled by Steve a full refund will be given.**



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