



BCU Moderate Water Endorsement Training

With Steve Banks

The Moderate Water Endorsement is a new BCU award that permits the holder to coach in their chosen discipline(s) in exactly the same environment as someone qualified under the old BCU Level 3 Coach or Senior Instructor awards or the New BCU UKCC Level 3 Coach Award.

This 2 day* boat specific training course was designed by the BCU in response to Outdoor Industry requests for a less involved and complex process than the UKCC pathway. It is likely to be a very popular award for those who wish to extend their leadership remit to be able to coach in a moderate water environment, though who have no desire at present to work through the Level 3 course or beyond.

*See notes overleaf regarding minimum training requirements.

Cost and Dates: As advertised

Prerequisites:

- Register centrally with the BCU using form CR. There is a £17.50 fee.
- New 4 Star Leader Award in your specific discipline.
- Minimum 8 hour First Aid certificate including CPR.
- BCU UKCC Level 2 Coach Award **OR** apply to the BCU for Accredited Prior Learning (APL) demonstrating at least the same level of experience and expertise.
- Be a minimum of 18 years of age.

NB Please ensure that you have all the prerequisites and central registration in place well before your course – **it is your responsibility alone**. The BCU may refuse to honour your award if you fail to do so. Check the full course details on the BCU website.



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Training: This will be 2, highly practical, 9-5 days run in Steve's benchmark, learner centred manner on either Grade 2 moving water for inland disciplines or in moderate sea conditions for sea kayak. Your present coaching will be assessed in order to provide a basis on which to build throughout the course. Day 1 will provide you with lots of coaching examples and practises whilst day 2 will act as a practise assessment with real clients brought in for you to work with. Steve will provide you with all the support and guidance you need on both days and will hold a comprehensive debrief with you at the end of your course. Training will be valid for 3 years.

* The BCU do permit a single day of training followed immediately by a single assessment day. Steve's experience of this format has led him to only offer 2 days of training and no option for immediate assessment. The courses run thus far have shown that the majority of individuals are not at the stage where they can be successful on assessment immediately after training.

If you are a very experienced coach and paddler and do wish to pursue the consecutive days option, please call Steve for a discussion and to organise bespoke provision.

If in any doubt you should not risk training and assessment on consecutive days.

Venues: Cumbrian venues are highly likely to be used for all disciplines. Bespoke courses are available on demand anywhere.

Equipment: You will need to attend with all your equipment and boat so that you can coach and lead in moderate water conditions. Clients' equipment will be provided.

If you are interested in this new qualification please call Steve to discuss your needs and present coaching experience. He will be delighted to hear from you and will do his best to help.

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 a full refund will be given.

