

The Scottish Sea Kayak Symposium Group



Eleventh

The Gaelic College – Sabhal Mòr Ostaig

Sleat, Isle of Skye

(Slèite, An t-Eilean Sgitheanach)

25th to 28th May 2018

Information & Application Form

(MAIN EVENT ONLY)

Venue

Based at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, the Gaelic College on the Sleat peninsula. With views to Ardnamurchan and Knoydart, this must surely be the most spectacular place to hold any sea kayaking event. Skye is simply a must visit destination for any sea kayaker, with over six hundred kilometres of coastline, plenty of inlets and as much wildlife as you could ever hope to see.

Programme

Starting with registration on the Friday evening and following the format of our previous symposia, the 2018 event will offer a variety of interesting activities to choose from at any one time.

- Practical sessions and skills clinics, will feature all levels of kayak handling skills, rescues, towing, rolling, navigation, and others.
- Lectures and talks, will be varied.
- Guided paddle trips. At levels to suit the participants, will be led by experienced coaches backed up by paddlers with local knowledge.
- Saturday night Ceilidh. This traditional Scottish gathering follows the keynote lecture. It has established itself as one of the highlights of the weekend with singing, dancing and the company joining in. If you play an instrument please bring it along. Or, if you prefer, you can enjoy a drink at the symposium bar.

Accommodation

A variety of accommodation options are available to suit most needs.

The College can accommodate up to eighty people, in single or twin-bedded rooms with en-suite facilities. There are only a small number of twin rooms available. **Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.** This should be booked directly with the College (Contact Kirsty McGonagall T: 01471 888675; E: km.smo@uhi.ac.uk). Please do not book until you have had a place confirmed.

Limited **BASIC CAMPING** and caravan or motor caravan parking, is available in the college grounds with access to basic toilet facilities. Those wishing this option should be booked with the Symposium. Please do **NOT** wild camp in the area.

For those wishing a greater degree of independence, Skye being a holiday island has a number of hotels, guesthouses, hostels and cottages to let. For further information please visit www.visitsleat.org or www.isleofskye.com.

Before arranging accommodation (from that offered through the Symposium) or booking travel, please ensure that you have received confirmation of your Symposium place. Because we have full time jobs, confirmation may take a little time, so please bear with us.

Meals

For those that wish, meals will be available at the College. These will be on a cash or card payment basis paid directly to the College. Further detail will be sent out to those who have secured a Symposium place.

Trade

It is anticipated that the major UK sea kayak manufacturers and importers will be represented with demonstration craft available for personal evaluation together with a selection of specialist clothing and equipment for purchase.

Equipment

All participants are expected to bring their own kayaks and equipment. For those travelling from outwith the United Kingdom please contact the kayakhire@seasymposium.org on equipment rental options.

Cost

The Symposium is non-profit making and we believe the fee represents excellent value considering the comprehensive programme and the quality of the contributors, drawn from a wide spectrum of paddling and associated activities.

Booking

One copy of the appropriate application form/forms must be completed for each individual applicant. Any form made out for more than one applicant WILL be rejected. However please feel free to copy the form as required.

Places are limited; they will be allocated in the order of receipt of application forms and only accepted if accompanied by the appropriate fee.

We look forward to welcoming you to Sleaford and our Symposium, which promises to be the best yet

BOOKING FORM

Please use one form for EACH person applying. Feel free to copy the form as required. All applicants should complete sections A to E.

Please complete using **BLOCK CAPITALS**

SECTION A: PERSONAL DETAILS¹

Name:

Address:

Post
Code:

Evening Telephone Number:

E - Mail Address:

SECTION B: MAIN SYMPOSIUM EVENT

Please indicate your attendance, accommodation and meal choices by placing a tick (✓) in the appropriate box and entering the cost of your selection in the right hand column.

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Totals
Symposium Fee		£80.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£80.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£80.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£
Accommodation (if required)	—	—	—		
Camping /caravan/campervan (per person)	£6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>		£
Total Cost of Selection				£	<hr/> <hr/>

SECTION C: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Tick the box if you require an application form for "Extended Activities" 29th – 31st May 2018

¹ All participants **MUST** be aged 18 years and over.

SECTION E: PARTICIPATION FORM

Surname:

First Name:

Person to be Contacted in an Emergency	
Name:	
Telephone Number:	

Health & Medical Conditions

Please give declare any medical conditions, allergies or significant disability or details of any medical treatment being received by you, of which the organisers should be aware. Applicants who have any doubts should consult a doctor. **If none, please write none.**

- All participants should be aware that involvement places them at risk of accident and potential injury, possibly serious or even fatal. Under normal circumstances, unless otherwise informed, it is assumed that clients having enrolled Scottish Sea Kayak Symposium are aware of and accept the inherent risk associated with sea kayaking.
- Coaches are responsible for the safety of their clients during periods of training or assessment. In order to manage the risk, all participants are requested to draw to the attention of the coach(es) if they are unhappy or feel the activity is beyond their ability. No Participant, irrespective of circumstance, is required to undertake any aspect of the Scottish Sea Kayak Symposium and may withdraw from activities at any time.
- Insurance Liability. Members of the Scottish Canoe Association, Canoe England, Canoe Association of Northern Ireland and Welsh Canoe Association are covered for third party liability while involved in this event through membership of their respective associations. The organisers will assume no liability whatsoever for the actions of non-members or the consequences of such actions. The Scottish Sea Kayak Symposium cannot take any other liability for yourself or your belongings. You are advised to arrange your own personal insurance if you feel you require this.
- Data Protection Act. Information, which you supply to us on this form, in connection with the Scottish Sea Kayak Symposium will be held on computer. Please be aware that we will not make your name and address available to other organisations. We may however, use this information to tell you about future events.

Declaration

In an emergency I agree to any medical treatment, including anaesthetic, as considered necessary by the medical authorities present.

I understand the nature and risks of the activities I will be participating in, and the need to act safely and responsibly at all times.

I am physically fit and able to take part in the Symposium. I understand that Organisers and staff of the Sea Kayak Symposium have the right to ask me to leave any workshop which they do not consider appropriate for my level of competence.

Signature		Date	
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