



Test card: Packraft and kayaking knowledge and skills

Name and Team Number:

- All of the knowledge and levels of practise required are based on the ‘Pagaies Couleurs’ booklet issued by the French Canoe-kayak Federation.
- The levels of the rivers navigated during the ARWS 2024 – Raid in France are of class I to III (international class) depending on the water level.
- The team must be able to navigate on rivers and lakes with wind or/and one meter height waves
- All teams should include at least two team members who possess the “Green Paddle level “ and two who possess the “Blue Paddle level”

The Green Paddle Level:

Knowledge:

- I can balance myself with my paddle
- I know the main dangers: trees, dams, low bridges
- I can reach the river bank having capsized by swimming facing downstream.

Skills:

- I can balance myself without help
- I can embark and disembark alone in improvised areas
- I know the effects of different currents and how tilt the kayak.
- I can go upstream in a smooth current and also cross it without going downstream
- I can use my paddle as a rudder; I can go downstream at a regular speed.

The Blue Paddle Level

Knowledge:

- I can assess the difficulty of a route
- I can locate the different useful stopping points
- When faced with an obstacle with the kayak facing across stream I can avoid ‘une cravate’ (when the kayak fills up with water and is trapped against the obstacle) by tilting the kayak downstream opposite the current
- In the event of a capsize, I can reach the river bank with all my equipment and I can ride up in the kayak in deep sea.
- I can participate in recuperating the equipment of someone who has capsized.

Skills:

- I can paddle inside a turn when I enter and leave a current
- I can do an emergency stop in an obstructed zone
- I can slow down and go back to the river bank by back paddling
- I can go upstream a small section of an obstructed zone of the river by using currents
- I can go downstream first at a regular speed.
- I can keep the trajectory during a surf with one meter height wave

Environmental knowledge and skills:

- I can judge the adapted zones for embarking and disembarking with respect for the environment
- I leave no trace of my passage (papers, rubbish.....)
- I respect others who are using the river or the lake as well as riverside residents.

Surname:		First name:		Diploma: (BE):	
Address:				Tel :	
I certify that those appearing in the list below have acquired the above test skills and knowledge.					
	Surname		First name:		<u>Level</u>
CAPTAIN					
MEMBER 1					
MEMBER 2					
MEMBER 3					
REPLACEMENT					
Place		Date		Signature	

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