

RIVER NAVIGATION COURSE

Kumsheen Raft Adventures is excited to offer our River Navigation courses. These courses are taught by professional, certified, and experienced whitewater rafting guide instructors and are condensed versions of our 12-day Commercial Raft Guide Training Course. The courses have been designed with a focus on anglers, fishing guides, and recreational river boaters, of all skills levels from beginner to expert, who may float rivers with pontoon boats, rafts, and drift boats, and who want to enhance their knowledge of river safety, river dynamics and skills to safely navigate rivers with finesse.

LOCATION

Course location is the [Kumsheen Rafting Resort](#), located 5 km east of Lytton, with on-river training on the Nicola River or Thompson Rivers. Camping at Nicomen Falls.

2017 DATES & TIMES

LEVEL 1: April 22/23, September 9/10

LEVEL 2 - May 27/28

Training starts at 8 a.m. in the classroom and ends after a river session at approximately 6 p.m.

PRICING

2-day course: \$419+ tax

- Prices include:
 - classroom and on-river instruction, and transportation from resort to the river and back
 - safety gear (wetsuit, helmet, PFD)
 - lunch, both days
 - campsite (bring your own tent and other camping equipment; tent, sleeping bag and foam rentals available). RV's are welcome, electricity available for a small fee (\$7 per night). See [Kumsheen website](#) for pricing details.
 - River raft, upon request

Families are welcome. Kumsheen is a beautiful resort and facilities include swimming pool, giant hot tub, beach volleyball, 3-on-3 basketball courts, disc golf and a licensed restaurant.

TO BOOK: Call toll free 1-800-663-6667

Or for any additional course information contact rafting@kumsheen.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Kumsheen Raft Adventures has been training commercial raft guides for over 40 years.

INSTRUCTORS:

The lead instructors will be Darren Wagner and Braden Fandrich.

Darren has been rafting and kayaking since 1986, including 11 seasons as a raft guide (10 seasons with Kumsheen and one in New Zealand). He also taught the Guide Training Program for 5 years. Darren currently works as an Emergency Paramedic with BC Ambulance Service, and spends his spare time fly fishing and playing with his spey-rod.

Braden grew up on rivers, rafting and kayaking. Braden's guiding career began with passing his BC Government Raft Guide Exams in 1994 at the age of 14. He has been training raft guides for the last ten years and is a Certified Swiftwater Rescue Instructor and a Raft Guide Examiner for the BCROA.

WHY RAFTS INSTEAD OF PONTOONS?

The bulk of the teaching will be done using Kumsheen's 16' rafts. This allows the instructor the ability to give continuous instruction and feedback, and also allows the student to learn by observing others navigate.

***Students are encouraged to bring their own boat,** contact us if you are planning on bringing a raft.

NICOLA RIVER:

The Nicola River is ideal for teaching. It is a Class 2+ river with tons of river features yet in a low-stress environment, without the wood hazard of many other rivers.

THOMPSON RIVER:

The Thompson is the ideal choice for teaching pontoon technique in the Fall - warm water, big waves, sunny weather...Did we mention world-renowned salmon and steelhead runs?

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The 2-day course covers:

- safety gear and equipment
- river features and terminology
- river safety
- optional swimming of rapids
- throwbag drills
- river currents
- hazards
- fundamentals of maneuvering
- navigating
- elements to approaching rapids
- using river features to assist in maneuverings
- flip drills
- raft repairs
- swiftwater rescue
- running a river section in your own boat