

## British Canoeing Awarding Body Guide Module Outlines

Each module will be 8 hours in length, delivered via specific venues with well-established and experienced Guides offering best current practice within the environment of guiding.

British Canoeing Awarding Body Guide Scheme at present offers five modules:

- Camp Craft and Expedition Skills
- Environmental and Sustainability
- Leadership
- Customer Experience
- Trip Planning and Organisation

### NOTE:

- Modules are available to **anyone**.
- Guide modules will be recognised as CPD points
- Other modules will be added as the guide scheme develops.
- 3 of the 5 subject areas need to be completed or evidence produced to become an Endorsed Guide.

Outlines of all five modules are provided below:

## British Canoeing Awarding Body Guide Endorsement

**Module title:** Camp Craft and Expedition Skills

**Time:** 8 hours

### Background

This module is aimed at British Canoeing Awarding Body Leaders wanting to expand their knowledge and experience in guiding in their chosen environment.

### Course content:

- Leave no trace philosophy
- Single day trips and multi day expeditions
- Understanding the expedition's environment
- Expedition nutrition and hydration
- Packing, loading and paddling a loaded craft
- Essential camp craft including:
  - Equipment choice, stoves and fuel
  - Camp safety
  - Sanitation
  - Wildlife considerations – bears, bugs and beasts
  - Tents and tarps
  - Outdoor food hygiene

## British Canoeing Awarding Body Guide Endorsement

**Module title:** Environment and Sustainability

**Time:** 8 hours

### Background

Much of the enjoyment we derive from paddling is created by a thriving natural environment which we as guides have a responsibility to protect. As Guides we are ambassadors for the environment, ensuring our activities have minimal impact.

### Course content:

- Potential threats and impacts of the paddler to an inland and coastal environment
- Minimising threats and impacts
- Protection of species and sites as well as associated laws, designations and codes of conduct
- 'Top 5 facts' about species/habitats
- How to incorporate environmental content into trips and journeys
- Understanding the needs of other users
- Bank stability and water quality
- Riverbank erosion and disturbance of wildlife and habitats
- Spread of non-native species
- Practical measures for guides

## British Canoeing Awarding Body Guide Endorsement

**Module title:** Leadership

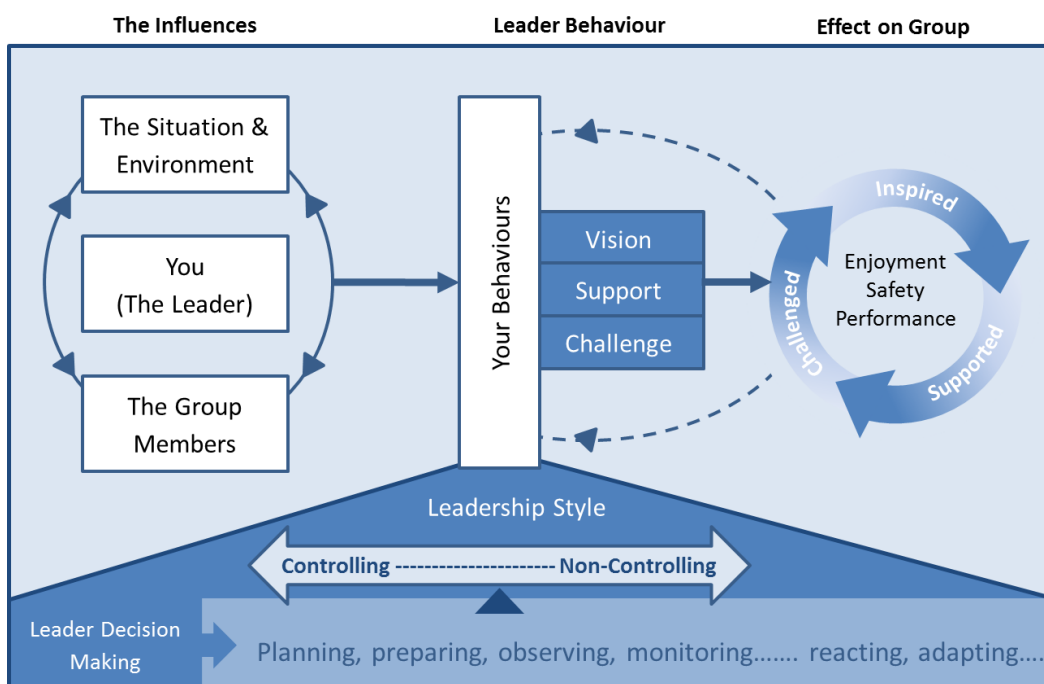
**Time:** 8 hours

### Background

This module is designed to follow on from the leadership principles explored within the British Canoeing Awarding Body Leadership Awards broadening the attendee's knowledge of leadership and to get them to consider their style, how it may impact on their groups and whether it is always the best strategy.

### Course content:

- Influences on leadership behaviors
- Your leadership behavior
- Leadership style
- Challenge v control
- Leader – decision making



## British Canoeing Awarding Body Guide Endorsement

**Module title:** Customer Experience

**Time:** 8 hours

### Background

This module is aimed at British Canoeing Awarding Body Leaders wanting to expand their knowledge and experience in customer experience and putting them at the forefront of trips and journeys.

### Course content:

- Client information required prior to trip/session
- Tools for paddler profiling, medical forms and questionnaires
- Assumed responsibilities and liabilities
- Matching client expectations to measurable outcomes for the day
- Involving the client in the decision making process
- Adding value to the experience
- Assessing client competence and match it to the given outcomes for the day
- Test pieces, progressive challenge by choice - deciding when to 'commit' the group
- Ability to deal with a range of incidents and accidents that might arise during the venture - methods of getting assistance, equipment failure, environment specific first aid scenarios.

## British Canoeing Awarding Body Guide Endorsement

**Module title:** Trip Planning and Organisation

**Time:** 8 hours

### Background

Decision making for trip planning and organisation starts potentially months ahead of getting on the water. There are many factors in play over the planning timeframe, some are intangible and cannot be changed like the hazards, whilst others, like the selection of the team of paddlers, are within a guide's control to change and influence.

### Course content:

- Pre-trip planning and research
- Expected weather conditions
- Water levels/conditions
- Remoteness; Emergency help available?
- Travel Arrangement and Political Situation
- Visas, Vaccinations and Insurance
- Telephone, Sat-phone and/or SPOT Coverage
- Dangerous Wildlife
- Single or Multiday trips
- Access Situation including permits
- Experience of the team
- Physical and psychologically demands
- Cohesion and developing this approach within a group/team
- Additional skills required
- Equipment requirements