

L3 Exam Water Class and Conditions (Remit)

L3 exams take place in Class 2, 3 and 4 waters as defined in the SKGABC Water Classification System and as shown on associated Classification Maps

Common L3 Exam locations: Vargas Island, Clayoquot Sound and Esowista Peninsula

Minimum water conditions for L3 Exam on water assessments such as navigation and group leadership, scenarios, advanced paddling skills and rescues and towing (as described in GEMS with semi-loaded/ loaded boats) in open ocean conditions in some combination of: 1 m swell, 1 m surf, actual wind effects of 15 kts and tidal races of 2 kts.

Maximum water conditions for L3 Exam on water assessments should not exceed some combination of 2 m swell, 2 m surf, actual wind effects of 20 kts and tidal races of 4 kts. If conditions deteriorate, onwater assessments other than candidates' personal comfort in conditions will be relocated to a location with appropriate conditions or halted and resumed when appropriate.

Key Skills/ Knowledge Required for Level 3 Examiner Apprenticeship

- Risk Assessment, management and mitigation and comfort navigating, leading, rescuing and towing in Class 4 waters as defined in SKGABC Water Classification System
- Calculating and assessing current and wind speed and effects and associated hazards and swell and surf height and associated hazards
- Solid understanding of hydrology and hazards of open ocean conditions and with proficiency in rough water skills, including "lean" turns, ferries, extractions, surf rescues and towing in surf
- Reliable roll in strong and turbulent currents and moderate sea state and surf conditions, and proficiency in surf skills
- Participating in or out of a kayak and assisting in assessing scenarios in conditions that are appropriately difficult, based on minimum and maximum conditions (as above) for assessing Level 3 Guide outcomes (see GEMS for scenarios and outcomes)
- Excellent communication, organizational, teamwork and leadership skills
- Complete proficiency in using the Guide Assessment form, including providing clear and concise feedback to successful and unsuccessful candidates ie areas of strengths and action items