	Big Boat (Voyageur) Paddler	Big Boat (Voyageur) Leader
Prerequisites	Basic Tandem Paddler (I)	Basic Tandem Paddler (I)
	Basic Solo Paddler (II)	Basic Solo Paddler (II)
		Basic Tandem Moving Water (III)
		Advanced Ocean Canoeing (IV)
History	Companies	Significant Geographical Regions
	Trade Practices	Main Waterways
	Clothing	Companies
	Crews	Explorers
		Trade Practices
		Clothing
		Crews
Equipment	Types of boats	Types of boats
	Types of paddles/poles	Types of paddles/poles
	Personal gear	Cargo
		Personal gear
		Group gear
		Camping equipment
		Repair equipment
Practical On Water Skills	Embarking & Disembarking	Embarking & Disembarking
	Paddling positions	Paddling positions
	Crew commands	Crew commands
	Starts & Stops	Starts & Stops
	Turns	Turns
	Cadence	Cadence
	Changing sides	Changing sides
	Salutes	Salutes
	Rescues	Group control
		Poling, sailing, catamaraning
		Rescues
		Lining, tracking, streaming
		Running rapids
		Shallow water exits and entrances
		Weight turns
		Ocean usages
		Stroke combinations

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Practical On Land Skills		Transportation, Loading, Unloading, Shuttle Trailers, Safety Driving tips Portaging
Rescue & Safety	Safety Rules Acceptable level of difficulty Length of trips Purpose of trips Group responsibility towards equipment Large Group Impact Canoe Rescue	Safety Rules Number of boats and gear Leadership Requirements Acceptable level of difficulty Length of trips Purpose of trips Group responsibility towards equipment Large Group Impact Boat Design Canoe Rescue People Management Rescue Gear
Reenactments	Authenticity vs Safety Celebrations Songs and	Authenticity vs Safety Group control Formations Celebrations Songs and Dance Traditional contests
Recommended Reading	The Canoe, A Living Tradition by John Jennings: This book talks about canoes but the section on Big Canoes is very thorough.  The Canoe by Kenneth G. Roberts & Philip Shackleton	The Canoe, A Living Tradition by John Jennings: This book talks about canoes but the section on Big Canoes is very thorough. The Canoe by Kenneth G. Roberts & Philip Shackleton
Evaluation	60% Competence in above categories	70% success rate when performing required maneuvers.  Informed knowledge of history related topics.

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