

# North East Wisconsin Paddlers Rolls and Rescues Class – General Outline



**Course Overview:** The Rolls and Rescues Class is designed as a short program emphasizing development of kayak re-entry and Eskimo roll skills. This course is appropriate for paddlers who are comfortable in their kayak and have learned basic skills, including the wet exit, J-lean, low and high braces. The course specifically addresses rolling skills in decked kayaks (whitewater and sea kayak), and re-entry in decked kayaks and recreational kayaks. The instructors will emphasize specific skills and techniques that are most appropriate for certain types of kayaks or paddling conditions in response to unique interests or preferences of the participating students. Students are encouraged to and may use their own kayak and equipment with prior approval of the lead instructor. All equipment and kayaks must be cleaned before use in the pools.

**Objectives:** The course is designed to help students:

- Perform solo re-entry
- Perform assisted re-entry
- Assist another paddler with boat re-entry
- Perform the key components of an Eskimo roll and be familiar with various roll types
- (Possibly) perform an Eskimo roll

It is our intent to help establish a foundation from which participants can confidently continue to develop skill outside of the class and safely improve their roll and rescue technique.

**Prerequisite:** Completed Kayak Skills class or instructor approval; ability to properly execute wet exits, J-leans, low braces and high braces

**Other Requirements:** Appropriate swim gear for pool conditions; water socks if desired; ability to swim; nose clips (will be offered for a nominal charge at the class)

**Course Duration:** 9 hours in three 3-hour sessions; split 50/50 between classroom and pool

**Location:** Classroom and pool locations will be posted in the host facility

**Class Size:** Limited by pool capacity; typically 10 -12 students

**Instructor Ratio:** Certified ACA and assistant instructors to meet or exceed ACA guidelines

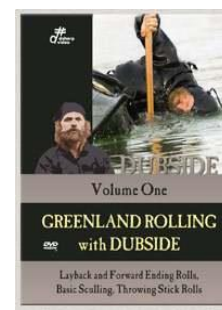
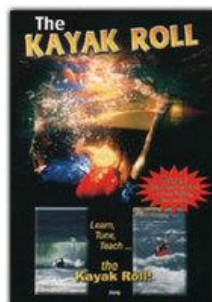
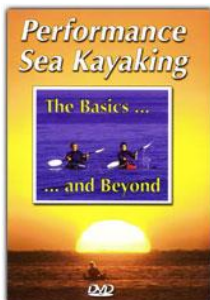
**Successive Courses:** Student Outing Weekend (River/ Coastal; Coastal Skills Workshops)

In addition, course instructors and fellow students will share information on paddling related events and activities scheduled for the coming year, including information on kayak swaps, organized paddles and local outdoor and paddling groups.

For this class...

- If you have a PFD, bring it for boat re-entry exercise and roll work.
- If you'd like to use your own boat in the pool, please talk to the instructors.

The following is a general summary of course content for the Rolls and Rescues class. The content and sequence of instruction should be arranged to best fit participant needs, class location and time allowances. Clips from the following DVDs are often used to support the classroom phase, further supplemented by select YouTube video clips.



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**Rolls and Rescues Class 1 - Classroom**

1. Housekeeping and Introductions
  - a. YMCA Waivers and Contact Form
  - b. Logistics/ timing
  - c. Safety/ Lifeguard-in-charge
  - d. Physical condition concerns/ issues
  - e. Introduction of Students and Instructors
    - Paddling experience and interests
    - Own boats/ equipment? Type?
    - Hopes / expectations for this class?
2. Kayak Roll – video *The Kayak Roll*
3. C-to-C roll – video *Grace Under Pressure* (optional)
4. Standard solo recovery with paddle float (paddle behind cockpit) – video *Performance Sea Kayaking*
5. BRINGING STUDENT BOATS INTO THE POOL FOR THE CLASS

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**Rolls and Rescues - Class 2 - Classroom**

1. Questions and comments from prior class
2. Sweep rolls – video *The Kayak Roll*
3. Tandem recoveries – Bow to bow – bow to stern - video *Performance Sea Kayaking*
4. Distribute evaluation forms
5. Reference to NEWP events, workshops and related activities

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**Rolls and Rescues - Class 3 - Classroom**

1. Questions and comments from prior class
2. Review information from prior session based on pool experience
3. Student Choice Topics
4. Wrap Up

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**Rolls and Rescues - Class 1 - Pool**

1. Technique Review: wet exit, braces and sculling
2. Roll (The Kayak Roll, or C-to-C or sweep/ hybrid)
3. Solo recovery with paddle float (paddle behind cockpit)
  - a. Paddle loose behind cockpit
  - b. Paddle secured in boat rigging
  - c. Float with stirrup assistance
4. Cowboy scramble (optional)

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**Rolls and Rescues - Class 2 - Pool**

1. Sweep Rolls, variety of roll techniques
2. Practices variety of Recoveries/ Re-Entries – TX - Bow to bow and Bow to stern, British crab, Scoop, Hand of God, Re-enter and Eskimo recovery or paddle float roll
3. Wrap Up

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**Rolls and Rescues - Class 3 - Pool**

1. Continue working on variety of roll techniques and hybrid/ student-choice rescue/ re-entry options
2. Wrap Up

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