



Axe Vale Canoe Club (AVCC)

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Once a candidate has gained the British Canoe Union (BCU) 1-Star Award through the Club (or from another club/organisation or has been assessed to be of equivalent standard), the natural progression is to BCU 2-Star. To achieve 2-Star the BCU requires the candidate to attain the range of skills in both Open Canoe and Kayak.

Axe Vale Canoe Club (AVCC) recognize that many Members, having done the 1-Star course (in either the Open Canoe or Kayak as their main craft) may, initially, only wish to develop that discipline. As such they would be unable to attain a full BCU 2-Star award.

To mitigate this issue, AVCC have introduced a Club Standard Award in Open Canoe and a Club Standard Award in Kayak to give Members the opportunity to enjoy all the opportunities offered by the Club, whilst continuing to paddle the craft of their choice. The club standard covers all the aspects of the 2-Star but in a single craft.

To gain your Club Standard Award (as a potential stepping stone to 2-star), AVCC provide ongoing instruction and continuous assessment to get candidates up to the Club Standard - on Tuesday or Friday evenings.

This Standard has been compiled to reflect paddling within the estuarine location that the Club is situated, and incorporates some elements not found within the BCU 2 Star test, but necessary to prepare you for trips.

Achieving Club Standard in either craft means that a Member may attend Club nights on a Wednesday and Club trips (the latter still subject to the Leaders decision) **using only that craft the Club Standard has been achieved in.**

The Club also then runs courses in Open Canoe & Kayak, in the Spring, to give Members the opportunity to gain skills in the alternative craft and thereby gain their full BCU 2 Star.

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* Joining trips shall be subject to Leader's approval that the Member is able to safely handle the conditions likely to be encountered.