



IKO Assistant Instructor Course description

This document will answer all your questions regarding the IKO Assistant Instructor Courses organised by Sudwindsports

If, after reading this, you have any questions, contact us at info@sudwindsports.com or Tel. +33 (0)6 85 95 33 34

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LOCATION:

Ecole du kite, Base de Loisirs, St.Pierre-la-Mer, Aude (11), France
Postal address France : 14 Rue du Fer a Cheval, 11110 Salles d'Aude

COURSE DATES 2010:

There are no fixed course dates. The course is in the form of a 3-day work experience period and dates are arranged when Sudwindsports has beginner kitesurfing students. In general AIC courses can be done between May-September.

If you are interested in doing an Assistant Instructor Course please contact us with your availability and we will get back to you with possible dates.

1. WHAT IS AN ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR COURSE?

If you do not have teaching experience in a water or aerial sport, you will need to do an Assistant Instructor Course before you can enter the IKO Instructor Training Course. This course involves a minimum of three days of assisting an IKO level 2 Instructor and 10 hrs of teaching kitesurfing in an IKO Centre. Sudwindsports organises AICs for people who will also be participating in the Instructor Training Courses in Saint Pierre-la-Mer.

You will be required to show your riding level, boat driving skill level, demonstrate communication skills, kiteboarding knowledge etc. etc.

2. WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES?

- I am 16 years old or older;
- I am a certified IKO level 3 kite boarder for at least 6 months (or have the equivalent level of practice);
- I have a valid first aid and CPR certificate*, or I have booked a first aid course* before the beginning of the AIC;

*I will provide the necessary supporting documents to the ITC organizer upon inscription.



3. LANGUAGE

All courses organized by Sudwindsports will be given in English. During the course various presentations and lessons will have to be given by the candidates in English and at the end of the course there will be a written exam in English. All candidates must therefore be able to communicate effectively in English!

4. COST

3-day IKO Assistant Instructor Course (AIC): \$50 inscription fee + € 180 course fee

Reduced price for people who register for an ITC with Sudwindsports at the same time: \$50 inscription fee + € 150 course fee

Accommodation can be arranged in the form of self-catering accommodation on a location close by the Sudwindsports centre in St.Pierre-la-Mer. Please contact us for prices and availability.

Administration costs of € 12 apply.

5. INSCRIPTIONS – HOW DO I REGISTER?

First, contact us to arrange dates for your AIC.

Once we have agreed on dates please download and fill in the Course Inscription Form that can be found on the Sudwindsports website. This can be sent to Sudwindsports by email, or by post: 14 Rue du Fer a Cheval, 11110 Salles d'Aude, France.

Then, register as an Assistant on the IKO website (www.ikointl.com) and choose Stephen Jones (1685) as your level-2 instructor. IKO will ask you to pay a \$ 50 registration fee online using your credit card. This fee includes the Assistant Instructor Manual that will be sent to you by email by IKO. Please print this manual and bring it with you to the course.

In the meantime you will receive an invoice from Sudwindsports for the course fee, which needs to be paid into Sudwindsports British pounds sterling account. This invoice must be paid in full before the start of the course.

6. PAYMENTS

The balance payment to Sudwindsports can be paid by bank transfer or by credit card, through Paypal, with a 4% surcharge. In case you send an international bank transfer, make sure to accept all bank charges to avoid incomplete payment. Please make the payment in pounds sterling to avoid any incomplete payments.

7. INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEDIC FIRST AID COURSE (MFA)

If you do not have a first aid certificate, Sudwindsports organizes a 1-day MFA course on the day before the ITC courses. A first aid and CPR qualification is essential if you are working as a kiteboarding instructor.

The costs of this course are € 100.

8. INFORMATION ABOUT THE RYA LEVEL-2 POWERBOAT COURSE

If you do not have a boat license, Sudwindsports organizes 2-day RYA courses throughout the season. For dates, please contact us. The cost of this course is € 300.

9. IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR FRENCH CANDIDATES:

All candidates must be aware of the fact that the IKO instructor certificate can not be used to teach in France and French overseas domains and territories.

10. TRANSPORT:

Transport to the South of France has to be arranged by the candidate, for more information have a look at www.sudwindsports.com. Transfers from the area's airports and train stations can be arranged by contacting France And Beyond, a local transport provider who can offer transfers 7 days a week for reasonable prices (www.franceandbeyond.co.uk, tel. 0033 (0)4 67 49 08 68).

FAQ

After doing the AIC, am I allowed to teach?

Yes, you are allowed to do the following in an IKO school:

- Manage the organization and maintenance of equipment
- Manage kite launching and landing of 1-2 students
- Teach 1 student at the time (up to level 1/D and under supervision of an IKO instructor level 2)
- Supervise the safety of 4 kiteboarders from level 3/J and above who rent equipment or need assistance

After doing the AIC, where can I teach?

You can teach pretty much anywhere in the world as long as the IKO is recognised by the local and national authorities

Do I have to bring my own kitesurfing equipment?

Yes. During the course you will be asked to show your level and for this you will need to bring your own kite material. If you do not have the right kite for the wind conditions it is possible to rent material.

What's comes after my Assistant Instructor certificate?

You can register to participate in a level-1 Instructor Training Course, which will give you the right qualification to start teaching kitesurfing without supervision in an IKO school.

What happens if there is no wind during the course?

We can re-schedule the parts of the course we did not complete. If you are travelling from abroad it would be good to plan a few extra days in Saint Pierre-la-Mer so that there are alternative days available. No refunds will be made.