

2016

SWISS RAFTING FEDERATION

IS ORGANISING A RAFTING AND SAFETY KAYAKERS WORKSHOP IN FRANCE NEAR GENEVA (Switzerland)

Booking until end of February at: rafting@swissraftingfederation.ch

IRF INSTRUCTORS WORKSHOP Assessment for Guide, Trip-Leader and Instructors Level cl. 3 or 4/5 With IRF Assessor Gaspar Goncz	Dranse River (F) Near GENEVA (CH)	9-10-11 April 2016	CHF or € 490.- or us\$ 550.- + IRF fee (see below)
Raft Instructor must have a high level of Trip-Leader skills and experience. Must be physically capable of demonstrating all Raft Guide skills. Minimum experience: 100 runs as TL. Advanced First Aid with CPR not older than 2 years. Log book as proof of experience before assessment. Personal insurance covering raft accident.			
The 3 days IRF Raft Certification Workshop can be extended to a 5 days IRF Raft and Safety Craft Certification Workshop in case of interest in IRF Safety Kayak and IRF Safety Kayak Instructor certificates:			
Extension to IRF SAFETY CRAFT WORKSHOP Assessment for Safety Crafter and Instructors in kayak, level 4/5	Dranse River (F) Near GENEVA (CH)	9-10-11 April together with Raft extended to 12-13 April for Safety Crafter or Safety Craft Instructors	CHF or € 300.- or us\$ 340.- + IRF fee (see below)
Safety Craft; highly manoeuvrable whitewater craft providing safety and swimmer rescue on commercial whitewater trips, operated by professionals. (inflatable or hardshell canoes and kayaks, oar rafts, cataracts, sledges, river boards, hydrospeed, etc...) Safety Crafter must have the skills and knowledge to be a competent Safety Crafter on commercial whitewater trips and operate as a member of the guide crew knowing standard whitewater rescue techniques as well as have a current standard first aid certificate. Safety Craft Instructor (trainer) must have a high level of Safety Crafter skills and knowledge; also must have an advanced first aid certificate. Safety Craft Instructor must have high level of skills and experience in training and assessing safety crafters. He/She must be physically capable of demonstrating all Safety Crafter skills.			

IRF GT&E Raft and Safety Craft Certification Workshops

Date, location and meeting point defined by the Host

Assessor: Gaspar Goncz

The International Rafting Federation Guide Training and Education Certification Workshop runs over five days. The workshop is open to anyone who is an active raft guide or safety kayaker who is looking to upgrade their current IRF qualification or to anyone wishing to complement their existing Raft Guide Qualification at any level below

IRF Assessor to the widely recognised IRF Guide Training Award Scheme.

The workshop will be overseen by Gaspar Goncz current IRF Guide Training and Education Committee Chairman and Assessor.

To be eligible to attend the workshop you need to have a current 1st Aid Certificate that included CPR training. As per the GT&E Award Scheme guidelines it is not necessary

to complete an IRF Guide Training Course prior to a Certification Workshop if you already have either: demonstrable experience as a raft guide or hold another raft guide qualification. An up to date log of your experience is required and to be made available for inspection by the assessor.

Key purposes of an IRF Certification Workshop;

- u• Share knowledge and improve best practice with existing IRF Instructors and keep their qualification current
- u• Assess new Raft and Safety Craft Instructors to the IRF GT&E Award Scheme
- u• Assess Trip Leaders
- u• Assess Raft Guides and Safety Crafters

Please bring the following to the workshop:

- u• Proof of Experience (Logbook or company letter)
- u• Copy of Current 1st Aid that included CPR training (no older than 2 years)
- u• Appropriate IRF Fee

Workshop Programme:

Day 1-2-3: On River up to Grade 5 - Raft Guide and Safety Craft Assessments – All participants of the workshop are assessed at the Raft Guide Level for the qualification

they are going for. i.e. Instructor 4/5 would be assessed on Grade 5 water, Instructor 3

would be assessed on Grade 3 water.

Assessments include:

- Basic Rescue Techniques i.e. A challenging swim, throw bag rescue / recoil rescue, Raft flip drill, any functional 3:1 or 4:1 mechanical advantage system built from their own gear within 5 minutes incl. anchors on both ends.
- Rafting Techniques and safety brief for Raft Guide Assessments. Safety Craft brief and Safety Craft handling techniques for Safety Craft assessments including equipment and swimmer rescue.

Day 3-4: On River Scenario Handling - Trip Leader Assessment – All Trip Leader and

Instructor Participants are assessed at handling an emergency scenario. Safety Crafters

are assessed on participation at rescues on scenarios.

Day 5: Off River – Instructor Assessment – All Instructor Participants are assessed on

providing a presentation on a particular aspect of Raft Guiding.

Anyone attending days 1-2 or 3 are welcome to stay on and participate in the remainder

of the workshop for experience and will not have to pay any additional fees.

To determine what level you are eligible to be assessed please refer to the [IRF GT&E Award Scheme](#)

IRF Registration Fees:

Safety Crafter 40 US\$

Safety Craft Instructor 100 US\$

Raft Guide 40 US\$

Raft Trip Leader 60 US\$

Raft Instructor 100 US\$
Workshop fee: defined by the host