

2010 IKO Instructor Courses (ITC)

Below are all the information about the IKO Instructor Training Course (ITC) :

If you want to confirm your participation, simply email us the Registration form in word document as it is now. Fax works as well: 1-305 856 1406

The course is limited to 8 candidates thus we register candidates in a first come-first serve basis with a down payment.

Note: a 50% deposit is required by credit card to book your space and will only be refundable up to 2 (two) weeks from the Start of the Course.

REQUIREMENTS to enter the course:

- Being 18 years old minimum
- Have a CPR-1st aid (We organize a 1-day CPR course the day before the start of the ITC)
- Have a boat license
- Kitesurf for at least 1 year
- Being an IKO Assistant in a school or,
- Have some teaching experience in Kitesurfing or another watersport , other Teaching background (recommendation letters or diplomas requested)

Note:

- **Previous Kitesurfing Teaching experience a MUST**, as the Examiner will evaluate your abilities at the end of the course. You may approach your local school or instructors to assist them when teaching so you build up experience in managing a Kiteboarding lesson. The IKO recommend that you enroll in a Assistant Instructor course.
- **Miamikiteboarding offers intense 2-days Assistant Instructor course tailored** to prepare the candidate for the ITC. Fee is \$100 after pre-registration via the IKO website to receive the Manual to study : <http://ikointl.com/assistant-registration-new.php>
- A professional boat license is not required in most of states in the USA to operate a dinghy as a support boat, however proper steering skills are necessary to meet the requisites. A skills-test will be done during the course.

The PROGRAM is scheduled as follow:

The 5-day IKO course always run from Wednesdays to Sundays in our Miami Location, it's easier for those who work and have to take days off !

- **Instructor Course (ITC):** Wednesday to Sunday from 9.00 am to 5.00pm (time may vary if needed) in Crandon Park, 4000 Crandon Boulevard 33139 fl key biscayne
- **CPR / FIRST AID on Tuesday only**, from 9 am- 5pm at ANOTHER LOCATION: 1755 SW 12 St Miami fl 33145.

This course is set for those who don't have a current valid CPR: Fee is \$70 for 2 years validity.

CONTENTS of the Course:

It's an intense 5-days course covering all the fields you will need to improve for performing confidently and safely as a kiteboarding instructor:

ATTENTION: In 2010, the IKO has updated the program of the ITC!

From now on, candidates will have to complete an online Pre-study course BEFORE attending the ITC.

This course will cover all the theory aspects of the sports such as: weather, aerodynamics , meteorology & oceanology, so that the future instructor can study them at his pace and from home .

This allows focusing during the 5-days course on the practical and teaching aspects, hands-on in real-life teaching situations which increase the confidence and skills of the candidate.

Skills and field covered taught during the ITC curriculum:

- Equipment Technical review and fine tuning
- Aerodynamics
- Safety guidelines & procedures
- Meteorology/ Oceanology
- Communication skills
- Teaching psychology
- Complete Lesson Plan reviews
- Boat teaching procedures
- Live teaching situation for the last 2 days.

The Level 1 Instructor Diploma is obtained according to the following criteria:

- Succeed to the Written Test on the last day,
- Show proper kitesurfing skills as per the prerequisites,
- Active participation during the course, shows social skills and team work abilities
- Perform adequately during live teaching situations with students trainees the last 2 days.

What does the IKO Certification brings you?

IKO is the leading international organization for training instructors, educating kiteboarders, promoting the sport, and establishing Safety Standards.

IKO Headquarters are based in Cabarete, DR, and represented in 40 countries worldwide via 130 affiliated schools, 7,000 Instructors over 80,000 students taught since its foundation in 2001.

- After this course you will become a Professional Instructor and member of the IKO International Network and will be able to join the Pro Zone in the website.
- Additionally IKO offers a Professional Kitesurfing Liability Insurance valid Worldwide INCLUDING USA/Canada, for Instructors and Schools who need proper Insurance coverage to teach and obtain the permits usually required to operate legally .
- Coverage for independent instructors is around \$190 / Year for liability coverage.
- Once certified you will also have the opportunity to boost your teaching & riding experience by traveling and working worldwide as the IKO Instructor Diploma is the only one recognized internationally.
- The website offers the largest network of resources for applying to the many positions offered to IKO Instructors all around the world.

ITC FEES

Cost of the ITC is \$790 which includes 2 years of IKO membership and all the materials for the Course.

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For your convenience, a First Aid/ CPR Course is scheduled the day before the training from 8 am till 5 pm, for those who need it. Fee is \$70

DIRECTION of the course:

The course will be held in front of the Nature Center building by the North Entrance of Crandon Park. It is located right in front of the Kite surfing beach.

Check the map in our website at: <http://www.miamikiteboarding.com/map.htm>

ACCOMMODATIONS OPTIONS:

FOLLOW OUR WEB PAGE FOR DETAILED INFO ON LODGING CLOSE TO THE CENTER
www.miamikiteboarding.com/miami.html

Usually candidates share rooms to split the cost. We will provide you with emails of each potential candidate so you can make contact and arrange lodging options.

On Key Biscayne, same island, 5 min away by car or 25 min walking the beach:

- **Ritz Carlton hotel** = \$300 night - maybe less in low season now
- **Silversands beach resort** = \$130/night (+ 13% taxes!)
This is a good option as it is only 15min walking on the same beach – You should also receive 15% discount for being a Client of MiamiKiteboarding – Best is to share the standard 2 beds rooms, or the Bungalows (up to 4) with other candidates - No breakfast , restaurant or bar , but full kitchen in each rooms.
- **Coral Reef Vacation rental apartment:** Roughly same price \$ 130/day.
2 min from the beach as well then 15 min walking distance from the school.
Right in the laid back village of key Biscayne, stores, shops, bikes etc. Fully equipped kitchen, Pool, comfortable 2 bedrooms for up to 4 pers.
Actually the best deal when sharing an apt with other candidates.
<http://keybiscayneapt.com/location.html>

In Miami Beach: 20 min by car: Several hostel to find in Google from \$20 to 60 /night

Downtown & Brickell area: 10 min by car

Best Western & Hollyday Inn or the Urbano hotel just at the entrance of the island = around \$100 to \$130/night

Others miscellaneous infos:

During the ITC, You will need:

- Pen and notepads
- Water
- Being ready to spend time on the beach
- All your regular kite gear: 1 kite for average 13kts wind, board, harness, leash, and sunglasses, booties, geared up for extended time in water, sunscreen... NB: we can lend you the equipment for the 1hr riding test, if it is a hassle to transport your own.
- Some snacks throughout the day

We will do a 1hr lunch break @ mid day, but no facility to eat in the park, good idea to bring a lunch if you do not have a car.

Also there is a \$5 entry fee in the park per car. They start charging by 9am, so likely you will have to pay if you go out at lunch. I suggest you carpool.

See you soon! Chris – 786 897 8769 cell / school line: 305 345 9974