INTERNATIONAL SCALE

of River Difficulty



River Environment: Very easy with small, regular waves and riffles.

Recommended Craft: Suitable for a wide

variety of craft.



CLASS 2 Skill Level: Novice

River Environment: Easy rapids and waves requiring some maneuvering.

Recommended Craft: Suitable for a wide variety

of river-specific craft.



CLASS 3 Skill Level: Intermediate

River Environment: Moderate difficulty with large waves and features requiring skilled maneuvering.

Recommended Craft: Suitable only for whitewater-specific craft and equipment.



CLASS 4 Skill Level: Advanced

River Environment: Difficult with powerful rapids and hazardous features requiring precise maneuvering.

Recommended Craft: Suitable for skilled groups with whitewater-specific craft and equipment.



CLASS 5 Skill Level: Expert

River Environment: Very difficult with long rapids and strong turbulence and features that require expert maneuvering around frequent obstacles. Near the limits of navigation.

Recommended Craft: Suitable for highly skilled groups with whitewater-specific craft and equipment.





