



This is an opportunity to rub shoulders with a number of very experienced sea kayakers who all have a fantastic range of skills and experience, all in one location, over a concentrated period of time. In fact, the difficulty is when choosing a session, you realise that you are missing another one equally as good.

Speakers

- Friday night speaker is from the Rescue Coordination Centre – What happens if you activate your PLB (Personal Locator Beacon)
- Saturday night speaker is JKA.

Daytime Sessions

The following items are on the program. The 1 hours sessions are in the early mornings and the 2 hours sessions, being primarily water based, later morning and afternoon periods. The full schedule will be available on the Friday night during registration.

1 hour session:

- Hand signals (Shaun)
- Greenland (Uta)
- Paddling efficiency (Conrad)
- Hypothermia (Dr Joanna)
- Mana information
- Tai Chi (Andy)
- How to create pictures (Ruth)
- Bugger! when things go wrong at sea (Paul C)
- Acute medical problems (Dr Joanna)
- Organising gear for multi-day trips (Natasha)
- Increasing your rotation (Conrad)

2 hour sessions

- Kayak communication (Paul H)
- Rescues with Mana coastguard (JKA)
- Ocean whitewater (3 sessions over both days, limited to 10 per session) (Deb V and Paula R)
- Rolling (2 sessions on Saturday) (Dave W, Sandy W)
- Get your kayak going (Mana kayak racing club)
- Pauahatanui inlet paddle (Sandy W)

- Kayak fishing (TBC) (Dave A)
- Boat - Body (JKA)
- Greenland paddling (Dave W)
- Mana Island, or coastal paddle, or surfing Plimmerton (weather dependent) (Conrad)
- Greenland rolling (Dave W)
- Writing for publication / Cook Strait crossings (Paul C, Conrad)
- Mayhem (JKA)
- Advanced Rolling (1 session on Sunday) (Pete & Andy)
- Buddy rescues (Steve F)
- Towing (Dave W)

If you want a spell later on the Saturday, then there is:

- Commercial display of boats with trial paddles
- Whitiriria park walk

After the official conclusion of the KASK Fest there is the opportunity to:

- visit the Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Lower Hutt,
- or arrange a customised group paddle with locals

KASK KAYAK FEST 2018 - MANA PHOTO COMPETITION

As usual there is the photo competition. To give you a better chance, and to ensure that Sue C does not win everything this year, we have made her a judge.

Bring along your finest prints from the last 12 months for a forum sea kayaking photo competition.

Entry Guidelines:

Photos may be entered for any or all of the following categories

- Open – knock your socks off photos
- Action (sea kayaking)
- Seascape or Coastscape (kayaks or people do not dominate the picture)
- Coastal/marine flora or fauna
- Kayaking bloopers / ‘Bugger!’ moments, salty humour

1st, 2nd and 3rd places awarded per category, also a forum Paddlers’ choice for the best overall photo.

Limit of four photos, per photographer, per category.

Format/Techniques:

Colour or B&W prints to a maximum size of A3. Note on each photo’s back: category, caption or locale, name, mail address, email address, date taken.

No slides please; only digital or colour/B&W negative prints.

Submission:

Digital copies of entries should be submitted prior to the forum, to susan.cade@xtra.co.nz up

until Monday, 26 February 2018.

Printed copies of entries must be submitted on arrival at the forum, up to:
8.00 p.m. Friday, 2 March 2018.

While every care is taken, KASK will not accept liability for damage to entries

Use of Photos

Winning photos may be published in the KASK Newsletter. Photo competition entrants agree to allow their entries to appear in the KASK newsletter and agree to enter in discussion with KASK re their use in either KASK safety promotional material or the handbook.

Display of Photos

The photos will be displayed throughout the weekend and the winners announced at the Saturday night dinner.

Judges:

- Susan Cade (curator)
- Paul Caffyn
- John Kirk-Anderson

INSTRUCTOR BIOS:

David Welch

Dave started sea kayaking back in the early 90s. He has paddled in many different locations, in many different kayaks and with many different people, both recreationally and professionally, in New Zealand and overseas. David holds SKOANZ and NZOIA qualifications in sea kayaking, and put time into training with the Canterbury Sea Kayak Network.

Sea kayaking is now more a sport rather than just a recreational pastime, and the number of kayakers he has reflect this philosophy. The challenge is to get the most from himself and his kayak

Deb Volturno

Deb considers sea kayaking to be a way of life, which after more than three decades still holds her captivated. Her passion is driven by the dynamic environment of where the sea meets the shore, yet she also embraces the meditative qualities of open water. She is an American Canoe Association Advanced Open Water Trainer/Educator - Level 5 and Surf instructor Trainer/Educator.

Sea kayaking encompasses a broad spectrum for Deb, from exploring traditional history by building both Inuit and Aleut skin-on-frame kayaks, to being a competitive surf kayaker and a member of the extreme kayaking group called the Tsunami rangers. Paddling adventures lure Deb to practically anywhere from above the Arctic Circle in Norway to parts of Central and South America, to New Zealand - where she lives part time in Gisborne - where there are no bears.

Deb's other home waters are on the Pacific Northwest "Edge", the Olympic Peninsula in Washington State (USA).

Dave Winkworth

Dave began paddling as a kid and used his homemade kayaks and canoes to get to fly fishing spots...but pretty quickly the paddling became more fun than the fishing!

He joined the NSWKSC as an original member in the late 80s and was keen on seeing members acquire good skills. He started the Rock 'n Roll Weekends to teach rolling. It quickly became the premier club weekend. He is a life member of the club.

Dave was an AC Senior Sea Instructor Examiner for many years and now continues instructing with the VSKC, KASK in NZ and local groups where he lives on the NSW South Coast. Dave says his guiding creed for training is that people learn when they're having fun! He designed the Nadgee sea kayak and manufactured it till 2007.

Dave has paddled extensively all over Australia and some in NZ and lists the Sapphire Coast and northern Australia as his favourite paddling areas.

On a Cape York trip in '99 he saved his mate's life in a crocodile attack and received a Bravery Medal for his efforts. He now prefers to view the wildlife from a distance but maintains there's still room for us all on the ocean.

On non-paddling days Dave tinkers in his shed making paddles and various kayak parts and designing a new sea kayak.

He is looking forward to meeting everyone at the Forum.

John Kirk-Anderson

JKA has been instructing sea kayaking for over 20 years and has high-level qualifications from both the British Canoe Union and the NZ Outdoor Instructors Association.

He is an assessor for NZOIA instructors and was an Outdoor First Aid instructor with the NZ Mountain Safety Council.

A former soldier, he is a fitness fanatic and when not sea kayaking he trains in martial arts. He has been a photo journalist for more than 30 years and has covered disasters and conflicts around the world, and earthquakes much closer to home!

The waters around Banks Peninsula are his usual haunts, but he has paddled in many areas of New Zealand. A regular presenter at symposiums, Kirk-Anderson dislikes dogma and encourages paddlers to adapt skills, technique and equipment to suit themselves.

Paul Hayward

Paul is a Mechanical Engineer with a passion for computers. Moving to New Zealand from his native Canada in 1982, he continued his work in Industrial Control and Automation Engineering. For the last 25 years he has run his own business, specialising in database design and small business computing. Paul paddled canoes as a boy and sailed extensively in New Zealand; but during the last 16 years sea kayaking has become his major sport.

Paul Caffyn

Paul lives on the edge of the Tasman Sea on the South Island's West Coast. Although Paul has been paddling since childhood, he only took up serious sea kayaking in 1977. In the following decade he notched up over 25,000 miles with the first kayak circumnavigations of New Zealand, Great Britain, Australia and Japan. In the late 80s, Paul made two attempts to kayak across 'The Ditch' from Tasmania to New Zealand. In 1991 he completed an unsupported solo, arduous 4,700 mile paddle around the coastline of Alaska, from Prince Rupert to Inuvik. More recent expeditions include around New Caledonia, Malaya to

Thailand, and four northern summers paddling the western and eastern coasts of Greenland with Conrad Edwards.

Paul's first book *Obscured by Waves* was published in 1979. His next two titles *Dark Side of the Wave* and *Cresting the Restless Waves* were joint publications between Paul and the NZCA. In 1994, unable to find a publisher for the book on the Round Australia paddle, Paul cashed in an insurance policy and self-published *The Dreamtime Voyage*. With those four titles long out of print, and going for huge amounts on 2nd hand websites, Paul self-published a second edition of *Obscured* and a 25th Anniversary edition of *Dreamtime*.

Since 1991, Paul has edited the *New Zealand Sea Kayaker* magazine, a bimonthly colour magazine for Kiwi paddlers and is currently working on a 5th edition of *The KASK Handbook, A Manual for Sea Kayaking in New Zealand*.

Peter Brooks

Pete has been paddling most of his life, and has been instructing kayaking in one form or another for the last thirty odd years. In the most recent past, he has focused on teaching rolling on Auckland's North Shore. He learnt his trade on the canals and white water of the UK although has been a sea kayaking convert for the last ten years here in NZ

Shaun Maclaren

"To me paddling should be fun, safe and challenging."

Shaun, originally from Scotland, and now living near Auckland, has been paddling solidly with the Auckland Yakity Yak Club for just over eight years, and leading trips for the past seven. Paddling has opened my eyes and mind so much and through it have met some amazing people, and been to some fantastic places both in NZ and abroad. Planning trips and seeing people's enjoyment gives me a real buzz.

Uta Machold

Uta has paddled on European rivers and lakes for many years before discovering that sea kayaking was much more fun and excitement.

While living in Germany, she was about 800 km from the closest sea, and it wasn't until coming to NZ about 6 years ago that she could go out with her sea kayak as much as she wanted. She has been enjoying regular trips along NZ coastlines ever since, mainly around Auckland and the North Island with the occasional escape to the fiords and coasts around the South Island.

To register

Go to the KASK Website at <http://www.kask.org.nz/>

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Registration - KASK Kayak Fest 2018 - Mana