

# Kiley Dyke



Born and raised in San Francisco, California, Kiley has been tumbling around in the great Pacific washing machine for as long as she can remember. After moving to the East Coast for university, she certified as a Wilderness First Responder and trained to become a staff member for Colgate University Outdoor Education. She taught in a variety of outdoor disciplines, specializing in whitewater kayaking, and she'd often find herself in a sea-kayak leading intro classes, multi-day trips, and starlight paddles on Adirondack lakes. During her final year of university, she became an Outdoor Education Staff Trainer—she built community, taught two theory-based classes a week on leadership and instruction in the outdoors, led a series of backcountry multi-day training trips, and reimagined the program's curriculum to better reflect their commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Back in the Bay for summers and post-grad years, Kiley found a home at Sea Trek and California Watersport Collective, where she's been learning, guiding, instructing, and playing since 2019. From 2023-2025, Kiley completed her Master's at the University of Otago, and during her time off from school, she guided at Kaikōura Kayaks.

Sea kayaking has stolen Kiley's heart, and she's now an ACA certified L4 Open Water Coastal Kayaking Instructor. She can usually be found grinning from ear to ear while exploring the rock gardens, tide races, and surf breaks of her home on the Northern California coast (or seeking out playgrounds further afield!). She is stoked on teaching and paddling in many different contexts (from nailing the introductory fundamentals to leveling up in more dynamic ocean play), but she especially loves the many joys and challenges of the surf. Her instructing style is grounded in humility, gratitude, and a deep love for the environment, and she's a firm believer in the power of fun!!