

Drawn to the ocean in any capacity whether on, in or under it, sea kayaking being one of those things. It has allowed me to grow, explore and push myself in ways I don't often in other areas of the outdoors. I love playing in dynamic environments, surfing, being a bit of a numpty, and it is especially fitting being someone with a bit of an adrenalin and ocean seeking personality. I love the fact that you can explore and get into hidden places that you can't just walk to, and seeing the confidence grow in anyone I work with in a boat. Sea kayaking is so much more than A to B travel for me, it's about learning about yourself, the environment, and everything in between – it's a way of life and connecting to where I am.



I have been sea kayaking since high school outdoor ed but developed a much deeper appreciation and love of the sport after my first KASK Kayak Fest in 2020, after being inspired by some paddling legends. Since then, I went guns blazing to learn, develop and do more paddling any chance I could. All of my paddling has been in NZ, mostly in the North Island and more recently the Coromandel Peninsula since moving there for work. I currently have NZOIA Sea Kayak 1 and am aiming to get Sea Kayak 2 in 2026 (the highest sea kayaking qualification in NZ) with goals to become a Sea Kayak 1 assessor. I am both an outdoor instructor - working both on the water, the bush, at height and in youth development – as well as also being a specialty scuba diving instructor.