

The Boat Files	Canoes, Kayaks and SUPs
1 - TEK 285 Sit-on	A well shaped hull makes this more exciting than the usual sit on kayak.
2 - Pyranha Karnali Single river running kayak	Shorter version of the Fusion. For advanced paddlers. NOT SUITABLE FOR SMALL CHILDREN. Fits like a glove and turns like a whippet. No skeg.
3 - Carolina Single 14ft tourer kayak	Older tourer. No skeg but handles well and travels nicely. Watertight locker for kit.
4 - Pyranha Fusion Single 10ft hybrid kayak	Cruises happily in a straight line with the skeg down; raise the skeg and you have an agile white water boat. Very stable due to broad base. Watertight locker for kit
5,6,7 - Pyranha Master2 Single general purpose kayak	A good, basic, learner boat, especially for children. Seats are basic. A skeg helps keep it going straight. Tight on leg room due to low front deck. Wet in a choppy water.
8,9 - Perception Kiwi Double with open cockpit	Real tubs but ideal for young families. Totally stable with room for 2 adults and a toddler or an adult and child.
10,11,12 - Dagger Blackwater Single 10ft tourer kayak	Very fine swim making them effortless on an all day cruise. Skeg for straight line stuff. Watertight locker for kit. Can feel twitchy at first due to hull shape but perfectly stable.
14,15 - Robson Waikiki Single 10ft tourer kayak	More solid than the Blackwater. Comfortable seat with a high foredeck giving ample leg room. Good all rounder. Very stable. Watertight locker for kit.
16 - Dagger Charleston 15 Single 15ft tourer kayak	Longer version of the above so travels even better but even slower to turn. Watertight lockers for kit.
17 - Dagger Charleston 14 Single 14ft tourer kayak	Long and stable. Comfortable seat, roomy. Superb in a straight line, especially with the skeg down. Watertight locker for kit.
18 Dagger Zydeco -	A wide and stable kayak for shorter legs. Integral skeg. Light weight.
19,20 - Old Town Heron	The club's kiddie kayaks complete with integral towline for if they get tired. See Overleaf

21 - Wavesport Horizon tandem kayak	Big but fast with the right teamwork. Steering takes a little practice. Lockers. No skeg.
Mad River Explorer 16 Double open canoe	State of the art canoe (Canadian style). Buoyant, responsive, roomy. Feels wobbly but relax and you will be fine.
3 x McConks 10'6" Stand Up Paddleboard	Inflatable but stiff as a board.

Kayaking indicates the use of a double ended paddle. Canoeing is with a single paddle. Simple as that.

'Tourer' indicates a boat with a pronounced bow and stern to cut the waves. Designed for longer journeys. The longer the boat, the better its 'swim' so that it maintains a smoother forward motion. These boats also have watertight lockers for kit and deck elastics for ready-to-hand kit like a wet top or hat. The Pyranhas are designed for tighter turns rather than long distance, straight line stuff.

Newer boats have padded seats and back rests. All boats have some kind of foot rest which should be adjusted so that your knees grip the sides of the boat. The Master 2s have fixed steps. The Karnali has a full width footrest adjustable with wing nuts.

The skeg is the little drop down fin at the stern which helps the boat travel in a straight line, especially in cross winds and currents. Should not be used as an excuse for bad paddling technique!

Spray decks come in three different sizes. Each has a numbered tag. Please use each spray deck on the appropriately numbered kayak.

All boats should be returned from whence they came, in a clean and dry condition, as you would like to find them, especially if they have been to the coast when all sand must be flushed out. All kayaks must be stored on their sides to avoid hull distortion.

Paddles come in various lengths and styles. The split paddles can be adjusted for left or right hand use. Paddles may be used to steady a boat when getting in or out but must never be sat on.