

# ANAKIWA KASK FORUM 2011

By Paul Caffyn



World famous expedition paddlers  
Nigel Foster and Kristin Nelson with  
John Kirk-Anderson (in fluoro-yellow)

Early evening of 1 April, sea kayakers from Australasia will be gathering at the head of Queen Charlotte Sound for the annual KASK Forum. The superb 'almost on the sea' venue is the Outward Bound School, which has splendid facilities for both on-shore and on-the-water instruction, and no shortage of fine cuisine for hungry paddlers.

Ever since Graham Egarr organized the first gathering of Kiwi sea kayakers in 1989 at the Mapua clothing optional leisure park, annual gatherings have been held at coastal venues from Christchurch in the south to the 2010 forum held at Taurikura near the entrance to Whangarei Harbour.

On-the-water practical instruction is an integral part of these forums, with sessions on rolling, rescues, bracing and efficient paddling. David Winkworth, who has attended and instructed at so many KASK forums that he

is almost an honorary Kiwi, has offered three different sessions in 2011, including learning the easiest of the Eskimo rolls, the Pawlata. Dave says, "Never wet exit from your kayak again. Bring a face mask."

Dave's two other sessions are on paddle strokes to stay upright in surf and how to get the most out of every paddle stroke. His nickname is Crocodile Winky, bestowed upon him after he rescued his paddling mate from the jaws of a monster saltwater crocodile on the tropical North Queensland coast. David is one of Aussies' best long distance expedition paddlers – he has paddled from Cairns to Darwin in several trips, in the heart of big croc and tiger shark country.

The two evening keynote presentations will be from dynamic duos. On 19 May 2010, Max and Melanie Grant paddled into Jackson Bay on the West Coast of the South Island, to a reception with bubbly and pavlova, after completing an incredible father and daughter

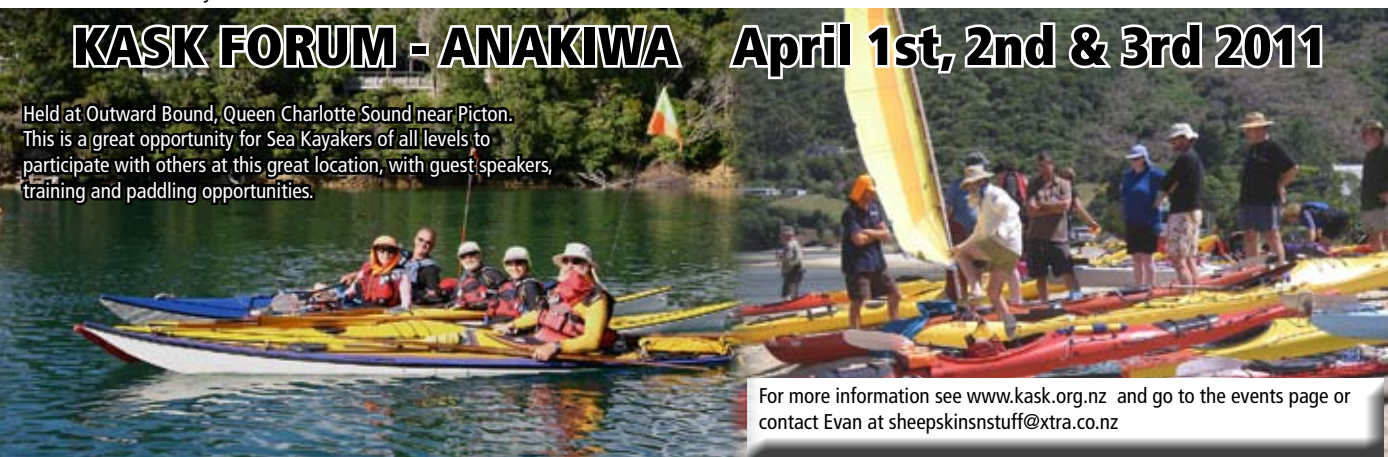
circumnavigation of the South Island. Max and Melz had some torrid times in surf on both the east and west coasts, and their photos are stunning. Paul Hayward and Natasha Romoff paddled a double Feathercraft in South-East Alaska to escape an Auckland winter, and their presentation is titled, 'Innocents Abroad – Alaska without the Cruise Ship.'

Daytime on-shore sessions include paddling in exotic overseas destinations such as Turkey, South Georgia and the Greek islands, while Auckland paddler Colin Quilter will talk about his favourite Kiwi paddling destinations.

For the first time at a KASK Forum, Nelson mother and paddler Nora Flight will be discussing her experiences of paddling with kids; Nora and her partner Bevan Walker have not let two kids keep them from paddling – with overseas trips along with growing kids to New Caledonia, Hinchinbrook Island, and numerous trips to Abel Tasman and the Marlborough Sounds.

## KASK FORUM - ANAKIWA April 1st, 2nd & 3rd 2011

Held at Outward Bound, Queen Charlotte Sound near Picton. This is a great opportunity for Sea Kayakers of all levels to participate with others at this great location, with guest speakers, training and paddling opportunities.



For more information see [www.kask.org.nz](http://www.kask.org.nz) and go to the events page or contact Evan at [sheepskinsstuff@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sheepskinsstuff@xtra.co.nz)



After the overnight forum campout at Mistletoe Bay, paddlers are preparing to paddle back.

A highlight of the forum will be the traditional paddle from Anakiwa to Mistletoe Bay where we camp overnight (the paddle takes two to three hours maximum). When the campground is almost hidden by colourful tents and kayaks, paddlers and presenters can let their hair down as evening falls with convivial chat, and tell tall stories around the cooking stoves.

A forum feature is showcasing the awesome talents of Kiwi photographers in the annual photo competition which this year will be judged by two of our best paddling photographers, Ruth Henderson and John Kirk-Anderson.

Registration for the weekend is \$180 for KASK members, otherwise \$190.

A PDF format registration form can be downloaded from the KASK website: [www.kask.org.nz](http://www.kask.org.nz)



Mike Wilkin demonstrating a paddle float rescue at Anakiwa

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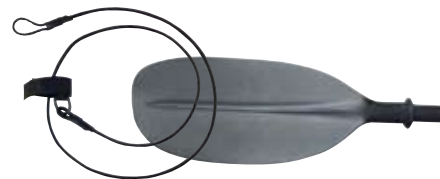
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