

Andy is in control!

A huge welcome to Andy and Jenny Blake the new owners of Canoe & Kayak Wellington.

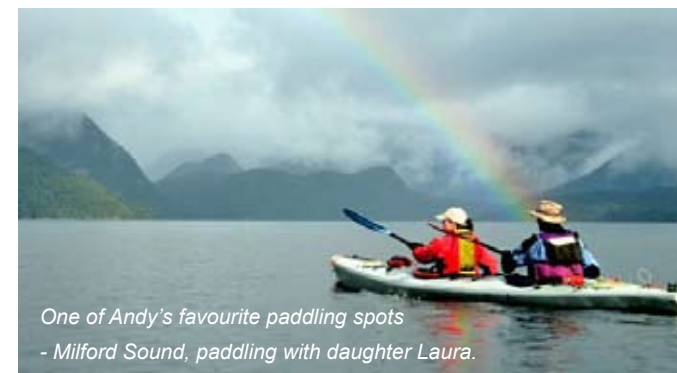
Andy who will be the one in control of the day to day operations has spent many years working with Canoe & Kayak and has purchased Canoe & Kayak Wellington from Jim and Maree Downey. My first contact with Andy was in the early days of Canoe & Kayak in our North Shore shop where he worked as a Sea Kayak Instructor and Guide. He has been working in the Wellington Canoe & Kayak Centre since it opened and has helped to develop a sound well run, operation.



Andy.



Andy at home in the outdoors
- Circumnavigating Stewart Island



One of Andy's favourite paddling spots
- Milford Sound, paddling with daughter Laura.

He is a keen paddler with 18 years paddling experience, and as all the Wellington Yakity Yak Kayak Club members will tell you he is completely at home in the outdoors and a great chef which gives him an A+ rating on all trips. He has circumnavigated D'Urville Island, Stewart Island, Kapiti Island and the Kadavu Island group in Fiji. He has also paddled in the Solomon Islands where he took four of the locals through their NZKI Sea Kayaking assessments. He says "My favourite paddling locations are Fiordland and Stewart Island. I'm looking at a circumnavigation of Great Barrier Island and MAYBE the Chathams."

He has gained many qualifications over the years; SKOANZ Level One, New Zealand Army AATC Intermediate Sea Kayak Course, NZKI Sea Kayaking Instructor 5 Star Assessor, Boatmaster, SKOANZ Committee Member.

Canoe & Kayak and Roof Rack Centres are a complex mix of things but number one to all of us is treating each customer as you would a close friend. Giving good honest advice and knowing, as customers walk out the door, that you have helped them. This is something that Andy has always done and if you need some help getting the right piece of equipment, then pop in and see Andy and his team.

By Pete Townend.

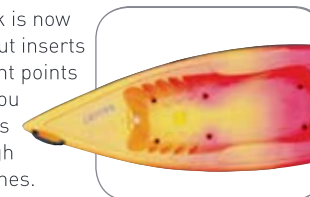
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Mission sit-on-top kayaks get an upgrade!

Thanks to some great feedback from our dealers and customers as well as supplier changes, Mission is pleased to announce that some of our most popular kayaks have received a few upgrades.

SQUIRT

Our most popular kayak is now coming out with six T-nut inserts for loop deck attachment points around the cockpit so you can attach various items such as back rests, thigh braces and paddle leashes.



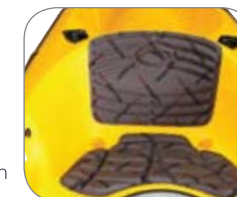
FLOW & SURGE



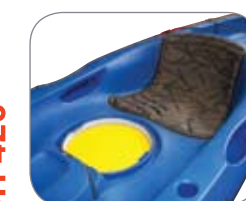
We have introduced new, plusher seat pads to both the Flow and Surge kayaks. Although both of these kayaks were already considered comfortable, the new padding provides even more cushioning and better back support for the paddler. Both of these kayaks also have new T-nuts added behind the seats for any accessories you want to add.

CATCH 390

In order to improve control and stability, Catch 390 kayaks will now come with fin sets as standard. We have also updated the seating area to achieve consistency with the Flow and Surge kayaks, making the Catch 390 even more comfortable thanks to better cushioning and back support.



CATCH 420



Based on customer feedback we have been able to add a number of upgrades to the top of the range Catch 420.

- Ⓢ A new central bait bucket and bait board template.
- Ⓢ Rotation of the side rod holders for better rod angle.

- Ⓢ Addition of bung at the stern of the kayak.
- Ⓢ A new one piece seat for extra comfort and a drier ride.
- Ⓢ A revision to the foot pedal bracket position allowing greater leg room.
- Ⓢ More freeboard around the front hatch area.
- Ⓢ Changes to the rudder cable angles for better rudder efficiency.

These upgrades are now coming out as standard and we are confident that they will satisfy a few of the recommendations we have received over the past few months. We'd like to say thank you for your feedback and make sure you keep it flowing in. If you would like to check out some of these upgrades visit your local Mission dealer or email info@missionkayaking.com.

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The NZKI Award Scheme was formed in response to a growing need in the kayaking industry to have more people with kayaking qualifications, to encourage more kayakers towards expanding their skills and knowledge and to continue to increase the safety of our sport.

The NZKI Award Scheme is structured around the assessment of skills and knowledge that are required for the type of activity to be undertaken by the instructor or guide.

A star is awarded for each level achieved, starting off with the NZKI One Star for personal paddling skills and knowledge and moving up to the NZKI Five Star for an assessor.

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