



WORLD TOUR
PADDLING
FILM FESTIVAL

2018 Film Selection

BALTIC SURGE - SKEG TUTORIAL

Short explanation and informative video about how to use the skeg on a sea kayak.

DIRECTOR: Eike Köhler

BASS BY KAYAK

Bass by Kayak is a film series of six 10-minute episodes about a small expedition party crossing in sea kayaks from the Australian mainland to Tasmania. Close to 400 people have made the crossing in the modern era, and Aboriginal Australians did it during the last ice age in canoes. Adventure filmmaker Beau Miles narrates the expedition as part of the first-ever feature film of the crossing via sea kayaks.

DIRECTORS: Beau Miles / **PRODUCER:** Beau Miles, Mitch Drummond

BEAUTY OF THE NORTHERN FOREST CANOE TRAIL

Completed in 2006, the 740-mile Northern Forest Canoe Trail (NFCT) connects waterways from New York state's Adirondack Park all the way to the Canadian border in northern Maine. Following traditional travel routes used by Native Americans, settlers and guides, the NFCT connects 22 rivers and streams, 58 lakes and ponds and 45 communities. It is the largest inland water trail in America. Filmed during a 2017 thru-paddle by Adventureitus Productions.

DIRECTOR: Austin Graham • **PRODUCER:** Brad Tallent

CHARGING ARC

Find the seam of the fold and you're in. Jim Snyder waltzes along nature's turbulent mysteries in his prototype squirt boat under the Cheat River Narrows in West Virginia. Charging Arc is the observer's path through the water in relation to everything else.

DIRECTOR & PRODUCER: Gabe DeWitt

CHASING WILD: JOURNEY INTO THE SACRED HEADWATERS

Three friends set off on a 400-kilometer bikepacking and packraft expedition through the heart of the sacred headwaters. In the wake of the devastating Mount Polley Mine disaster, the team's goal is to understand what is at stake as new mines are developed across this remote area. They pedal through the vast boreal forest, paddle frigid whitewater, outrun a grizzly, learn about the Tahltan's fight to protect their homeland and glimpse inside a massive open pit mine.

FILM BY: Tyler Wilkinson-Ray, Colin Arisman, Luke Kantola

CONNECTED BY CANOE

The canoe is an important part of Canada's past, and also its present and future. The canoe has many lessons to teach, such as "we're all in the same boat" and "by pulling together," Canadians of all backgrounds, regions and beliefs can build an equitable, sustainable and inclusive future. This paddling journey began as a way to bring greetings from The Canadian Canoe Museum to attendees at the annual Community Foundations of Canada conference in Ottawa.

DIRECTOR: Goh Iromoto

CONVERSESESSIONS

ConverSESSIONS peers into the minds and surfing of three standup paddleboarding legends: Dave Kalama, Colin McPhillips and Dave Boehne.

DIRECTOR: Brent Deal

DON'S CANOE

For Banff locals, Don Gardner is a name associated with legendary climbs and epic ski traverses. Don's Canoe is a simple short film that shows his lifelong passion for old ways. A life well-lived shapes this beautiful canoe.

DIRECTOR: Leanne Allison

DUGOUT

Two friends come up with a simple plan. Travel to the Ecuadorian Amazon, live with an indigenous community, learn how to build a canoe, then take the canoe on a journey. DugOut follows the pair on their two-month trip, documenting their time in the Huaorani community as they build a canoe, then paddle downstream through Ecuador's Yasuni region, one of the most biodiverse areas of the world.

DIRECTOR: Benjamin Sadd

ZIYOU/FREEDOM

Emily is an avid kayaker who has always lived life to the fullest, but when she faces the biggest challenge of her life, she must face this chapter as if it may be her last. By way of her inspirational journey, she shows us how one can live a life without regrets.

DIRECTOR: Goh Iromoto • **PRODUCER:** Yves Ma

FREEDOM

Mike Schmitz uses kayak fishing to show the world what freedom means to him.

DIRECTOR: Michael Ernst

INSIDE THE INDUS - A PAKISTANI ODYSSEY

Follow adventure kayakers Aniol Serrasolses, Mike Dawson and Ciaran Heurteau as they venture into the Rondu Gorge on the Indus River in Northern Pakistan to take on extreme whitewater. This is the story of their eight-day journey through the gorge.

DIRECTOR: Ciaran Heurteau • **PRODUCER:** Mike Dawson

INTERNATIONAL WHITEWATER HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2017

The International Whitewater Hall of Fame recognizes and honors explorers, pioneers, athletes and advocates from around the world who have made significant contributions to the enjoyment, protection, awareness and celebration of whitewater rivers. Four individuals are honored as members of the Class of 2017, including pioneer Bill Masters, explorers Nikki Kelly and Julie Munger, and advocate Bunny Johns.

DIRECTOR: Trevor Torrance • **PRODUCERS:** International Whitewater Hall of Fame, American Canoe Association

INTO TWIN GALAXIES - A GREENLAND EPIC

Three National Geographic Adventurers Of The Year embark on an insane kayaking mission in Greenland. Using kite skis, they tow their whitewater kayaks over 1,000 kilometers on the Greenland Ice Cap to reach the most northern river ever paddled.

DIRECTOR: Jochen Schmoll • **PRODUCERS:** Red Bull Media House, Drehxtrem

KHARMA BUMS

The spiritual journey of four friends from California as they embark on an epic adventure down the Ganges River, the most revered and potentially most polluted river on the planet. The documentary follows the group from the largest gathering of human beings ever recorded, known as the Kumbh Mela, some 140 miles downriver to the holy city of Varanasi. Their quest to discover purity amongst pollution is a true test of will, patience and perseverance.

DIRECTOR: Jeremiah Kent • **PRODUCERS:** Jeremiah Kent, RyanSalm, Jason Weissbrod

MAKING A BIRCH BARK CANOE WITH TOM BYERS

Watch master birchbark canoe maker Tom Byers over the course of six weeks as he turns materials collected from his forest into a beautiful birchbark canoe.

DIRECTOR: Trustin Timber • **PRODUCERS:** Cody Bokshowan, Rob Cahill

RETURN FROM DESOLATION

Return from Desolation is the story of Garrett Eaton, an Afghan War vet, oilman and river guide, who fought his way back from addiction and certain death through the wild, serpentine rivers of the American Southwest. This is a story of renewal, forgiveness and healing, and through Garrett's experience we see the importance of wild, public landscapes to help us all find our way home.

DIRECTOR: Justin Clifton • **PRODUCERS:** Steve Markle, OARS

SEA KAYAKING IN JUNEAU, ALASKA

World champion kayaker Ken Whiting travels to Juneau, Alaska, to paddle with whales, bears, glaciers and icebergs on a multi-day sea kayaking adventure.

DIRECTOR: Anthony Poulin • **PRODUCERS:** Ken Whiting, Brendan Mark

SKYE'S THE LIMIT

The story of one woman's solo circumnavigation of the Isle of Skye, Scotland, on a standup paddleboard. The adventure serves to highlight the effects of plastic pollution on even stunning, remote and wild places, and brings positive and engaging solutions to the issue. The film follows Cal Major's epic ocean voyage, vulnerable to Scotland's famous winds, waves and tidal races. Featuring beautiful scenery, wildlife, farm animals and Tunnocks teacakes.

DIRECTORS: James Appleton, Cal Major • **PRODUCERS:** James Appleton, Cal Major

THE BIRTH OF A DUGOUT CANOE

This documentary features the difficult and time-consuming process of making a traditional expanded dugout canoe using mostly traditional hand tools and techniques. The woodworker is Rihards Vidzickis, an experienced green woodworker, wood sculptor and dugout canoe maker. Rihards' passion for green wood and solid wood creations has only grown since his childhood days.

DIRECTOR & PRODUCER: Jacob Diminters

THE GOLDEN RULES OF CANOEING

Part of an instructional series produced in partnership with the American Canoe Association. Ken Whiting takes a look at choosing an appropriate paddling location, using the power of your torso and learning to be prepared for the unexpected in The Golden Rules of Canoeing.

DIRECTOR & PRODUCER: Ken Whiting

THE INDO PROJECT

Following the end of exploitive mining on the Indonesian island of Timor, a group of kayakers and climbers explore ecotourism opportunities in the region. The team discovers a wealth of world-class rock climbing and watersports that have the potential to put Timor on the map as a premier destination. This is the story of the local Mollo people who stopped an environmental tragedy with peaceful protest, who stood firm through adversity, and of their efforts to create a sustainable future for their families and island environment.

DIRECTOR: Greg Balkin • **PRODUCER:** Andy Cochrane

THE TIME TRAVELERS

The USA Rafting Team has never won a world championship. With full-time jobs, families and responsibilities, they use their free time and vacation days to train, travel the world, and race against competitors sometimes half their age. They attempted to break a legendary speed record down 277 miles of the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. The Time Travelers is the story of ordinary people attempting something extraordinary.

DIRECTOR: Forest Woodward • **PRODUCER:** Gnarly Bay Productions

THE WILD PRESIDENT

President Jimmy Carter may be one of the most unsung conservation heroes among American presidents. Through his actions as Governor and then later as President, Jimmy Carter protected dozens of rivers under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. None were more precious to him than the Chattooga River in Georgia. See how paddling a deadly rapid informed his legacy of protecting wild rivers for all Americans.

DIRECTORS: Will Stauffer-Norris, Jacob Boling • **PRODUCERS:** Sinjin Eberle, American Rivers & Jacob Boling, NRS

THE WORLD BENEATH THE RIMS

Guided by Kevin Fedarko, author of *The Emerald Mile*, this film explores the lives of world-renowned painter Bruce Aiken and Grand Canyon photographer Amy Martin. Experience how the Grand Canyon, particularly water beneath the rims, both inspires their art, and connects them to this iconic landscape.

DIRECTOR: James Martin • **PRODUCERS:** American Rivers

WAI-AU-TOA ODYSSEY

Three adventurers, a filmmaker and a photographer set off on a six-day, 300-kilometer unsupported journey. By combining new bikepacking and packrafting technology, they link together whitewater rivers and backcountry tracks through some of New Zealand's under-appreciated wilderness areas. To add to the drama, only months before their departure a massive earthquake changes their plans and reveals opportunities to explore new landscapes in ways never done before.

DIRECTOR & PRODUCER: Simon Waterhouse

WILD COAST

Local SUP surfers, Emre Bosut and Glen Pearson, discuss the experience of living and surfing in Tofino, British Columbia.

DIRECTOR: Kelsey Thompson • **PRODUCER:** Blackfish Paddles