



WORLD TOUR **PADDLING** **FILM FESTIVAL**

2019 Film Selection

100 MILES

The goal of this Alaskan expedition was simple—use packrafts to explore and fish a remote and braided river system, not accessible to larger rafts. For the anglers, this meant accessing countless small channels and mouse-eating trout without the worry of dead ends, portages and extra baggage. This trip was not a first descent on an unnamed river, but after 100 river miles without seeing another soul, it felt like it.

Director & Producer: Cory Luoma

BEARS EARS

When two paddlers head out on a backpacking and packrafting trip to explore Utah's Bears Ears National Monument, the protected area created by President Barack Obama and recently slashed by Donald Trump, they discover a political battle epitomizing the strange culture war sweeping the nation.

Director: Hank Leukart

BIG WORLD

How do we teach our kids there is a world beyond social media, standardized tests and soccer practice? In April 2018, Eddie Bauer athlete David Morton and his seven-year-old son, Thorne, embarked on a week-long standup paddleboard journey down the Karnali and Bheri Rivers in western Nepal. "There's a basic paradox to parenting," says David. "You have to keep your kids safe, but you have to teach them to take risks and follow curiosity. Life is undeniably richer with a little bit of daring."

Director: David Morton, Fitz Cahall Producer: David Morton, Duct Tape Then Beer / Becca Cahall

CITY ON THE WATER

Four of the five boroughs comprising New York City are islands, and to get anywhere around the city you must take a bridge or a tunnel. Though the city boasts 520 miles of waterfront, we don't often think of New York City as a city on the water. Jon Bowermaster's short film changes that.

Director: Jon Bowermaster

CONFLUIR

In Peru, the headwaters of the Amazon River cut through the Andes Mountains and help sustain resident communities, as well as the most diverse ecosystem on Earth. As the energy demands of Peru increase, the currently free-flowing Marañón River faces more than 20 proposed dam projects, two of which have already been approved. An international team of scientists and river experts spent 28 days rafting the Marañón while documenting the natural and cultural resources that would be affected by proposed dam projects.

Director: Henry Worobec

DEAR LIZA

This short film features a postcard home and highlights the magic and beauty of sea kayaking with the abundant wildlife of the British Columbia coast. Shot in the Broughton Archipelago and Great Bear Rainforest.

Director: David Hartman | Producer: David Hartman, Rick Snowdon

FEEL OF VISION

Lonnie Bedwell, a former Navy Petty Officer turned extreme adventure athlete, became the first blind person to whitewater kayak the entire length of the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon in a solo kayak. Lonnie previously described his blindness as a wall that prevented him from moving forward and living a full life. "Kayaking acted as a door and that opened to the whole world".

Director: Tucker Gragg, Austin Gardner | Producer: Tucker Gragg

FINDING FLOW

Time, travels and experiences in Chile serve as a tribute to the dammed and will inspire others to protect water as a wild, natural and free-flowing resource. This story, Finding Flow, is where water has led the filmmaker's journey.

Director & Producer: Dylan McKinney

FRONTIER OF FIRSTS

Frontier of Firsts follows the experiences of a whitewater kayaker and an Alaskan bush pilot during a kayaking expedition in southern Alaska. Similarities in their passions emerge as the two work together to explore three previously unrun rivers.

Director: Tyler Allyn, Cooper Lambla | **Producer:** U.S. National Whitewater Center

GLEN CANYON REDISCOVERED

Glen Canyon Rediscovered chronicles a 350-mile sea kayak journey to the remote and lost wonders of Glen Canyon, the "place no one knew." As a result of climate change and an over-tapped Colorado River, Lake Powell is receding and the intricate side canyons, resurrected desert beauty, and forgotten cultural wonders of Glen Canyon are emerging from the depths of the reservoir. The film investigates the history and explores the young team's relationship to the changed world of Glen Canyon.

Director: Taylor Graham

GOING SOLO

A story about a solo kayaker's special bond with a river after almost drowning. Follow Andrew Kellett on his whitewater journey as he makes peace with Cape Town's Witte River and introduces his son to the challenges of going up against nature.

Director: Ant Hoard | **Producer:** Ant Hoard, Andrew Kellett

HOW NOT TO CAPTURE THE GRAND CANYON

What a young and over-confident videographer learned while trying to capture the Grand Canyon from a boat.

Director: Max Romey

JUNK PADDLE

You can buy a paddle or the wood to make a paddle, but what about making a paddle from junk? Collecting rubbish wood between a train station and office, this is the story of a junk-made paddle.

Producer: Beau Miles, Mitch Drummond

KING OF THE MANHATTAN LAP

With more than 70 laps under his belt, there is something about circumnavigating Manhattan by sea kayak that keeps drawing Kenny Unser back.

Director: Tyler Allyn

LIVE THE MOMENT

The Pink Water Community presents the short film Vivir El Momento, which demonstrates the importance of not storing watersports! The community is put forward and the benefits of each individual in the advancement of the sport.

Director: Ken Allaire, Shéril Gravel | **Producer:** Philippe Belley

METROPHOBIA

A team of French/Swiss mountaineers set off on a 170-kilometer kayak journey to discover one of the largest bigwalls in Greenland, the west face of the Tommelfinger. On arrival, they discover an unclimbed 2000-meter-high cliff. Far from civilization, they open up the Metrophobia route in only seven days with very little equipment and in fantastic conditions. They then set off home aboard their kayaks and head towards the climax of their adventure.

Director: Antoine Moineville | **Producer:** Antoine Moineville, Hugo Clouzeau

PADDLING WITH KIDS | STARTING KIDS WITH KAYAKING

Paddling with kids is rewarding, but there are some things parents need to take into consideration before hitting the water. In the Youth Safe Paddling Series, Ken Whiting explains everything from why your child needs to wear a PFD to how to get your kids into kayaking, either on their own or in a tandem kayak.

Director: Ken Whiting | **Producer:** Heliconia

RUN WILD RUN FREE : 50 YEARS OF WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS

Run Wild Run Free takes the viewer through the history of Wild and Scenic Rivers Act as told by experts, grassroots organizers, whitewater enthusiasts and members of the Nez Perce tribe in Idaho. Today, in a polarized political climate, new designations and river protections have stalled even though there is no time in history more important than now to protect our freshwater ecosystems.

Director & Producer: Shane Anderson

SEA KAYAK SURFING IN JAMAICA

While the island of Jamaica is surrounded by beautiful blue ocean and blessed with great surf along much of the coast, the surfing scene is surprisingly small and undeveloped. With a passion for both surf and Jamaican culture, the Wilmot family lives and plays at Jamnesia Surf Camp, a surf school located just outside of Kingston and a short paddle out to some of the best surf breaks you'll find anywhere in the world.

Director: Ken Whiting | Producer: Heliconia

THE PASSAGE

In 1974, Nate Dappen's 20-year-old parents and uncle Andy built their own canoes, launched them into the Pacific, and became some the first people in modern history to canoe from Washington to Alaska up the Inside Passage. In the summer of 2017, Nate and his brother renovated the canoes and with aging parents completed the 1974 journey. The Passage is a story about the dreams of aging brothers, fathers and sons, and the wild places that define us.

Director: Nate Dappen | Producer: Nate Dappen, Neil Losin

THE UNDAMAGED

With over 2,700 small and large hydro power plants planned or under construction in the Balkans, corruption and greed are destroying the last free-flowing rivers of Europe. Follow the Balkan Rivers Tour, a crew of whitewater kayakers, filmmakers, photographers and friends who decided to stand up for the rivers, travelling from Slovenia to Albania for 36 days, kayaking 23 rivers in six countries to protest the dams and show the world the secret, wild rivers of the Balkans.

Director: Rožle Bregar, Matic Oblak, Miha Avguštin | Producer: Rok Rozman

TWICE IN A LIFETIME GULF SAILFISH

Chris Castro of Next Level Fishing TV has captured some of the first evidence showing the possibility of catching sailfish off the Texas coast in a kayak. Launching off the beach and boating a sail is the holy grail of kayak fishing for Texans, and you're invited to enjoy this twice-in-a-lifetime sailfish record in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Director: & Producer: Chris Castro

WATERWAY JAY

In 2017, Jay Gustafson launched Paddle for Progress, a two-year, 4,300-mile personal journey to reconnect humanity with one of our most precious resources. It took him to the most remote and least visited corners of Minnesota, as well as through nearly every major community in the state. Waterway Jay is the story of this one man's journey to save water, and how we are connected to it all.

Director & Producer: Brenda Piekarski

WE ARE SEND

This is the story of Send and what you can accomplish with a great set of friends. It has been a crazy two years since four friends formed Send and this crew is looking forward to plenty more.

Director: & Producer: Adrian Mattern, Bren Orton

WILD TEMAGAMI

This environmental documentary features canoeists Hap and Andrea Wilson in Temagami, Ontario, which is home to the world's largest stand of old growth forest in the world. The film highlights Hap and Andrea's relationship with the Temagami wilderness and the threats the land faces.

Director & Producer: Hailey Sonntag, Michael Oliphant