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KayakFest 2027

Event programme · Thursday to Sunday

18–21 February 2027 | Sea kayaking · Skills · Surf · Journeys

At a glance

Raglan · 18–21 February

Thursday 18 February
ARRIVAL & WELCOME

11:00–18:00	**Registration & arrival**	Papahua campground
17:30–18:30	**Buy, sell & swap / meet the coaches**	Camp communal area
19:00–20:00	**Official welcome & programme briefing**	Camp communal room

Friday 19 February
DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS

08:30–08:50	**Morning briefing**	Papahua campground
09:00–12:00	**Morning paddling sessions**	See the session programme
12:00–13:00	**Lunch**	Camp / session venues
13:00–16:00	**Afternoon paddling sessions**	See the session programme
18:00–19:00	**Dinner**	Camp communal area
19:30–20:30	**Guest speaker**	Camp communal room



Saturday 20 February
PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

08:30–08:50	**Morning briefing**	Papahua campground
09:00–12:00	**Morning paddling sessions + full-day trips**	See the session programme
12:00–13:00	**Lunch**	Camp / session venues
13:00–16:00	**Afternoon paddling sessions + full-day trips**	See the session programme
16:30–16:45	**Waihi Surf Fest talk**	Camp communal room
16:45–17:45	**KASK AGM**	Camp communal room
17:45–19:30	**Silent auction bidding opens until the end of dinner**	Camp communal area
18:30–19:30	**Dinner**	Camp communal area
19:30–20:00	**Silent auction results & photo awards**	Camp communal room
20:00–20:30	**Keynote speaker (TBC)**	Camp communal room

Sunday 21 February
INFORMAL PADDLING · NO ORGANISED SESSIONS

Morning	**Informal paddling with fellow participants**	Self-organised — no scheduled coaching sessions

Sunday: No organised coaching sessions are scheduled. You're welcome to arrange an informal paddle with other participants.

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Friday sessions

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Morning 09:00–12:00

Efficient forward paddling
L1–2 — 8 MAX
Nick Howard
Papahua harbour

Wind, trim & control
L2 — 8 MAX
Dan O'Connor
Inner harbour

Capsize confidence & assisted re-entry
L1–2 — 8 MAX
Deb Volturno
Papahua harbour

Edging & linked strokes
L2 — 8 MAX
Amber Champion
Inner harbour

Surf: first steps
L2–3 SURF — 6 MAX
Ben Brown
Ngarunui Beach

Surf progression
L3–4 SURF — 6 MAX
Jamie Sharp
Ngarunui Beach

Group leadership & decisions
L3 — 6 MAX
Caoimhin Arden
Inner harbour

Precision boat control
L1–2 — 8 MAX
Caoimhe O'Connor
Inner harbour

Rolling: foundations
L1–2 — 8 MAX
Rachel Kehoe
Papahua harbour

Boat confidence: relaxed handling
L1–2 — 8 MAX
Barry Shaw
Papahua / sheltered inner harbour

Afternoon 13:00–16:00

Support strokes & bracing confidence
L1–2 — 8 MAX
Nick Howard
Inner harbour

Paddling in wind & chop
L2 — 8 MAX
Dan O'Connor
Inner harbour

Introduction to gentle surf
L2 SURF — 8 MAX
Deb Volturno
Ngarunui Beach

Rescue workshop: from swim to safety
L2 — 8 MAX
Amber Champion
Papahua / inner harbour

Te Akau limestone rock skills
L2–3 — 6 MAX
Ben Brown
Te Akau limestone coast

Surf tactics & wave selection
L3–4 SURF — 6 MAX
Jamie Sharp
Ngarunui Beach

Towing & incident scenarios
L3 — 6 MAX
Caoimhin Arden
Inner harbour (deep water)

Greenland strokes discovery
L1–3 — 8 MAX
Caoimhe O'Connor
Inner harbour

Rolling progression & confidence
L2–3 — 6 MAX
Rachel Kehoe
Papahua harbour

Forward paddling: comfort & efficiency
L1–2 — 8 MAX
Barry Shaw
Inner harbour (deep-water site)

Surf sessions take place at **Ngarunui Beach** when conditions permit. All session locations and maximum group sizes are subject to the event's safety plan.

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Saturday sessions

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Full-day adventures

09:00–16:00 · One booking covers both morning and afternoon

Harbour journey
L1–2 — 12 MAX
Nick Howard
Papahua / inner harbour

Advanced surf safari
L3–4 SURF — 6 MAX
Jamie Sharp
Ngarunui Beach

Navigation-led coastal journey
L2–3 — 6 MAX
Caoimhin Arden
Te Akau harbour coastline

Morning

09:00–12:00

Tide, weather & route options
L2–3 — 6 MAX
Dan O'Connor
Harbour / shore

Women on the water
L1–2 — 8 MAX
Deb Volturno
Inner harbour

Greenland paddling & balance
L1–3 — 8 MAX
Amber Champion
Papahua / inner harbour

Limestone & moving-water strokes
L3 — 6 MAX
Ben Brown
Te Akau limestone coast

Step-up harbour journey
L2 — 12 MAX
Caoimhe O'Connor
Inner harbour / Te Akau

Rolling confidence clinic
L1–3 — 8 MAX
Rachel Kehoe
Papahua harbour

Relaxed harbour journey: the next step
L1–2 — 12 MAX
Barry Shaw
Inner harbour / Te Akau (route TBC)

Afternoon

13:00–16:00

Group incident management
L3 — 6 MAX
Dan O'Connor
Inner harbour

Introductory surf repeat
L2 SURF — 8 MAX
Deb Volturno
Ngarunui Beach

Rescue toolkit
L2–3 — 6 MAX
Amber Champion
Inner harbour

Surf launches & rescue decisions
L3 SURF — 6 MAX
Ben Brown
Ngarunui Beach

Precision kayak games
L1–2 — 8 MAX
Caoimhe O'Connor
Inner harbour

Rolling progressions & rescues
L2–3 — 6 MAX
Rachel Kehoe
Papahua harbour

Rescues at your own pace
L1–2 — 8 MAX
Barry Shaw
Inner harbour (deep-water site)

Surf sessions take place at **Ngarunui Beach** when conditions permit. Full-day journeys and surf safari also count towards the group limits in both half-day blocks.