

30 miles



Tasman Sea

Picton

starting/finishing

Fiordland Park

Christchurch

2400 km  $\pm$  70 days

# South Island Kayak Expedition

from January to March 2020

Invercargill

Dunedin

Pacific Ocean

Foveaux Strait

New Zealand  
South Island  
circumnavigation



## Brief History

**1977/78** - Paul Caffyn (NZ) - First South Island Circumnavigation 76 days on the water, support team on land. Paul took some breaks, sometimes 2 weeks long. A few rolls.

**1996** - Brian Roberts (USA) - First solo circumnavigation, 86 days, starting/finishing point: Picton.

**1999/2000** - Chris Duff (USA) - Solo circumnavigation, starting/finishing point Picton. Chris rolled a dozen times, mostly while landing.; once his kayak was badly damaged and needed heavy repairs.

**2007/2010** - Max Grant and his daughter Melanie (NZ) - 81 days on the water, 2750 km split in several sessions, polyethylene sea kayaks

**2007/08** - Freya Hoffmeister (Germany) - 70 days solo navigation, 48 on the water.

**2007/08** - Barbro Lindman (Sweden) 94 days solo navigation.

**2008** - Justine Curgenvin and Barry Shaw (UK) - 67 days, 47 on the water

**2010/11** - Tim Taylor (NZ) - complete NZ circumnavigation 5500 km /15 months, polyethylene sea kayak.

**2012** - Tara Mulvany (NZ)- Winter circumnavigation / 5 months.

**2015/16** - Lynn Paterson (NZ) - complete NZ circumnavigation, 14 months with on-land-support.

## Getting ready...

Based on previous expeditions statistics, we expect at least 48 days paddling and 22 days off with an average distance of 25 nautical miles per day on the water, or global daily average of 15 nautical miles - 1300 NM / 2400 km.

Training is part of our life, we paddle all year long, at least 3 times a week. We will meet in Autumn 2019 on the Atlantic Coast for surf training sessions to practice and improve launching and landing on heavy surf waves and breakers areas.

**an irrepressible desire  
to be in close to and in prolonged contact with sea,  
to paddle in the wake of great names  
of our discipline**

**the imperative need to put ourselves  
under the test of a powerful nature,  
to feel alive simply**

# The project

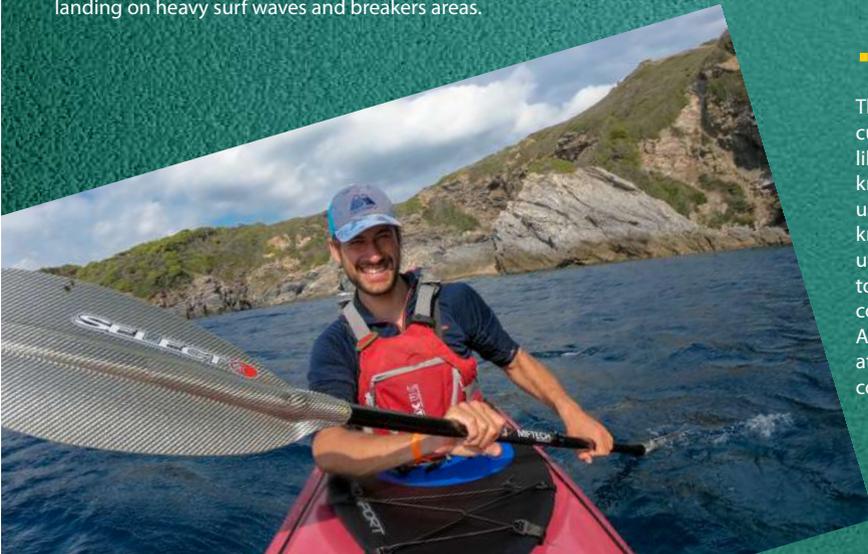
## ...to the vibes !

The East Coast will most probably bring us head winds and currents conditions, while the West Coast is famous for its swell, likely to stand 2 to 4 meters, and its sudden winds picking up to 50 knots. South Coast belongs to the Roaring Forties area, with unexpected changing weather, heavy rains and winds up to 50 knots. Sometimes landing might be too difficult, so we might end up paddling 40 nautical miles stretches of coastlines. We will have to deal everyday carefully and wisely with tides and weather conditions. The weather forecast will be of utmost importance. As a self-relying expedition, food and supplies also need all our attention, especially on the West Coast where bad weather conditions are more likely to keep us out of sea for days.

## Our motivation

Beside visiting our "down-under-neighbours" \*, our drives can be summed up in very few words: wild nature immersion and pushing ourselves. No narcissistic need to meet here. Neither scientific, ecological or educational alibi but a real desire to flirt with our physical and mental limits, to test our adaptation skills in challenging conditions. We are just quite aware that our project has a pleasure purpose first, like in about every expedition. We'll certainly pollute more than those who stay home, because of the flight over half world, we have in mind that our carbon footprint will be unfortunately debtor for a few years.

\* *ref Down Under: Travels in a Sunburned Country / Bill BRYSON*



## Agnes Penisson

- 57 - double culture British (Jersey) and French
  - paddling for 18 years, Sea kayak guide and coach for 10 years (French coach BEES1 + Sea qualified and British Canoeing Qualified Coach Sea 3)
  - former sailor, free diver and scuba diver
  - regular sea kayak trips in Brittany, Channel Islands, Corsica, Italy, Spain, Croatia, Greece, Scotland, Greenland.
  - small expeditions in the tidal areas of the Channel Islands
  - French and British: Alderney, Chausey, Jersey, Guernsey, Sark
  - 2013 - Round Brittany by the islands 350 miles / 18 days
  - 2015 - Cyclades: Evvia / Amorgos 186 miles 12 days + expedition in Greenland 30 days
  - 2018 - Expedition to the Rajah Ampat Islands (Indonesia) 13 days
  - 2009-2012-2015-2017-2019- many expeditions, 2 to 4 weeks in Greenland: Disko Bay, Ummannaq Bay, Melville Bay
  - 2014/2016/2017/2018/2019 - organizer of "Surf your kayak" (sea kayak and surf kayak) in northern Brittany
  - international sea kayak Symposium : Jersey, Skye, Pagaia, Women South Devon
  - volunteer at LCK Lannion Canoe Club
- Website:** [planetekayak.fr](http://planetekayak.fr)

## Thierry Puyfoulhoux

- 57 - Designer - 10 years as a professional kayak / raft guide in the Alps and sports class Coach - French coach BEES1 + Sea qualified
  - paddling for 45 years.
  - former canoe kayak competitor: slalom, wild water canoe racing, freestyle and Ocean racing - 2 participations in the World Championships (1997-2001)
  - Nowadays kitesurfing, skiing and rivers stand-up-paddling.
  - a few trips abroad: Zambezi, White Nile, Nepal and Canada, Switzerland, Slovenia, Austria, Spain, Italy.
  - 2006 - SK Lavrio / Santorini Expedition (Greece) 184 miles / 15 days
  - 2007/2008 - 3 training expeditions kite & ski in Norway and crossing North / South Greenland 2200 km / 31 days.
  - 2010 - first SK circumnavigation of the Tuscan Archipelago (Italy) 147 km / 8 days
  - 2010 - SK Peloponnese / Rhodes by Crete, 463 miles / 24 days
  - 2012 - SK Sardinia tour, 450 miles / 37 days
  - 2013 - SK Tour of Brittany by the islands 350 miles / 18 days
  - 2014 - SK Brittany tour by sea and land 477 miles / 23 days
  - 2015 - SK Cyclades: Evvia / Amorgos 186 miles 12 days + Greenland expedition 30 days
  - 2016 - Dodecanese stand-up paddle 138 miles / 10 days
  - 2017 - SK North Coast of Majorca (Spain)
  - 2018 - SK West Coast: Sardinia (Italy) and Gulf of Corinth (Greece)
- Regular writer at Canoe-Kayak Magazine.**  
**Website:** [kayakiste.canalblog.com](http://kayakiste.canalblog.com)

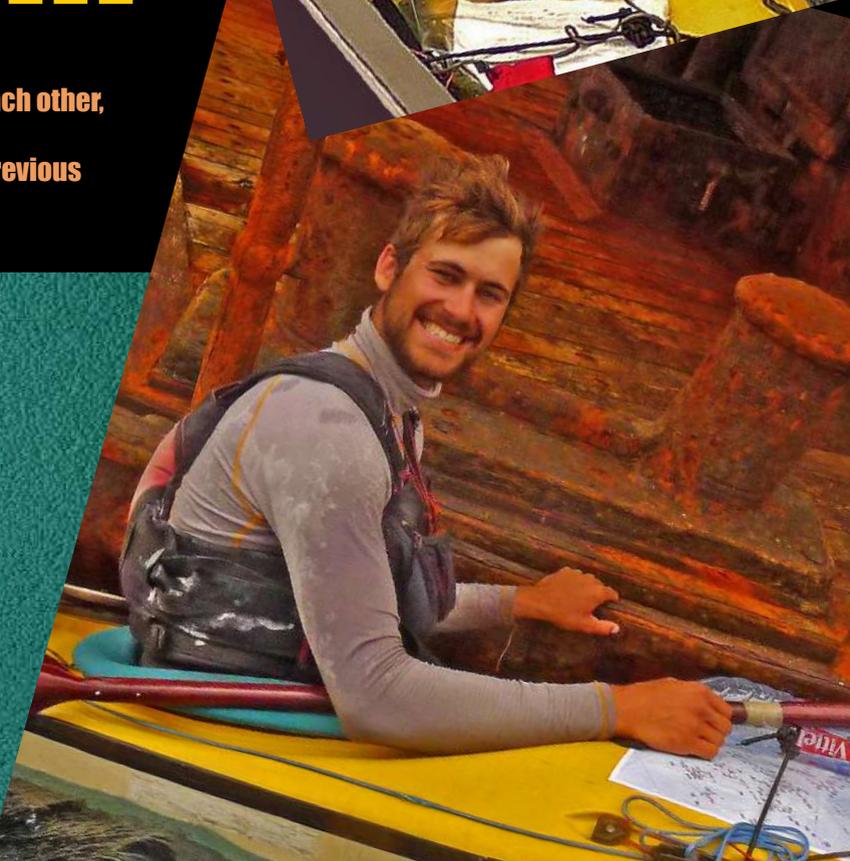


# The team

**Our strengths:  
friendship, expertise that complement each other,  
mutual trust,  
a willingness already experienced in previous  
expeditions.**

## Maxime Raux

- 28 years. Paddling for 14 years
  - former canoe kayak competitor, national level: Slalom, Polo. Then starts expeditions at the end of his studies.
  - owns and runs his company of Raft and water sports on the Verdon: *Raoul Rafting*, specialized on canyoning Verdon on raft and kayak tandem.
  - Conducts development missions under International Canoe Federation for the Nepal, Malaysia, Algeria, Argentina, Philippines, Thailand and Chile Federations
  - class V / V + river expeditions: descent of all sections of the Apurimac (Peru), the Inn from the Morteratsch Glacier to Silz (Austria), Humla Karnali and Thuli Behri (Nepal)
  - 2015 sea kayak expedition Cyclades: Evvia / Amorgos 186 miles 12 days. Cres circumnavigation (Croatia)
  - 2016 sea kayak expeditions Dakar - Bissau 3 months journey on the West African coast (Senegal, Gambia, Guinea Bissau), Menorca circumnavigation (Spain)
- Website:** [worldwidekayakexpeditions.blogspot.com](http://worldwidekayakexpeditions.blogspot.com)

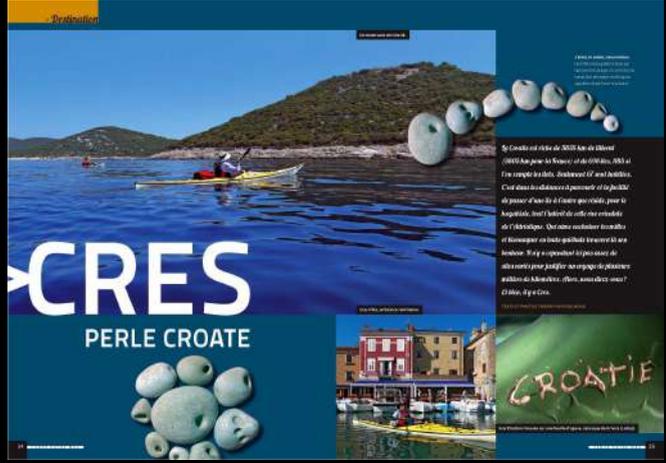




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# Sponsoring commitments



## Our commitments:

- publishing your brand name and website link on the sponsor page on our expedition blog.
- Show your logo on our kayaks
- Providing in May 2020 a photograph databank of our expedition, assigned rights and highlighting your sponsored products and equipment.
- Highlighting your products in our related expedition articles scheduled in 2020 / 2021 in Canoë-kayak Magazine (FR), Carnets d'Aventure (FR), Outdoorgo (FR), Ocean Paddler (UK), New Zealand Kayak Magazine (NZ).

- Give you some feedback on your sponsored products and equipment
  - Send you reports to publish on your communication media (written and web)
- Samples of our previous expedition spirit:  
<http://tourbretagne.canalblog.com/>  
<http://worldwidekayakexpeditions.blogspot.com/>

**Our website:** <http://south-island-kayak-expedition.fr/>

## Our needs

- Your help, by lending products /equipment or offering preferential prices**
- 3 reliable kayaks, equipped with retractable skeg
  - 4 split paddles
  - 3 spray decks / 3 compass "southern hemisphere"
  - 3 dry cags and 3 dry pants
  - 24 dry bags, 6 and 10 litres (two layer)
  - 3 deck bags
  - 3 VHF, with spare batteries
  - various waterproof cases for cameras/GPS/VHF
  - 3 individual tents (3 seasons)