

Off-Island and Tropical Kayaking – Gear & Packing List

Essentials

- Kayak** (D'oh!)
- Hatch covers/lids**
- Paddle**
- Paddle leash**
- Life jacket**
- Whistle
- Float plan
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Paddling Gear

- Bilge Pump**
- Sponge**
- Spare paddle
- Tow line/heaving line
- Flotation bag
- Rescue knife**
- Sea anchor**
- Deck (mesh) bag
- Kite
- Sail Rig
- Flag or Pennant
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Navigation

- Chart & Chart case
- Tide tables
- Deck compass or
- Hand-held bearing compass
- Waterproof watch
- Binoculars
- Weather radio
- GPS
- Waterproof notebook
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Safety & Signaling

- Whistle**
- Cell phone & case
- VHF Marine Radio & case**
- Aerial or hand flares**
- Signal mirror**
- Flashlight**
- Smoke
- Chemical light sticks
- Rescue banner
- Dye marker
- Strobe light
- Air Horn
- EPIRB
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Accessible Gear

- Glasses
- Sunglasses
- Eyeglass strap
- Sunscreen**
- Lip balm
- Bandana
- Water Bottle/hydration system**
- Energy bars
- Paddling gloves
- Booties/reefwalkers
- Mask/fins/snorkel
- Waterproof flashlight
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Clothing & Personal Gear

- Wallet/pocketbook
- Cash
- Contact phone numbers
- Float plan copy
- Car keys**
- Medications
- Brimmed hat**
- Swimsuit**
- UV protective shirt
- Rain jacket
- Towel
- Underwear
- Tevas or sandals
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Pastimes

- Fishing gear
- Journal, pens, pencils
- Book
- Camera
- Film
- Batteries
- Playing cards
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Repair Kit

- Duct tape**
- Epoxy & f/g tape
- Spare batteries/bulbs
- Multi-tool
- Light line or cord
- Lighter
- Needle and thread
- Tent seam sealer

- Drybag patch kit
- Wire
- Microtorch
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Camping Gear

- Tarp, or
- Space blanket, or
- Bug repellent
- Tent, or
- Jungle hammock
- Bivi-bag or
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- Lighter
- Fire starters
- Clothesline & pins
- Toilet paper**
- Trowel/ folding shovel
- Water filter, or
- Water purification tablets
- First aid kit**
- Candle/lantern
- Hammock
- Knife
- Axe or small machete
- Camp saw
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Kitchen Gear

- Stove or
- Sterno-stove
- Fuel bottle (see note)
- Can opener**
- Cooking pot
- Pot handle
- Folding frypan
- Steel grill
- Spatula
- Alum. Foil
- Cup or mug
- Plate & bowl
- Knife/fork/spoon
- Paper towels
- Trash bags
- Fillet knife
- Cutting board
- Saltwater soap
- Scrubbie

Using this List

This list is intended as a comprehensive guide to all the things you *might want* to bring along - space permitting – not necessarily what you *should* bring. Some of the items are mutually excluding; i.e. you might want a deck compass OR a hand-held, but probably not both... Items that may not be obvious but Club experience has shown to be **highly recommended** are in bold type, as are some things that *are* obvious, but too often forgotten, like your paddles. Don't laugh...

Create a master list by filling in or checking the first box for each item that you think you'll need for that outing. For gear that you want to carry that is not listed here, fill in one of the empty entry lines. As you pack the gear, for each item marked, check the second square.

Hui Wa'a Kaukahi would like to thank *SeaKayaker Magazine* and credit them with providing the original master list from which this mutilated version has sprung. This has been heavily edited to reflect the open-top kayaking style of Hawaiian warm-water paddling.