

Looking to get back out on the water with friends and family?

Welcome to our first official edition of our Mission Kayaking newsletter – dedicated to keeping you better informed to make sure you can have the most fun possible out on the water!

We want to introduce you to the latest member of the Mission family: the Catch 390. Designed specifically for kayak fishing, this snazzy little boat is decked to the 9's with everything to make sure it's comfy and easy to use.

How we've made kayak fishing easier for you: You can turn around, fish sideways, manage anchors and nets all due to the stable hull design.



Catch your own dinner in comfort and style with the Catch 390.

▶ Worried about losing your rods if you tip out?

The Catch 390 has an internal rod chute meaning safe stowage of your rods for getting in and out through the surf line. There's enough fishing gear fitted as standard to get you up and running right away but plenty of accessories you can add on later. There's even fitted internal mounted lugs for batteries and fish-finders and other electronics, so you'll have everything you need within reach.

▶ If you want to know more about the Catch 390, email us today on catch390info@missionkayaking.com or call 06 356 7411.

▄▄ So far it's proven to be more stable and more efficient. I can get out to where I drop my sinker in two thirds the number of paddle strokes than what I would have to in my old kayak. ▄▄

Ted Hanson, Tauranga.

WANT TO KNOW WHERE TO BUY? Contact us for your nearest Mission Stockist.

Want to stretch your limits and see a bit more of the country?

If you've never been on big day trips or multi-day trips – you're missing out! Even if you're an experienced multi-day paddler, the Contour 480 is a mid-sized touring kayak large enough to fit all your gear, suitable for beginners and experienced paddlers alike.

This month's feature: Contour 480

This 4.8m beauty weighs 27 kg, is 62cm at its widest point and has dual channel tracking on the hull for easier paddling in straight lines.

Ample storage area in the bow and stern

The Contour 480 even has placement on your deck for maps, GPS and guide books. A great kayak for lakes and sheltered waters or even that long scenic excursion.



▶ Ali Scarlet enjoying the swell off the coast of Kaikoura summer 2008 in her Contour 480.

Some hints to make paddling more fun!

Beach/Fishing:

- Check the tides of the area you're planning on heading out in and whether there are sand bars you could get stuck having to drag your boat back from.
- Keep a small tube of sunscreen and protective lip balm in your personal floatation device (PFD) or lifejacket so you can re-apply it every hour you're out on the water – remember, the sun reflects off the water too!
- If you'll be in water where motor boats are, keep an eye out and make yourself as visible as possible with a high-visibility PFD, a flag – or keep out of busy boating lanes.

Day trips/multi-day trips:

- Carry a small waterproof first aid kit close to the cock-pit where you sit in case you need to access it quickly (as well as a complete kit in your hatch). You never know when you'll need it.
- Even on a perfectly calm and sunny day, practice your rescue techniques – better to know how to do it in good conditions should you need to rescue, you can do so calmly and quickly.

Ever wondered who designed your boat?

The team at Mission harbours a few secrets that not many people know about.

One includes our Managing Director and chief designer – Michael O'Donnell. Michael (or MOD as we know him as around here) is a former National Slalom Champ and used to run guided tours down the Whanganui River. Michael continually works on the development of all boats and your feedback is always welcome.

◉ Michael working on boat developments



Go into the draw to win this beach kayak package – valued at \$450!



DID YOU KNOW
We're NZ Made!

All you need to do is respond to this email before the 19th September 2008 and we'll put you in the draw to win this great boat – easy to use and so much fun for the whole family! It's easy to put in the back of a van or truck or can be tied to a roof rack. Don't miss out on your chance to win! Email us: newsletter2@missionkayaking.com



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