

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

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Previous Experience	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		
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Kayak Type	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		
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Authorities Involved	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		
Cause Determined	<input style="width: 95%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>		
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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="6/07/1974"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="7/74fatalitysolo"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Lake Horowhenua, Manawatu"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Manawatu"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Whitewater NZ website"/>		
File Category	<input type="text"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="unknown"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="young male"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="Drowning"/>
Age	<input type="text"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="NZ"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="calm in the morning, wind increasing from 1.15pm"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="1 solo"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="Not worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Penguin, fibreglass touring kayak"/>		
Description	<p>A young man purchased a kayak on Friday evening (5 July), and apparently put-in to the lake at Lake Horowhenua Domain on the Saturday morning (6 July) in calm conditions. He was wearing a green jersey and black trousers, and no lifejacket. He paddled to the far shore, then headed south. There was no wind till 10:30am, but the wind steadily increased to 18 kmh between 11am and 12pm, with a gust of 36kmh at 11:40am.</p> <p>His vehicle was noticed on early on 7 July at Lake Horowhenua Domain, and a police search commenced on Monday 8 July. The kayak was found partly-full of water at the northwest end of lake. Separately, the paddle was found on 7 July. The body was found on the lake on 21 July. The retailer of the kayak said a sprayskirt had not been purchased with the kayak but was on order.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Inexperience, no PFD worn"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="22/10/1974"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="10/74fatalsolo"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Lake Tekapo"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Canterbury"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Whitewater NZ website"/>		
File Category	<input type="text"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="male Australian tourist"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="Drowning"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="22"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Australia"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Calm in the morning, From 1:15pm the wind came up, with gusts of 28 kph to 4pm, 37 kph after 4pm and 56 kph at 7pm. The lake became rough."/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="1 -solo"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="Not worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="8 foot fibreglass canoe (probably a recreational style kayak)"/>		
Description	<p>Around 12:30pm, a tourist borrowed an 8foot fibreglass kayak, intending to paddle Lake Tekapo to Motuariki Island. Conditions at departure were fine and calm. The paddler was alone, lightly elad (in jeans, flannel shirt, jandals and a plastic parka) and without a lifejacket. From 1:15pm the wind came up, with gusts of 28kmh to 4pm, 37kmh after 4pm and 56kmh at 7pm. The lake became rough.</p> <p>A search was commenced that night, and again the next morning. The kayak was recovered from the western shore, along with socks, jandals and a paddle. Despite additional searching, no body was ever recovered.</p> <p>Lake Tekapo is up to 130 m deep and filled with cold, glacial water at approximately 7°C. The victim had discussed paddling the kayak with another tourist in the Youth Hostel and admitted to having never paddled before.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	20/01/1983		Accident Ref:	1/83SF	
Location	Lake Waiuku			Region	Auckland
Source	old G. Eggar NZ Water Safety files; NZ police report				
File Category	fatality -lake				
Name of injured or rescued party	n.a.	Injuries	n.a.		
Name of Deceased	Colin William Taylor Male	Fatality	Drowning		
Age	17	From:	Waiuku, Auckland		
Previous Experience	Not known				
Conditions:	Not known				
Number in Party	one (1)	PFD Worn?	NOT WORN		
Kayak Type	Not known				
Description	<p>A man drowned in Whiriwhiti Lake, near Waiuku, when his kayak overturned. The accident happened about 2.30pm. A rescue helicopter based at Piha was called in to help surf lifesavers in the search. The body was not recovered until late afternoon. Mr Taylor was not wearing a lifejacket. Police report notes the deceased became trapped in lake weed when swimming to shore. Name of lake given as Otamatearo, Whiriwhiri Rd, Waiuku</p>				
Authorities Involved	Police, helicopter, SLSC				
Cause Determined	<p>Capsize and entrapment in lake weed. No other information available</p>				
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information					

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	12/02/1983	Accident Ref:	2/83SF
Location	Between Pakatoa and Great Barrier islands	Region	Auckland
Source	NZ Police report 23/3/1983; G. Egarr Water Safety Council files; press clippings		
File Category	fatality -sea		
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries	
Name of Deceased	Steven Mark Price Male	Fatality	Drowning
Age	22	From:	
Previous Experience	Minimal; kayak purchased only a week before the incident		
Conditions:	Not known		
Number in Party	1	PFD Worn?	lifejacket worn
Kayak Type	noted as a fibreglass canoe but assumed as a single kayak		
Description	<p>On 12 February 1983, Steven Mark Price, 22, set out in a canoe (kayak) from Pakatoa Island to paddle to Great Barrier Island. At the inquest, the deceased's wife noted her husband had bought the fibreglass canoe a week before, and although he was an experienced canoeist, he had spent six years in the navy. Police were informed that Mr Price was missing about 7.45pm on 13 February. The following morning a light aircraft spotted the canoe on the south side of Happy Jack (Motukahaua) Is. Another aircraft sighted a body in the water on the NW side of the island. When the police launch Deodar arrived on the scene, Mr Price had a lifejacket tied to his waist. One arm was through one of the jacket sleeves. Mrs Price noted her husband had considered setting out from Takapuna or flying out to the island, but was told the canoe could not be taken on the plane. Coroner noted that the attempt could be described as foolhardy in the extreme; this stretch of sea can be as rough and treacherous as any part of NZ.</p>		
Authorities Involved			
Cause Determined			
Lessons Learned			
Additional Information			

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	3/2/1986		Accident Ref:	2/86SF	
Location	New River Estuary, Invercargill			Region	Southland
Source	G. Egarr NZ Water Safety Council files; Police statement 2/6/86				
File Category	fatality -sea (estuary)				
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries			
Name of Deceased	Morton Alexander Niver	Fatality	Drowning		
Age	64	From:	Invercargill		
Previous Experience	Police statement notes Mr Niven was not experienced for rough weather conditions. He had been kayaking for the past four years, and was a capable swimmer				
Conditions:	Sudden squall				
Number in Party	1	PFD Worn?	NOT WORN		
Kayak Type	Not known				
Description	When last seen, Mr Niven was paddling his kayak out into the estuary towards an area known as Clifton. He was wearing a wetsuit and a helmet, and had a lifejacket strapped to the front of his kayak. A sudden squall developed at about 4.45pm, and Mr Niven was caught out on the estuary. His body was located at 3.55pm (next day?) on a beach north of the Oreti River mouth.				
Authorities Involved	Police				
Cause Determined	Capsize in sudden squall.				
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information					

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="27/7/1987"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="7/87SF"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Whangape Harbour, Pawarenga Beach"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Northland"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="G Egarr NZWSC files; press clippings"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="fatality -sea"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="Ratahi Waita Harawira Male"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="Drowning"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="16"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Assumed local"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="High tide, severe flooding and extremely gusty conditions"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="1"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="NOT WORN"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="Hawawira was kayaking on the Rotokakahi River; apparently going out to check set fishing nets. Press clipping notes Hawawira had been with a man and a 13yr old boy, checking a net just after midday. He was last seen between 1200 & 1300hrs heading out to the Pawarenga Beach area. The kayak, oars (paddle?), and fish net bag were found washed ashore at the beach. The body had not been found by 29/7/87. Hawawira was missing presumed drowned."/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Date	<input type="text" value="6/12/1987"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="12/87GrpRNI"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Greymouth; Grey River bar"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="West Coast"/>
Source	Typewritten incident from Eric van Toor; hand written report from Peter Garlick		
File Category	rescue -sea (river mouth)		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Lesley Hadley"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="Nil"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="not known"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="not known"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="30 -40yrs"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Greymouth"/>
Previous Experience	Lesley Hadley with minimal paddling experience. Eric van Toor with considerable s/k experience. Peter Garlick with minimal experience.		
Conditions:	Lumpy sea and tide beginning to ebb after the top of the tide. HW time not checked.		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="3; Eric van Toor, Peter Garlick and"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="lifejacket worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="2 Nordkapps; third boat used by PG unknown."/>		
Description	<p>The party arrived at Blaketown lagoon about midday, about high tide. The plan was to paddle out to sea between the two breakwaters. On the river, Peter said he was OK, but Lesley appeared a little unsure. Waves were breaking intermittently on the N br/water. Eric realized the situation could get serious and shouted to the other two to turn back. They were still some distance inside the br/w. PG turned without difficulty but LH turned toward the N br/w. EvT lost sight of Lesley but heard a fisherman shout from the S br/w/. EvT paddled out to sea and found LH capsized. He presented the stern of his kayak to LH and started towing. Sea was lumpy and they were losing ground. EvT told Lesley to let go of her kayak and for her to climb on his kayak stern. Making no headway against the river's tidal flow, EvT decided to land at Cobden Bch; to the Nth. LH had slipped off the deck, but climbed back on. PG meanwhile had sought assistance from a fishing boat. The boat picked up Lesley, and took her back via the bar, while EvT paddled. LH had been in the water ≈ 1.5hrs. It had taken PG 45min before he could land on the S br/w. Because the tide had turned, the boat skipper wanted to get back in over the bar; no attempt was made to recover LH's kayak.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Mr Fishburn, skipper of 'Towai.'"/>		
Cause Determined	<p>Bad decision making by Eric van Toor to take two inexperienced paddlers over the Grey River bar. HW tide time not checked. Conditions were not checked from the tip of the S br/w. No rescue attempt was made by EvT to get LH back in her kayak. PG was in a borrowed boat, that didn't fit properly and there was a problem with the rudder.</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>The Grey River bar is one of the most hazardous bars in all New Zealand. Many fishing boats and larger vessels in years gone by have capsized on the bar, with numerous fatalities. It is not a plaee to take inexperienced kayakers. Conditions on the bar should have been first inspected from the breakwater tip, and HW time checked. River flow plus ebb tide create a flow of 5kn+ over the bar. Group and solo rescues should have been practiced before such a trip.</p>		
Additional Information	<p>Parts of Lesley's new kevlar Nordkapp were recovered over the next week, from Cobden Beach through to Rapahoe beach, 5 miles to the N. The only fisherman located by PG, had been refitting his vessel and had not been over the bar for months. He readily agreed to put to sea but had to spend 15min clearing the deck of tools. If it had not been for his taking the vessel over the bar and recovering Lesley, at least one life would have been lost.</p>		

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Date	12/9/1989		Accident Ref:	9/89SF	
Location	Abel Tasman National Park; Tonga Is/Bark Bay area			Region	Tasman
Source	Water Safety NZ fatality listings (15/4/04) -record No. 1815				
File Category	fatality -sea				
Name of injured or rescued party	n.a.		Injuries	n.a.	
Name of Deceased	Tiger Bass Homer Martin Male		Fatality	Drowning	
Age	22		From:	overseas tourist	
Previous Experience	Not known				
Conditions:	not known				
Number in Party	1		PFD Worn?	not known	
Kayak Type	not known				
Description	Homer Martin's body was found drowned on a rocky coast in the Tonga Island -Bark Bay area. He was a tourist using a hired craft. Some reports placed say it happened near Mosquito Bay.				
Authorities Involved					
Cause Determined	Needs further information				
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information					

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Date	17/10/1991		Accident Ref:	10/91GrpF	
Location	Marahau, Abel Tasman National Park			Region	Tasman
Source					
File Category	fatality -sea				
Name of injured or rescued party	n.a.	Injuries	n.a.		
Name of Deceased	Englebert Joseph Busch	Fatality	Drowning		
Age	34	From:	not known		
Previous Experience					
Conditions:	Not known				
Number in Party	2	PFD Worn?	Lifejacket worn		
Kayak Type	Not known; deceased was wearing a lifejacket.				
Description	Busch was kayaking with a friend when he fell out of his kayak, and couldn't get back in. He decided to swim for shore, but drowned. He was wearing a lifejacket.				
Authorities Involved					
Cause Determined	Needs further information.				
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information					

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="24/10/1992"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="10/92GrpRI"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Conway Flat, east coast South Island, south of Kaikoura"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Canterbury"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Chch Press 26 October '92 -PC Press Clippings file -updated by JKA"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="3 paddlers injured -1 kayak broken in half"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="constables Blue Young, Craig Prior. No name for 3rd."/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="shoulder injury to one paddler; knee injury requiring surgery, minor to third paddler"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="varied"/>	From:	<input type="text"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="probable Lyttelton to Akaroa paddle"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Conditions: Large dumping surf
15 knot NE lies"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="16 in Tofino doubles, 1 in a single"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Tofino broken in half"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="24 October 1992
Police party paddling from Kaikoura to Christchurch on charity fundraising trip.
Description: Group on beach starting second day of trip. One double kayak carrying Alan Tucker and John Kirk-Anderson successfully departed through dumping surf. Second kayak, carrying Constable Craig Prior in front and Blue Young in rear, mistimed sets and caught in dumping surf. Kayak folded through front cockpit, injuring Constable Prior's knee. Constable Young received a minor shoulder injury, and another police officer injured his shoulder when dragging broken kayak from surf. Check this report as J K-A was supposedly walking the beach to check conditions. Party was accompanied by HMNZS Kiwi, navy vessel on a training exercise."/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="not stated in press clipping"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Cause: Poor judgment of surf conditions."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="Lessons: Dumping surf has potential for serious injury.
Discipline must be exercised when facing delays due to conditions."/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text" value="Surf conditions kept the first, and only, kayak to leave beach offshore all day.
Poor judgment occurred frequently on this trip."/>		

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updated JKA -FM record No.8

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Date	<input type="text" value="27/6/1993"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="6/93SRescHyp"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Lyttelton Harbour"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Canterbury"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Chch Press 28 June 1993. PC press clippings file"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="rescue -sea (harbour)"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Michael McPhillips."/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="Treated at Chch hospital overnight for hypothermia"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="47"/>	From:	<input type="text"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Intermediate experience, low skill level."/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Mid winter; strong southerly winds to 35 knots"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="Solo paddler"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="not known"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Fibreglass Nordkapp, coloured yellow."/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="27 June 1993. The coastguard was called out to rescue a canoeist who had been spotted clinging to his kayak about 400 m offshore. McPhillips had been kayaking on his own when the storm struck. His Norkapp kayak capsized but he managed to hold on to it. His paddle float had been blown from his grasp. Winds gusting up to 35 knots hit the area about 3.30pm, which also capsized yachts. It was a southerly storm."/> <input type="text" value="Two other kayakers returned from Quail Island, having with no problems with the conditions. They knew when the conditions would change and had also received a warning when setting out."/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Canterbury Volunteer Coastguard, Ambulance, Westpac rescue chopper"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Inferred lack of listening to forecast and lack of rescue skills."/> <input type="text" value="Inexperienced paddler out solo?"/> <input type="text" value="Inappropriately dressed for cold water immersion"/> <input type="text" value="No signalling devices such as flares or radio"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="Awareness of forecasts;"/> <input type="text" value="practice of rescue skills;"/> <input type="text" value="dressing for cold water immersion;"/> <input type="text" value="carry signalling devices such as flares or radio"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Date	<input type="text" value="14/8/1993"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="8/93SFDr"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Otago Harbour"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Otago"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Grey Star 16 August 1993. PC press clipping file"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="fatality -sea (harbour) -canoe"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="Anthony Graham Page"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="Drowning"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="17"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Dunedin?"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Not stated"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Strong winds and waves"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="Solo paddler"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="life vest worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Not stated -assumed single kayak"/>		
Description	<p>14 August 1993 Body recovered from mudflats at Harwood at 10am, 16 August. This was 300 m from where the boy's canoe turned up on Sunday 15 August. Senior constable Lox Kellas of Portobello, said it appeared Tony fell victim to strong winds and waves which buffeted the harbour on Saturday (14 Aug). Police believe Tony drowned, but were mystified by what happened to his life vest and sandshoes that he had been wearing.</p> <p>(unclear from press release if it was a canoe or kayak)</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police"/>		
Cause Determined	<p>Assumed capsize by solo paddler and drowning or succumbing to hypothermia due to strong wind and waves on the harbour. Time of year suggests cold winter temperatures and cold sea. Inappropriately dressed for cold water immersion? No signalling devices such as flares or radio</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>Inferred lack of listening to forecast and lack of rescue skills. Inexperienced paddler out solo? Inappropriately dressed for cold water immersion No signalling devices such as flares or radio</p>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	25/4/1994	Accident Ref:	4/94GrpResc
Location	Queen Charlotte Sound, Marlborough Sounds	Region	Marlborough
Source	Sea Canoeist Newsletter 51. June-July 1994		
File Category	rescue -sea		
Name of injured or rescued party	George Murray & Jill West	Injuries	Mild hypothermia and asthma attack
Name of Deceased	n.a.	Fatality	n.a.
Age	52	From:	Christchurch
Previous Experience	George with paddling experience around Banks Peninsula, the Marlborough Sounds and Nelson to ATNP.		
Conditions:	Strong southerly winds blowing to the west along the sound; up to 0.8 m chop		
Number in Party	approx. 40 attending KASK forum at	PFD Worn?	worn by both
Kayak Type	Sea Bear II; double kayak; unladen		
Description	<p>25 April 1994. Party was caught by strong southerly winds on return from a group paddle. At Allports Island, a launch was requested to carry those paddlers who were uncomfortable with conditions.</p> <p>George Murray and partner Jill West were paddling a Sea Bear double for the first time and were flipped off the top of a wave. Jill drifted from the kayak to retrieve the two paddles. George turned the kayak upright with assistance from Glyn Dickson. George has an asthma attack. They were spotted from the launch, picked up with the kayak and taken to Picton. George commented he had trouble controlling the unladen kayak in the windy conditions. (see also Add. Info. below)</p> <p>From JKA: JKA assisted Jill who had swum after the paddles. Unable to make headway towards the double kayak, JKA waited until Glyn had helped George onto the launch, then formed a raft to get Jill out of the water. Launch collided with the raft on approach, before a line was passed. This line became entangled with the propeller, threatening Glyn, before it was freed.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Ambulance called to assess condition of George at Picton. No treatment required.		
Cause Determined	Couple paddling an unfamiliar, unladen double kayak, for the first time, in strong windy conditions, and probable overconfidence in ability and previous experience. Glyn, QK manager, failed to warn to load the kayak for those conditions despite the handbook recommending it.		
Lessons Learned	<p>Awareness of ability and experience with respect to decision making when strong winds are encountered.</p> <p>The Paddling Perfection information sheet given to customers says load the kayak in those conditions. Glyn Dickson, the manager of Paddling Perfection at the time, did not pass this information on before they all left Allports Island. Another double with Jill's daughter as front paddler had no difficulty with the conditions even when lying ahull in the gusts. Basically poor design of the Sea Bear II double, and as noted further down, not the last time with that problem.</p>		
Additional Information	<p>From JKA: Description: JKA assisted Jill who had swum after paddles. Unable to make headway towards double kayak, he waited until Glyn had helped George onto launch and then formed raft to get Jill out of water. Launch collided with raft on approach before a line was passed. This line became entangled with propeller, threatening Glyn, before it was freed.</p>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="27/5/1994"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="5/94GrpRescHyp"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Wellington Harbour"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Wellington"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Chch Press 28 May 1994. PC press clipping file"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="rescue -sea (harbour)"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Not stated"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="Four hypothermic, two were unconscious and needed resuscitating. Hospitalized."/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text"/>	From:	<input type="text"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Inferred no previous experience"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="early winter; harbour not rough"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="14 in five Canadian type canoes, one"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="not known"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Canadian canoes"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="27 May 1994. 15 people in five Canadian canoes, strapped together to form a raft, tipped over and swamped opposite the Ngaurana Gorge entrance about 12.50pm. Group included 12 unemployed 16 to 25 year olds and three supervisors on a Conservation Corp expedition. A Ngaio resident rang Police, and the police launch Lady Elizabeth 3 picked up all 15 people soon after. The water was very cold and the group had been in the water about 20 minutes before the launch arrived. The wind was gusting up to 20 knots. Sergeant Trenwith said the harbour was not rough and conditions were reasonable safe. The party had followed correct safety procedures and stayed huddled in the water near the canoes. Four people were suffering from hypothermia, two of whom were unconscious and needed resuscitating Another member of the party, in a single kayak, went for help after the accident."/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police. Hospital. Rescue by Police launch"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Wrong use of Canadian canoes. No radio or signalling devices carried. Inappropriate clothing for cold water immersion."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="Choice appropriate craft for conditions
Awareness of skill levels with inexperienced people
Awareness of forecasts;
practice of rescue skills;
dressing for cold water immersion;
carry signalling devices such as flares or radio"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	1/9/1994		Accident Ref:	9/94SRescHyp	
Location	Lake Taupo, North Island			Region	Waikato
Source	Grey Star; 2 September 1994. PC press clipping file				
File Category	rescue -lake				
Name of injured or rescued party	Taupo man, name not stated	Injuries	Mild hypothermia; treated overnight at Taupo hospital		
Name of Deceased		Fatality			
Age	20	From:			
Previous Experience	Not stated				
Conditions:	Late winter; lake conditions not stated				
Number in Party	Sole paddler		PFD Worn?	not known	
Kayak Type	Not stated				
Description	<p>1 September 1994 Paddler spent 30 minutes in 'freezing' water of Lake Taupo after his kayak capsized 100m offshore. Police were notified after a lake front service station attendant heard the man's calls for help. The fire service used a Zodiac inflatable boat to rescue him. 'He was a very cold young man when they pulled him out of the water. The water is freezing out there at the moment' Comment from Constable Steve Wadley.</p>				
Authorities Involved	Police; Fire Service				
Cause Determined	Inferred lack of listening to forecast and lack of rescue skills. Inappropriately dressed for cold water immersion Inexperienced paddler out solo? No signalling devices such as flares or radio				
Lessons Learned	Awareness of forecasts; practice of rescue skills; dressing for cold water immersion; carry signalling devices such as flares or radio				
Additional Information					

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	4/2/1995	Accident Ref:	2/95SRescNI
Location	Breaksea Island, Breaksea Sound. Fiordland.	Region	Southland
Source	NEM, Grey Star, 9 February 1995. PC press clipping file. KASK newsletter No.55, p2.		
File Category	rescue -sea		
Name of injured or rescued party	Kazutomi Yoshida.	Injuries	None. Picked up by fishing boat in a 'distressed condition.' Physical exhaustion?
Name of Deceased	n.a.	Fatality	n.a.
Age	26	From:	Japan.
Previous Experience	74 days paddling from Picton down the east coast of the South Island from Picton.		
Conditions:	Summer; assumed moderate seas		
Number in Party	Solo paddler	PFD Worn?	assumed worn
Kayak Type	Arctic Raider. Sisson Industries.		
Description	<p>8pm, Saturday, 4 February 1995, a fishing boat found Kazu in a distressed condition, near Breaksea Island. He had to be lifted from his kayak onto the fishing boat by crew members, who said he would not have lasted there another night. The fishing boat stayed in the area Saturday night, before returning to Port. Kazu then advised Te Anau Police that he had abandoned his trip around the South Island.</p> <p>Kazu stated to PC that he turned back off Coal River (between Dagg and Breaksea Sounds), deciding it was too dangerous to continue on his own. He had no Mtn. Radio set or VHF radio, but had two flares, strobe light, and an AM/FM radio for forecasts (report in KASK n/l)</p>		
Authorities Involved	Rescue by fishing boat		
Cause Determined	Lack of previous experience for the prevailing weather and sea conditions of Fiordland. Appropriate decision made to stop the trip, however it appears he was rescued on the water by the fishing boat while paddling back into Breaksea Sound.		
Lessons Learned	Thorough research of areas to be paddled, particularly weather and sea conditions. Need to carry a Mtn. Radio set, and VHF radio to contact fishing boats.		
Additional Information			

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	4/6/1996	Accident Ref:	6/96DCoII
Location	Lake Tarawera, North Island	Region	Bay of Plenty
Source	NZ Herald 4 June 1996. PC press clipping file; KASK n/l's 63 p.23, 64 p.1, 65 p.12		
File Category	collision -kayak hit by power boat		
Name of injured or rescued party	Bryce Packard	Injuries	foot injury; shoulder hit by boat
Name of Deceased	n.a.	Fatality	n.a.
Age	29 & 25	From:	Auckland
Previous Experience	Bryce Packard was a professional sea kayak guide.		
Conditions:	Mid winter; lake conditions not stated		
Number in Party	Four, in two double kayaks	PFD Worn?	not known
Kayak Type	Sea Bear Packhorse double		
Description	<p>4 June 1996 -about 11.30am. Aucklanders, Bryce Packard 29 and Ali Roigard 25, paddling a Sea Bear in company with a second rented double kayak, were about 500m from shore when a runabout struck the middle of the kayak, directly between the two paddlers. The impact capsized the kayak and threw both paddlers into the lake. The submerged kayak then acted as a ski jump, the boat became airborne, narrowly missing Sue Giddens and Cameron Carter, who were paddling alongside in a second rented kayak. They saw the boat on a collision course some 50m away. Bryce stuck his paddle in the air and started yelling. Bow paddler, Ali, felt the boat brush against the back of her head, while Bryce received a blow to his shoulder and cut to his foot. Two Wellington men on the 6m boat turned back to pick up the four paddlers. They had been on the water for about an hour, when the accident happened at 11.30am.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Complaint was laid with Rotorua Police.		
Cause Determined	Power boat driver failing to maintain a proper lookout. If the boat had struck the kayak a little either side of between the two paddlers, a fatality or very serious injuries would have resulted.		
Lessons Learned	<p>Both Glyn Dickson and Paul Caffyn listed practical advice on collision avoidance in n/l 63.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -never assume a boat has seen you, plan evasive action to avoid an approaching boat, -brightly coloured clothing, paddle blades and rig a 'chopper' flag. -Last ditch efforts: an air horn or firing a flare, and capsizing if collision unavoidable. 		
Additional Information	<p>P. Caffyn wrote to MSA in early August 1996 to see what action was taken against the boat driver. MSA response was no action taken as a complaint was laid with Police.</p> <p>In early September, the power boat driver, Gary Kingston, age 41, pleaded guilty in the Upper Hutt District Court to a charge of dangerous driving under section 65 of the Maritime Safety Transport Act. His lawyer said due to glare from the sun, he failed to see the kayaks. The judge said he had been careless but not behaving irresponsibly. Penalty was up to 12 months jail or up to \$10,000 fine. Kingston was fined \$400. (KASK n/l 64, p.1)</p>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	14/6/1996	Accident Ref:	6/96DRescHyp
Location	off Patio Bay; Waiheke Island. Hauraki Gulf	Region	Auckland
Source	Grey Star, 15 June 1996. PC press clippings file		
File Category	rescue -sea		
Name of injured or rescued party	Not stated	Injuries	Checked for hypothermia on Waiheke Island.
Name of Deceased	n.a.	Fatality	n.a.
Age		From:	Auckland
Previous Experience	not stated		
Conditions:	Mid winter; night; sea conditions not stated		
Number in Party	Three	PFD Worn?	NOT WORN
Kayak Type	One double and one single kayak		
Description	<p>14 June 1996</p> <p>Three men in a double and one single kayak were paddling off Patio Bay about 10pm, when the double capsized, as they both paddled on the same side. The single paddler tried to help but was in danger of capsizing. A passing yacht heard their cries for help and alerted the Auckland Volunteer Coastguard. A rescue boat picked up the two men in the water after about 15 minutes and they were taken to Waiheke Island, where they were checked for hypothermia. Snr. sergeant John Esdaile said the three men had no lifejackets or other flotation aids.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Police; rescue by Auckland Volunteer Coastguard		
Cause Determined	<p>Inferred inexperienced paddlers, capsizing at night, in winter conditions.</p> <p>No radio or signalling devices carried.</p> <p>Inappropriate clothing for cold water immersion.</p> <p>No lifejackets worn</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>Inexperienced paddlers not to paddle at night.</p> <p>practice of rescue skills;</p> <p>dressing for cold water immersion;</p> <p>carry signalling devices such as flares or radio</p> <p>wear a lifejacket</p>		
Additional Information			

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	21/9/1996	Accident Ref:	9/96GrpResc
Location	Sumner Bar, Christchurch, South Island.	Region	Canterbury
Source	Chch Press, 23 September 1996. PC press clippings file		
File Category	rescue -sea (race)		
Name of injured or rescued party	no injuries	Injuries	
Name of Deceased		Fatality	
Age		From:	
Previous Experience	Race organizer Anne Woodley claimed competitors were experienced kayakers using craft built for the sea.		
Conditions:	Surf conditions on bar		
Number in Party	Up to 13 people tipped out of kayaks.	PFD Worn?	not known
Kayak Type	Nine kayaks; at least two 5 person racing kayaks, 1 double		
Description	<p>21 September 1996. Nine kayaks set off from Lyttelton, in a race to Sumner, at 10am, with four turning back before reaching Lyttelton Heads. Conditions described as stiff easterly conditions and confused seas. Seven kayakers were forced to abandon their kayaks on the Sumner bar. All were picked up by rescue craft after spending up to 10 minutes in the water, and were ferried to shore cold, but unharmed.</p> <p>Mark Foster was in a five person kayak that sank on the bar, said it had flooded when two spray skirts had popped. The five decided to get out before the craft rolled. This boat had lost its rudder coming around Lyttelton Heads.</p> <p>Only two kayaks, out of nine entered, finished. Race was won by a double.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Police. 2 rescue helicopter, police, ambulances, seven rescue craft, including Canterbury CG		
Cause Determined	<p>Failure to cancel a sea kayak race in choppy and windy conditions.</p> <p>The Sumner bar is not easy to read from seawards.</p> <p>Inappropriate choice of route for a sea kayak race</p> <p>Inappropriate use of use of racing kayaks on the sea -with the assumption that the five person kayaks did not have bulkheads.</p>		
Lessons Learned			
Additional Information			

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	15/10/1996		Accident Ref:	10/96GrpCOW	
Location	Sumner, Christchurch			Region	Canterbury
Source	Letter to the editor, Chch Press, 18 October 1996; PC press clipping file				
File Category	rescue -sea				
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries			
Name of Deceased	n.a.	Fatality	n.a.		
Age		From:			
Previous Experience					
Conditions:	Strong offshore winds				
Number in Party	Two		PFD Worn?	not known	
Kayak Type	not stated				
Description	<p>15 October 1996. Two kayakers, including C. Smith, had been kayaking offshore for several hours outside the breakers, ready to land on the beach, when 'we were swept out to sea in sudden gale force conditions before capsizing. After abandoning our boats, and swimming for an hour in extremely difficult conditions to reach the shore, I can assure Del Hurley (Canterbury CG) that it was not a situation we took lightly. Again, I thank those involved in the rescue.'</p> <p>Del Hurley had noted in the Press (October 15) that 'anyone who sets out in a kayak in weather like that, need their brains looking at.'</p> <p>Letter from C. Smith notes the 'weather forecast was for a clearing southerly, and as I understand it, the squall warning did not come through until later in the morning'.</p>				
Authorities Involved	Canterbury Coastguard				
Cause Determined	Kayakers caught by sudden offshore wind change.				
Lessons Learned	<p>Would these kayakers have been better to stay with their kayaks and signal for a rescue? Swimming for an hour in late winter temperature seas for shore, seems more risky than staying with the kayaks. They must however have been in lifejackets and appropriately dressed.</p>				
Additional Information	ChCh press report from Del Hurley October 15 needs locating.				

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	14/3/1997		Accident Ref:	3/97GrpFCol	
Location	Porirua Harbour, Wellington.			Region	Wellington
Source	Grey Star, 17/3/97, 7/11/97, 14/3/98, Sunday Star times 23/11/97 - PC press clipping file				
File Category	fatality -collision				
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries			
Name of Deceased	Shaema Nijam Abood	Fatality	Died in hospital, following the collision		
Age	17	From:	Iraq		
Previous Experience	Assumed no experience				
Conditions:	Not stated, but inferred calm seas				
Number in Party	Educational training group -sport and		PFD Worn?	not known	
Kayak Type	Double -possibly a sit on top				
Description	<p>14 March 1997. Abood and her younger sister were paddling a double kayak or sit on top, on Porirua Harbour.</p> <p>18 year old Moti Shawn Tomasi, part of the same educational group, on a rented jet ski, was showing off, doing doughnuts (tight circles). The rental operator/ jet ski instructor Terry Thompson (went out on another jet ski) and told Tomasi his ride was over, pointed to shore and told him to return. Tomasi headed towards a jetty as such speed that Thompson thought he would collide with it. He swerved around the jetty, and went directly for the kayak with Miss Abood and her little sister. 'Just before he hit, the older girl grabbed the little girl from the front of the kayak. She could see him coming. Then I saw her fly into the air.</p>				
Authorities Involved	Police				
Cause Determined	<p>Failure of jet skier to keep a proper lookout.</p> <p>Inadequate supervision and instruction from jet ski rental operator.</p>				
Lessons Learned	<p>Both Glyn Dickson and Paul Caffyn listed practical advice on collision avoidance in n/l 63.</p> <p>-never assume a boat has seen you,-plan evasive action to avoid an approaching boat</p> <p>-brightly coloured clothing, paddle blades and rig a 'chopper' flag</p> <p>-last ditch efforts: an air horn or firing a flare, and capsizing if collision unavoidable.</p>				
Additional Information	<p>Tomasi pleaded not guilty to a manslaughter charge in Wellington high court. 3/11/07. The jury could not reach a verdict, and Tomasi was released on bail to face a second trial. This was set for March 9 1998. Second trial was abandoned after someone attempted to communicate and influence the jury (14/3/98). Another trial date was to be set.</p> <p>No further information on third trial.</p>				

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	19/3/1998	Accident Ref:	3/98GrpRescNI
Location	Akaroa Harbour, Canterbury	Region	Canterbury
Source	Chch Press 20/3/98 -PC press clipping file		
File Category	rescue -sea		
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries	Cold but not distressed when rescued
Name of Deceased	n.a.	Fatality	n.a.
Age		From:	Christchurch
Previous Experience	Assumed nil, as on a school camp.		
Conditions:	Strong southerly wind conditions		
Number in Party	Instructor, nine boys and a teacher	PFD Worn?	worn by all in party
Kayak Type	Kayaks believed to be Necky Amaruk double kayaks. Instructor in Necky single		
Description	<p>19 March 1998. Group from St Thomas of Canterbury College in Chch were on a kayak trip from Wainui Beach when a southerly struck suddenly about 2.30pm and overturned two kayaks. The instructor sent the rest of the group, still in kayaks, back to shore. Instructor left with four boys and felt they should all swim to shore. One boy made it to shore. Skipper of Akaroa cruise boat spotted the party about 3.15pm when it was about 100 m from shore. The four boys and instructor were picked up by the boat, cold but unhurt, after spending about 40 minutes in the water. All were wearing lifejackets. Manager of the YMCA Wainui Park, site of the school camp, said he was alerted to the capsizing by someone observing from shore. The observer called him on a cellphone and had seen the rescue while making the call. The group were in an area where the cruise boat normally did not visit, and they were lucky the launch took a different route that day.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Sightseeing launch sighted the paddlers in the sea and affected a rescue.		
Cause Determined	<p>Failure to check weather forecast Failure to carry signalling devices, such as flares Failure to carry a VHF radio Poor decision making by the instructor?</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>Weather forecasts must be checked, particularly in the Banks Peninsula area for southerly changes. Flares and a VHF radio should be carried by an instructor with inexperienced paddlers.</p>		
Additional Information			

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	1/4/1998	Accident Ref:	4/98DRescHyp
Location	Sandy Bay, Marahau, near Abel Tasman National Park	Region	Tasman
Source	Grey Star, 2 April 1998; Chch Press 3/4/98; PC press clipping file		
File Category	rescue -sea		
Name of injured or rescued party	Aviv Tal	Injuries	Mild hypothermia -treated at Motueka doctor's surgery and doctor on the water taxi
Name of Deceased	n.a.	Fatality	n.a.
Age		From:	Israel (tourists)
Previous Experience	Inferred rental kayak so assumed no experience prior to the trip		
Conditions:	2m seas and 35 knot offshore winds		
Number in Party	Two in double kayak; Aviv Tal and	PFD Worn?	not known
Kayak Type	Double -Norski Gemini II rented from Marahau Beach camp ground		
Description	<p>The couple were returning to Marahau after spending a night at Watering Cove, when they got into difficulties 200 m offshore near Guilbert Point. The kayak began taking on water and the couple were tipped out. They righted the kayak several times and tried vainly to pump the water out but the kayak kept capsizing as they were swept 2 km across to Split Apple Rock. After about an hour, Mr Tal set off to swim to shore for help while Ms Biller stayed with the kayak. By chance, Tal was sighted by sea kayak guide Hemi Vincent on a water taxi. Visibility was hampered by driving rain and choppy seas. He was picked up about 1.40pm. Skipper Rod Stuart set the water taxi on a direct line with the offshore wind and found Biller after about 15min. 'The wind was screaming by the time we got out there', he said. It took several attempts to throw a lifebuoy to the woman and get her on the boat.'</p> <p>The report of an off shore wind and being blown south do not correlate. From the capsize point to Split Apple Rock is heading south, the direction an off shore wind comes from and it is more likely it was a very strong sea breeze or a weather produced northerly.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Commercial water taxi located swimmer, searched for and picked up the woman on the kayak.		
Cause Determined	Capsize in strong offshore(?) wind conditions. Obviously no flares or VHF radio carried to call for a rescue. Conditions were described as 2m seas and 35 knot winds.		
Lessons Learned	Capsize in strong offshore wind conditions. Ignorance of danger of offshore winds. Inability to check forecast? No AM/FM radio or VHF radio. Flares and other signalling devices must be carried, particularly in rental kayaks		
Additional Information	The water taxi was on an unscheduled trip to pick up sea kayakers who had chosen not to paddle out of the park because of the conditions. Tal was exceedingly fortunate to be spotted by the water taxi. Without this sighting, Tal (who said he said it would have taken him another hour to reach shore) may not have reached shore if the wind remained at 35 knots offshore; the kayak would have been blown out into Cook Strait with at least the woman drowning, if not the swimmer as well.		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="1/8/1998"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="8/98GrpResc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Tauranga Harbour"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Bay of Plenty"/>
Source	Clipping received from D. Herrington. PC press clipping file. Exact date unknown.		
File Category	rescue -sea		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="No names"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>
Age	<input type="text" value="14 & 12"/>	From:	<input type="text"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Inferred no prior experience"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Night; sea conditions not stated"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="Four - three aged 14, and one aged 12"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="NOT WORN"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Craft built for 2 paddlers? -probably a Canadian canoe"/>		
Description	<p>Four teenagers were eventually rescued by a Tauranga Volunteer Coastguard rescue boat, more than six hours after they left shore at Omokoroa, 15 km N of Tauranga. Coastguard was contacted by police at 7.30pm and immediately launched a vessel from Omokoroa, but had little information about the group's intended route. A shore search party combed the coastline at the same time and some of the group heard the boys' cries for help from somewhere across the water. The rescue boat was sent in the direction of the cries and the boys were located and rescued within the hour. The cold and wet youths were found on a sandbank on Matakana Is. at 8.30pm. The craft was built for two paddlers and none of the four was wearing a lifejacket.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police; Tauranga Volunteer Coastguard."/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Inexperienced group of teenagers in the wrong choice of craft. Insufficient time for trip to be achieved."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="Insufficient information was available for the searchers for what the boys were doing and were they were likely to be. Plan of trip start and finish, plus approx. timing should be with a competent person who can contact Police in the event of the party failing to turn up on time."/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="2/9/1998"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="9/98SResc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Piha Beach, west of Auckland"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Auckland"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Grey Star, 3/09/98"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="rescue -sea"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="40 year old tourist"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="-no injuries stated"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>
Age	<input type="text" value="40"/>	From:	<input type="text"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Not stated"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="2m winter surf conditions"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="One"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="not known"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="clipping says canoe"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="On 2 September 1998, a 'stupid tourist' took a heavy unsafe canoe to sea at Piha, and capsized in mean, 2 m winter surf on the northern side of the notorious Lion Rock. Within minutes, he was caught in a strong rip and swept out to sea. Another man who witnessed the incident, from the top of Lion Rock, called 111 but halfway through the call, his battery died, so he stripped off and dived in after the paddler. Another call had gone to Piha Surf patrol, and Nick Kinghorn and his daughter launched the inflatable rescue boat. They rescued both the paddler and swimmer 40 minutes later."/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Piha surf patrol"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Wrong type of craft (if a heavy canoe) and an ignorant tourist."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="2 m surf is not the place for a Canadian canoe"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	24/9/1998	Accident Ref:	9/98SRescNI
Location	Wellington Harbour, near Somes Island.	Region	Wellington
Source	Grey Star 25/9/98 -PC press clipping file		
File Category	rescue -sea		
Name of injured or rescued party	No name stated	Injuries	not stated
Name of Deceased	n.a.	Fatality	n.a.
Age		From:	
Previous Experience	Unknown		
Conditions:	Late winter, choppy seas		
Number in Party	One	PFD Worn?	NOT WORN
Kayak Type	Single kayak		
Description	<p>24 September 1998. A kayaker was rescued from the chilly and choppy waters of Wgtn. Harbour after spending more than an hour in the water. Constable Andy Cox said the man's kayak was seen near Somes Is. about 1.30pm. The police launch was put on standby, but the man was found a short time later by the crew of the Westpac Trust ferry. Captian Phil Snow said the man was found almost 2 km from where his kayak was found. He was clad only in shorts and a jersey but was wearing a wetsuit.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Wharf Police; Rescue by Westpac trust ferry		
Cause Determined	<p>Capsize in windy and choppy conditions. Paddler failed to stay with his kayak. A fortunate sighting of the kayak by Somes Island led to a search and rescue. Failure to carry appropriate rescue signalling devices, such as flares of VHF radio.</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>Ignorance of forecast and conditions by assumed inexperienced solo paddler. Appropriate rescue signalling devices, such as flares of VHF radio should be carried. Following a capsize by a paddler with no self rescue skills, the paddler must remain with the kayak, which is more likely to be sighted than a swimmer in the water.</p>		
Additional Information	Yet another exceedingly fortunate sighting and rescue.		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="9/2/1999"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="2/99SResc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Lake Wakatipu, near Queenstown"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Otago"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Chch Press 11/2/99 -PC press clipping file"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="rescue -lake"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Matt Rip, attorney"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="32"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="L.A. USA"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Strong southerly winds"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="One"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="not known"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="Rip was spotted on the lake, about 7.30pm, in trouble in strong southerly conditions. Skipper of the lake steamer 'Earnslaw' Ray Green, detoured his vessel and Rip waved to him, obviously in distress but 'I couldn't take him on board as it was too rough. So I managed to get him to go to Hidden Island. We shepherded him there and he went aground. An hour later, we called to pick him up.' 'He would have died of cold overnight or drowned, one or the other, ' noted Ray Green"/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Rescue by historic steam vessel."/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="It is not clear if this paddler had capsized or was still in the kayak but experiencing difficulty with the conditions. Lack of understanding of local weather conditions; ignorance of weather forecast. Obviously no flares or radio carried."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="Paddlers must be aware of the level of skill and experience with respect to paddling in a new area. Lakes appear placid, but Lake Wakatipu (also Hawea and Wanaka) experience strong northerly and southerly winds, drawing up or down the lakes."/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	31/3/1999	Accident Ref:	3/99SResc
Location	Grey River bar; Greymouth, West Coast, South Island.	Region	Westland
Source	West Coast messenger 31/3/99 -PC press clipping file		
File Category	rescue -river mouth		
Name of injured or rescued party	German woman tourist -no name stated	Injuries	Nil. Wet and frightened when rescued.
Name of Deceased	n.a.	Fatality	n.a.
Age		From:	German tourist
Previous Experience	Assumed nil.		
Conditions:	River is generally flat calm; strong ebb tide		
Number in Party	One	PFD Worn?	not known
Kayak Type	Green kayak, assumed short recreational kayak		
Description	<p>Living Stream hostel has rental kayaks on a tidal creek that drains into Blaketown Lagoon which opens into the Grey River, ≈ 600m upstream from the Grey River bar. The woman got into trouble on an outgoing tide (assumed swept downstream from the lagoon). Local Blaketown man, Kevin Rodden was watching his sons bodyboarding at the tip head and was able to throw the distressed woman a rope and pull her from the water near the river mouth. The canoe has since not been found. She was relieved to be on terra firma and grateful for Kevin's quick thinking rescue.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Nil ; Local resident		
Cause Determined	<p>Woman's ignorance of the strength of the Grey River on an ebbing tide. Assumed she was unable to paddle back upstream. She should not have been paddling a small recreational kayak on the river.</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>Hostel should have warning signs for their kayaks on where they should be taken. Inexperienced paddlers should not paddle on swiftly moving tidal river waters. The Grey River downstream of Blaketown Lagoon is only suitable for experienced sea kayakers in fully equipped sea kayaks. It is the most dangerous river bar in NZ.</p>		
Additional Information			

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="5/5/1999"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="5/99GrpRescHyp"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Waikanae, 65km NE of Wellington"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Wellington"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Grey Star 6 May 1999. KASK newsletter 94 pp 4 -6, Aug -Sept 2001."/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="rescue -sea (4 students rescued and 4 boats recovered)"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="Three taken by ambulance to a medical centre, as a precaution against hypothermia."/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="young"/>	From:	<input type="text"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="12 adventure and tourism students -minimum experience inferred
4 instructors -moderate experience assumed. Names not stated."/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Strong southerly winds"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="16"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="assumed worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="kayaks --doubles & singles"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="A polytech group had to be rescued from a kayaking trip near Waikanae, after being caught in bad weather. A police S&R spokesman said the group were well equipped but got into difficulties off Waikanae about 1pm. Kapiti and Waikanae Coastguard vessels helped the group to shore. The KASK n/l No.94 has a detailed report by Cathye Haddock, which was adapted from one compiled by the course tutor -location, names and date are not stated. Cathye notes the media statement of 11 sea kayaker and 4 instructors was incorrect with four students rescued and 4 boats recovered. One group of 6 students & 2 instructors went south. and after the southerly front came through, were able to get safely to shore, despite several capsizes. Some gear was picked up by a fishing boat. Group that went N (6 & 2), 2 students and 1 instructor went in through surf, while rest headed back south. Strong wind capsizes, boats blown away. Rescue initiated."/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police, Kapiti and Waikanae Coastguard, Ambulance"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Group caught offshore by strong southerly winds. Inexperienced paddlers capsizing in the conditions and losing their kayaks. Rescue skills not taught prior to the open sea journey. (numerous contributing factors listed in the KASK n/l report.)
Police noted the fast moving southerly front had been well forecast."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="Contracts need to be drafted for the responsibilities of contract instructors
Skill building needs to be progressive, and basic skills need to be practised before allowing students onto open coastal waters
Students not to be given leadership opportunities until competent with personal skills
Conservative approach to impending weather and sea conditions to be adopted
Marine VHF radio to be purchased and carried by the tutor on marine based field trips (info from KASK n/l)"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text" value="KASK report details exactly what happened, with the two separate groups of 6 students and 2 instructors. Each group had some form of communication, both with cell phones, one with VHF radio and the other with an EPIRB. Both groups carried flares, towlines, spare split paddle, food water, first aid kit and spare clothing. The group that went north, 3 went ashore through surf, while the instructor and four (5) students turned back south. 3 went in the sea, losing their kayaks. A double landed and alerted the CG, with two boats launched, who picked up 4 students in the water."/>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	12/6/1999	Accident Ref:	6/99GrpRescHyp
Location	Wellington Harbour	Region	Wellington
Source	Sunday Star Times 13 June 1999 -PC press clipping file		
File Category	rescue -sea		
Name of injured or rescued party	Maurice Kennedy	Injuries	Maurice taken to Hutt hospital, checked for hypothermia
Name of Deceased	n.a.	Fatality	n.a.
Age	50+	From:	Wellington
Previous Experience	Both with some previous sea kayaking experience		
Conditions:	Night; strong northwesterly winds; choppy sea and overcast sky Breaking 0.5m seas; 35 knot winds		
Number in Party	Two; both paddling plastic Looksha	PFD Worn?	worn by both paddlers
Kayak Type	Single, plastic Lookshas, yellow colour		
Description	<p>The two paddlers, Maurice Kennedy and Susan Cade, set off from the Petone foreshore for a night paddle out to Somes Island in Wellington Harbour. The weather forecast was not checked before launching. Maurice lacked skill for the choppy conditions in the dark and a decision was made to try and go with the wind to Eastbourne. During turning, Maurice broached and capsized, losing his paddle. Conditions were too rough for rafting up to effect a rescue. Susan's tow rope was in a hatch, and she lost sight of Maurice. She was unable to make voice contact then with Maurice. Susan headed for Somes Island, where she set off a flare, which was sighted by Eastbourne Radio Station. The station contacted the ranger on Somes Island who met Susan near the island's jetty. A commercial harbour cruise boat also saw the flare and searched with a spotlight after being informed of a kayaker in the sea. Maurice remembered a torch in his kayak and the cruise boat saw the torch and rescued Maurice. A police launch found Maurice's paddle. Maurice was treated for hypothermia at Hutt Hospital. Without the torch enabling a rescue, it is highly likely that Maurice would not have been located and would have succumbed to hypothermia and drowned.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Police; cruise boat & Police launch		
Cause Determined	<p>Inferred inappropriate clothing worn for immersion in mid winter. Maurice lacked inexperience of night paddling in choppy conditions. No navigation lights were carried by either paddler. Susan fortunately carried a flare to signal the need for a rescue, and the torch used by Maurice allowed the cruise boat to locate and rescue him.</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>Appropriate clothing must be worn for cold water immersion. The latest marine forecast should be checked before launching. Rescue signalling equipment should be carried by every member of a group paddle. Night navigation lights should be carried and exhibited particularly during pitch black overcast conditions. Given the conditions and lack of Maurice's night paddling experience, the trip should have been aborted. On the water, Maurice was unwilling to admit he was out of his comfort zone.</p>		
Additional Information			

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="17/10/1999"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="10/99GrpResc1"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Cook Strait"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Cook Strait /Wgtn"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Grey Star 18 October 1999 Chch Press 19/10/99 -PC press clippings file"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="rescue -sea"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Kynan Bazley"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="Vomiting, unconsciousness"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>
Age	<input type="text"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Christchurch"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="claims both were experienced sea kayakers (statement from Arthur Collins)"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Bouncy seas"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="Two"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="not known"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Single kayaks; model not known"/>		
Description	<p>Two Chch sea kayakers, Dr Arthur Collins & so called professional adventurer Kynan Bazley, set off 6am from Tory Channel across Cook Strait for Makara. 3 hours out, Bazley started to get sick, 'so we rafted up and rested a bit.' After Bazley took a sea sickness pill, it was clear it was not having the desired affect. 'We were bouncing up and down a great deal.' Dr Collins called 111 for help and the police sent the Wgtn. police launch and Westpac helicopter. The men were found when they put marker dye in the sea, and Mr Bazley, who by then had lost consciousness, was winched to safety about 12.30pm, taken to Wgtn. hospital, & discharged a couple of hours later. The police launch collected his kayak and Collins. 'It was bad luck Bazley suffered from sea sickness and even worse that he suffered a rare reaction to the pills Dr Collins gave him to feel better. It wasn't a full blown reaction but his arm muscles started going into cramp.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police; Wellington police launch and Westpac Trust rescue helicopter"/>		
Cause Determined	<p>Either unawareness or ignorance of pre-existing susceptibility to sea sickness. Failure to take preventative precautions to sea sickness, such as Scopoderm patches. Dr Collins claims an allergic reaction to the sea sickness tablet taken on the water, but the vomiting suggests a really bad case of sea sickness.</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>Need to be aware of preexisting medical conditions before embarking on open sea trips. Need to ascertain beforehand if allergic to sea sickness remedies.</p>		
Additional Information	<input type="text" value="Collins took the appropriate action given the deteriorating medical condition of Bazley, and was able to call in a swift rescue with his mobile phone."/>		

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="10/1/2000"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="1/00SF"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Pakawau Estuary, Golden Bay, South Island"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Tasman"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Chch Press, 11/01/00 -PC press clipping file' MSA report 99 0419"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="fatality -solo sea kayaker -possible epileptic fit resulting in capsizes and drowning"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>	Injuries	
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="Andrew Heal, journalist"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="Possible epileptic fit resulting in capsizes and drowning"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="28"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Auckland"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Father stated his son was a keen and competent kayaker; who could release himself from a sprayskirt but could not roll. MSA report notes Andrew Heal was not an experienced paddler"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Calm sea, fine weather"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="One"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="not known"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Single kayak"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="Andrew Heal was found by his mother and fiancée in an upturned kayak in Pakawau Estuary, close to the family's Golden Bay bach, about 1pm on Sunday, 10 January 2000. They spent about an hour trying to resuscitate him. His father stated Andrew had been successfully operated on for a brain tumour 14 months previously, but his illness had left a legacy of occasional epilepsy. The accident happened in fine weather and calm sea conditions. A sprayskirt was not worn at the time"/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Inferred capsizes and drowning following an epileptic seizure."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="Not to paddle solo if a pre-existing medical condition is likely to cause a capsizes."/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="2/3/2000"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="3/00GrpF"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="mouth of Kakanui River, south of Oamaru, South Island"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Canterbury"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Grey Star 3/3/00, 9/3/00 & Chch Press 4/3/00; PC press clippings file"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="fatality -sea"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="Ricky Kenneth Stringer"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="Presumed drowned, possibly taken by a shark."/>
Age	<input type="text" value="27 male"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Oamaru"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Unknown"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Surf conditions"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="Two. Ricky Stringer and a 37 year old"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="NOT WORN"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Single kayaks, model unknown"/>		
Description	<p>2 March 2000. The two Oamaru men paddled out of the Kakanui River mouth and were heading around to Campbell's Bay, about 11km SW of Oamaru about 5pm on Thursday, 2 March. The companion reached shore safely at Campbell's Bay when he spotted his friend's kayak overturn beyond the surfline. Neither man had been wearing lifejackets. The alarm was raised by the companion and extensive shore and air searches were carried out with no sign of Mr Stringer. 9/3/00 clipping notes the two men had surfed into the beach at Campbells Bay. The companion remained on the beach while Stringer paddled back out to sea and then got into difficulties. A brown gym shoe belonging to Stringer was found, just north of All Day Bay, 2 km south of where he went Missing. It had been damaged with part of the heel missing. Damage was considered by a forensic scientist to have been caused by a shark bite</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Not clear from the clippings. Sounds like a capsize in the surf and drowning through lack of wearing a lifejacket. Probable inexperience in surf conditions. If and when the shark attacked will never be known."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="Lifejackets must be worn for surf landings and launchings."/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text" value="Local fishermen and residents had all reported a number of sharks in the waters off Kakanui. Attributed to increased numbers of penguins and seals in the area."/>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	4/10/2000	Accident Ref:	10/00SF
Location	Kawakawa Bay, Firth of Thames. North Island	Region	Auckland
Source	Grey Star, 5 October 2000. PC press clipping file; MSA report 00 0580		
File Category	fatality -sea		
Name of injured or rescued party	n.a.	Injuries	n.a.
Name of Deceased	Vaughn Leon Maddren	Fatality	Drowned; body recovered 11/10/00 on Kawakawa Beach
Age	26 -male	From:	Papakura
Previous Experience	Family member described Mr Maddren as experienced in the operation of kayaks; he possessed safety equipment including a wet suit and lifejacket		
Conditions:	Met service forecast, issued 1316hrs on 4/10/00 was for a gale warning in all areas. W winds 30 kt gusting to 40 kt by afternoon, becoming 2545kn by evening. A local fisherman estimated the wind speed at 38 kt from the NW with waves 14.5 m when he attempted a rescue.		
Number in Party	One (1)	PFD Worn?	NOT WORN
Kayak Type	Orange Pacer, sitentop model; 2.72m long; made under franchise by Kerikeri Viking kayaks.		
Description	<p>≈ 1600hrs, Maddren launched his kayak from the Kawakawa beach to go fishing. At 1615hrs, he was seen by a witness paddling with his bow into waves ≈ 100m offshore. Maddren was seen to fall of his kayak after being struck by a large wave. His kayak was seen to drift downwind, out of his reach. Maddren appeared to struggle for ≈ 5min before he disappeared from view. The witness called a local fisherman who was able to launch his vessel from the bay's launching ramp within 10 min of receiving the call, but was unable to sight the paddler. At ≈ 1625hrs, the kayak, paddle, bait bin and shoes were recovered from the shoreline. Ak CG were notified at 1712hrs, and CG advised police. At 1715hrs, an air and sea search was initiated, with police and CG vessels and two helicopters. The search was called off at 1917hrs.</p> <p>On 11 October, Maddren's body was recovered on Kawakawa Beach.</p> <p>Police stated the tragedy was caused by a failure to wear a lifejacket. Boats, the police launch Deodar and aircraft were to join the search today but police said the chance of finding the man alive were remote.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Police & CG vessels, Police Eagle and Westpac helicopters		
Cause Determined	<p>Maddren was wearing heavy clothing but not wearing a lifejacket, when he fell off the SOT kayak, in dangerous weather/sea conditions, without wearing a lifejacket. He was unable to board or retain hold of the SOT, which blew downwind of him.</p> <p>Inferred capsized, not staying with the kayak, and drowning.</p> <p>The paddle was not secured by a paddle leash to the deck of the SOT</p> <p>The kayak should not have been launched in gale force conditions</p> <p>The kayak was not suitable for operating in high winds or rough seas</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>Ignorance of forecast and conditions by assumed inexperienced solo paddler.</p> <p>Appropriate rescue signalling devices, such as flares of VHF radio should be carried.</p> <p>Following a capsized by a paddler with no self rescue skills, the paddler must remain with the kayak, which is more likely to be sighted than a swimmer in the water.</p> <p>Lifejacket should be worn.</p> <p>A paddle leash should be used with SOT kayaks</p>		
Additional Information	MSA recommended that Viking Kayaks include an approved safe operation manual with all kayaks sold.		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="29/7/2001"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="7/01SRescNI"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Wellington Harbour"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Wellington"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Grey Star 30 July 2001"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="rescue -sea"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Petone kayaker"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="Not stated"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>
Age	<input type="text" value="male age ?"/>	From:	<input type="text"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Inferred little experience"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Offshore winds"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="One"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="NOT WORN"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Unknown"/>		
Description	<p>29 July 2001 (28th or 29th) Police ridiculed a Petone kayaker who could not swim, wore gumboots but no lifejacket, and had to be rescued at the weekend. Sergeant Tom Ireland, said the Petone man had kayaked out to check a fishing net off the Petone foreshore late in the morning. Because of strong winds, he was unable to paddle and was pushed further into the harbour towards Eastbourne. A watching family member became worried and went to a nearby restaurant to raise the alarm. The tired man was rescued by wharf police</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Ignorance of the strength of offshore winds"/>		
Lessons Learned	<p>Listen to the forecast. Stay close to shore with strong offshore winds or do not paddle. Wear a lifejacket. Do not wear gumboots. Carry appropriate signalling devices and or radio/mobile phone.</p>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="6/11/2001"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="11/01SFOW"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Waihou Bay, Bay of Plenty. North Island"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Bay of Plenty"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Grey Star 7/11/01, Chch Press 8/11/01 -PC press clippings file"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="fatality -sea -canoe?"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="Carlos Hemopo."/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="Presumed drowned"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="15"/>	From:	<input type="text"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Unknown"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Inferred strong offshore winds"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="One"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="assumed not worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="clippings both state canoe"/>		
Description	<p>6 November 2001 A 15 year old boy was swept out to sea in a canoe at Waihou Bay on Tuesday afternoon. His canoe was found around 2pm by the Waihou Bay coastguard. Rescue helicopter pilot Ron Taylor said today it appeared the boy went out in the canoe to fish when the sea was calm. However the sea became rough as the boy ventured further out and he was seen clinging to the side of the canoe in the afternoon. Sergeant Floyd Pratt of the Te Kaha police, said there was little hope in finding Hemopo alive. He got into difficulties in high winds which took him out to sea.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police; Fixed wing aircraft; Waihou Bay coastguard; rescue helicopter"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Solo paddler swept offshore by high winds; canoe capsize; separation from the canoe and presumed drowning."/>		
Lessons Learned	<p>Listen to the forecast. Stay close to shore with strong offshore winds or do not paddle. Wear a lifejacket. Carry appropriate signalling devices and or radio/mobile phone. Stay with the capsized canoe or kayak.</p>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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 record No.34

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	16/11/2001	Accident Ref:	11/01DRescHyp
Location	Sumner Bar, Christchurch, South Island.	Region	Canterbury
Source	Chch Press 17 November 2001 -PC press clipping file		
File Category	rescue -sea		
Name of injured or rescued party	Not stated	Injuries	Treated for hypothermia at Chch hospital
Name of Deceased	n.a.	Fatality	n.a.
Age		From:	Christchurch
Previous Experience	Not known		
Conditions:	Not known		
Number in Party	Two	PFD Worn?	lifejacket worn
Kayak Type	Double fibreglass kayak		
Description	<p>16 November 2001. A man was treated for hypothermia after a double kayak capsized on the Sumner bar, spilling both occupants into the sea. The man and woman both managed to swim to shore and an ambulance was called for the man, who was wearing a lifejacket by no wetsuit. A spokesman for the Sumner Lifeboat Institute said they were alerted to the deserted kayak by a Scarborough resident, and searched for its passengers for more than an hour. After learning the pair were safe, the rescue mission turned into a retrieval operation for the kayak, which was towed to shore.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Ambulance; Sumner Lifeboat Institute		
Cause Determined	<p>Capsize due to inferred inexperience of the Sumner bar. Failure to self rescue and pump the kayak out.</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>The Sumner bar should be avoided by all but very experienced sea kayakers. Particularly on an ebb tide, with breaking seas, this bar is very difficult to read from seawards. A wetsuit should be worn if paddling in surf conditions. Appropriate signalling devices should be carried.</p>		
Additional Information			

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	13/1/2002		Accident Ref:	1/02SRescI	
Location	Taramakau River bar; south of Greymouth. South Island			Region	West Coast
Source	Grey Star; 14/01/02 -PC press clipping file				
File Category	rescue -river mouth				
Name of injured or rescued party	Not stated	Injuries	Slightly damaged nose		
Name of Deceased		Fatality			
Age	39	From:			
Previous Experience	No known				
Conditions:	Not stated				
Number in Party	One	PFD Worn?	not known		
Kayak Type	Assumed river or triathalete kayak				
Description	13 January 2002. Police were alerted that a 39 year old had tipped from his kayak in the Taramakau River and been swept out to sea approx. 500 m, about 4pm. The incident was witnessed by several onlookers who immediately raised the alarm. The Greymouth rescue helicopter was called out, but by the time it arrived, Chris Cown in a Hughes 500D had seen the man and towed him to shore with a strop off the skid of the helicopter. He was towed to the beach and treated for a slightly damaged nose by an off duty nurse.				
Authorities Involved	Police; Rescue helicopter; local helicopter				
Cause Determined	Capsize in swift flowing river; swept out to sea over river bar				
Lessons Learned	West Coast river bars are to be avoided by all kayakers.				
Additional Information	This twit was fortunate to have been spotted by both bystanders and the passing helicopter pilot.				

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	22/1/2002	Accident Ref:	1/02SF
Location	Castlecliff, Wanganui, North Island	Region	Taranaki
Source	Grey Star; 23 January 2003		
File Category	fatality -sea		
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries	
Name of Deceased	Bruce Raupita	Fatality	Drowning
Age	44	From:	Castlecliff, Wanganui.
Previous Experience	Not stated; presumed minimal		
Conditions:	Surf conditions?		
Number in Party	One	PFD Worn?	not known
Kayak Type	Not known		
Description	<p>22 January 2002. The 44 year old Castlecliff resident was trying to retrieve a fishing line about 25 m offshore when he fell out of his kayak and could not swim back to it. He was pulled from the water by two surfers and members of the Surf Lifesaving Service. He was admitted to intensive care at Wanganui Hospital, but died that night.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Police; Surf Lifesaving Service		
Cause Determined	Capsize and inferred separation from kayak. Inferred no self rescue skills Inferred poor swimming skills Inferred no lifejacket worn		
Lessons Learned	Lifejackets must be worn by inexperienced kayakers. If no self rescue skills, a capsized paddler should stay with their kayak.		
Additional Information			

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="30/3/2002"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="3/02GrpRescNI"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Rangitoto Island"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Auckland"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="MSA report 02 2891; PC files"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="rescue -sea"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="Unknown"/>	From:	<input type="text"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Clients with no previous experience. Lead guide with 11yrs exp;"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="0055hrs Forecast was for wind warning for Hauraki Gulf, with NW rising to 25 kt in the pm. A further wind warning was issued 1025hrs for Hauraki of NW rising to 25 kts, gusting to 35kt."/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="17 - Two guides, one assistant & 14"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="assumed worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Nine kayaks; 8 double Sea Bears; and one single; lead guide in a Barracuda single"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="At 1040hrs, a group of 9 kayaks, on a guided Fergs Kayaks trip, left Okahu Bay in Ak Hbr. bound for Rangitoto Is. At 1250hrs, lead guide and 2 clients were climbing Rangitoto & heard a forecast CG VHF Ch 21 report of wind speed averaging 21 knots, gusting to 27kts at Bean Rk. By 1305hrs, clients back at kayaks, wind had increased to 21kt. Lead guide judged wind from NW and proceeded with the return trip. At approx. 1325hrs, group encountered strong SW conditions, with one kayak losing headway. 2nd guide took this kayak in tow. Shortly afterwards, a second kayak began to drift downwind. Lead guide told paddlers to turn into the wind and took the 2nd kayak in tow. Second guide advised the group to return to Rangitoto. Lead guide determined to continue the trip. A third kayak began drifting downwind. 4 kayaks without a guide were approx. 400 m upwind of the lead guide 3 separate groups. At ≈ 1345hrs lead guide called Ak CG for assistance; shortly after 2nd guide made a similar call. CG and police responded to the calls and a the police rescue helo was called to locate all kayaks. The lead guide's kayak then capsized with a towline fouling his rudder. CG & police craft assisted kayaks in need of assistance, and they were towed towards Okahu Bay. At ≈ 1503hrs, CG arrived at Okahu Bay wharf with one single and two doubles. Police then with 1 single & 3 doubles"/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="CG, police helicopter; police launch"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Lead guide thought he could beat the predicted change to SW. Also said in his experience Met. forecasts were usually conservative. Proceeding with the return trip from Rangitoto when conditions were unsuitable for the level of experience of the clients. Poor communication between lead and 2nd guide in term of lead guide heeding advice of the 2nd guide."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="MSA opinions & recommendations: no Fergs kayaks trips to be undertaken when the Met Service has issued a wind warning or more severe conditions for the area of operation. No trips with inexperienced clients with wind conditions exceeding 20 knots. Guides and management to be in complete agreement on safety issues before a trip Management to regularly monitor the SOP requirements to ensure compliance That the lead guide was severely censured for the incident"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text" value="Two doubles reached the mainland safely. One at Kohimaramara Bch to the east of Okahu bay and the other reached Okahu Bay. Second guide and assistant were in a double kayak. Lead guide had a SKOANZ level 2 certificate; 11 yrs experience. Both guides had VHF radios, towlines. Fergs kayaks did not have a current commercial licence as required for the ARC district. Fergs kayaks have since advised MSA that a SOP is under review and proceedings were underway to obtain a commercial vessel licence."/>		

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="7/5/2002"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="5/02GrpRescNI"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Eastern Beach, Auckland, Willow Park Christian Camp"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Auckland"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="MSA accident investigation report No.02 2891"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="rescue -sea"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value=""/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value=""/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>
Age	<input type="text" value="9 -10 yrs"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Auckland"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Children with no experience. Teacher had kayaked several times before, and had observed a kayak instructor take the same lesson the year before. Teacher with no formal kayaking qualifications."/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="SW winds of 20 knots; appeared calm from the beach according to the teacher, but offshore winds."/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="7 primary school children, one teacher"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="not known"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Green, single seat kayaks; no sprayskirts; lifejackets worn"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="Afternoon of 7 May 2002, group of 7 children and 2 adults were carrying out a kayaking lesson off Eastern Beach, Auckland. Kayaks were rented/provided by the Willow Park camp. The teacher (Miss Sam Galloway) was shown the equipment by camp staff and then left to transport it to the beach. Teacher gave instruction on the beach and a safety briefing. Wind picked up during the lesson and the teacher called the children together and said to stop paddling. One child of Korean nationality, was seen drifting away from the beach. He was shouted to stop paddling but didn't. The parent paddled out to the child and rafted up alongside until CG arrived approx. 20min later. At approx. 1430hurs, AMRC were alerted by a couple walking along the beachfront. Howick CG responded, and a rescue helicopter was directed to the vicinity. It hovered above the two kayaks as the CG vessel arrived. Parent & child were approx. 300 m off the beach when rescued. Parent & child were provided with warm clothing on the launch, and the kayaks taken to the Howick CG HQ."/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="CG, rescue helicopter"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="The wind picked up during the lesson, making paddling difficult and blowing the kayaks offshore. The rescued Korean child did not understand the teacher's instruction to stop paddling."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="MSA recommended the Willow Park camp owners were to be urgently notified to prepare and submit a safe operational plan (SOP) to the ARC, and to obtain a commercial licence for their operation. Also that the park provided appropriate information and advice on the safe operation of their kayaks, including the use of the safety boat on all school trips. Lastly that a sit specific weather report be obtained before a kayaking activity commences"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text" value="The camp had a safety boat, outboard dinghy, but this was not used by the teacher. The camp did not have an SOP as required by the ARC bylaws."/>		

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="10/6/2002"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="6/02GrpRescNI"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Mangawhai Heads, south of Whangarei, North Island"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Northland"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Chch Press; 12 June 2002"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="rescue -sea"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Not stated"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="Rescued paddlers were cold and shaken"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text"/>	From:	<input type="text"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Assumed minimal to basic"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Strong offshore winds"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="17 students and 3 leaders. Party leader"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="not known"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Not stated if single or double kayaks"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="10 June 2002. A group of 17 students and 3 leaders from Lifeway College at Snells Beach, SE of Warkworth, were paddling in an estuary at Mangawhai in Northland, before heading out to sea, which suddenly turned rough. Three kayakers were swept out to sea, where they rafted their kayaks together for safety. The two adult students and a leader were swept 6.4km out to sea from Manawhai Heads. After the alarm was raised at 1.10pm, the rescue helicopter arrived half an hour later and the rescue was completed by 2.10pm. They were winched to safety by the rescue helicopter in 35 knot winds."/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Northland Emergency Services Trust helicopter"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Inferred ignorance of weather forecast"/> <input type="text" value="Inferred ignorance of the danger of being swept offshore by offshore winds"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="Remain close to shore or do not paddle in offshore wind situation"/> <input type="text" value="Do not take inexperienced paddlers on the water in offshore wind conditions"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	10/12/2002		Accident Ref:	12/02SF	
Location	Whitewash Head, Banks Peninsula, South Island.			Region	Canterbury
Source	Chch Press, 12/12/02, 22/8/3; Grey Star 11 & 13/12/02; see also additional information				
File Category	fatality -sea				
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries			
Name of Deceased	Matthew Stephen Davies	Fatality	Drowning		
Age	24	From:	Christchurch		
Previous Experience	Previous trip from Scarborough to Taylor's Mistake; minimal experience; some paddling on the estuary.				
Conditions:	Calm; SW winds of 10 knots				
Number in Party	One	PFD Worn?	buoyancy vest worn		
Kayak Type	Multisport fibreglass kayak; 4.55mx62cm beam. No bulkheads. No decklines				
Description	Matthew Davies launched from the Scarborough slipway, approx. 9pm 10/12/02. He was reported overdue to the Police who carried out a shoreline and helicopter search. The blue deck/white hull kayak was found at 6.30am 2.4 km off Taylors Mistake on 11 Dec, with paddle floating nearby (GS 11/12/02). The search for the body was called off (GS 13/12/02) but a body was found on Sumner Beach (no date) which was that of Davies; wearing a woollen sleeveless vest and a sprayskirt. Davies was said to be wearing a wearing a dark coloured buoyancy vest when he launched. Conditions were said to be relatively calm, with SW winds of 10 knots, wave height of 0.3 m and NE swell of 1.5 m				
Authorities Involved	Police; Rescue helicopter, Police, Canterbury Coastguard; fixed wing aircraft				
Cause Determined	John Kirk-Anderson provided a report for the coroner, after inspecting the kayak and paddle. He noted a kayak without bulkheads will go into a Cleopatra's Needle, and would be difficult to recover from. Thus the cause is capsizes, kayak flooded, paddler separated from the kayak (no decklines) and drowning.				
Lessons Learned	JKA: Sea kayaks should have a minimum of 2 bulkheads. Decklines should be fitted. A buoyancy aid should be worn at all times. Paddlers should dress for immersion. Distress signals should be carried, suitable for both day and night. Names and contact details should be clearly marked on equipment to assist searchers. Kayaks and equipment should carry some reflective material to assist in the event of a night search.				
Additional Information	Both JKA and PC have copies of the coroner's report, plus the report for the coroner written by JKA.				

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="13/12/2002"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="12/02GrpResc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Lyttelton Harbour, South Island"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Canterbury"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Chch Press 14/12/02; KASK newsletter 101, pp46, Bugger File report by JKA"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="rescue -sea"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Rachel Alexander & a team from her company"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="Mild hypothermia; torn forearm tendons"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>
Age	<input type="text"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Christchurch"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Only 4 of the 11 had previous paddling experience; 7 were novices with no previous paddling experience."/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Gale NW winds"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="11 inexperienced and two TopSports"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="assumed worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Five double Tofino kayaks and 3 single kayaks"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="13 December 2002. The party, led by Len Smyth of TopSports, left Cass Bay at 12.30pm in calm conditions, and paddled to Quail Is, where they BBQed. At 1410hrs, a NW wind developed with whitecaps visible. They set off back to Cass Bay, but Rachel Alexander capsized; winds were 25 - 30 knots from the NW. A Tofino then capsized and the two paddlers let go of the double. The paddler in the front of Len Smyth's double called the Police on a mobile phone and Police, Coastguard, Ambulance, Fire Service and a rescue helicopter were called out. A passing ferry was waved down by Rachel. A total of six paddlers were in the water by this time. Ferries picked up those paddlers, but there was confusion as to who was still in the water. Del Hurley noted wind gusts were to 45 knots with waves half a metre high and steep. At 16.38 Len Smyth called police from Church Bay and said all people were accounted for."/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police; St Johns Water Rescue team, Diamond Harbour Fire Brigade, ferries, rescue helicopter"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="A gale warning was in force for Conway area; 25 knots in the am turning to 40 knots in the afternoon. The trip leader, Len Smyth of TopSports, ignored the forecast. The group was caught by the sudden increase in strength of the NW, resulting in the numerous capsizes. Len noted he left it 5 minutes too late to turn everyone back to Quail Is."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="Listen to the weather forecast and do not commence a trip when a gale warning is forecast. Do not take novice paddlers on the water when bad weather is forecast."/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text" value="JKA wrote a detailed three page report on this incident for the KASK newsletter."/>		

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	8/1/2003	Accident Ref:	1/03GrpRescHyp
Location	Lake Rotorua	Region	Bay of Plenty
Source	Chch Press 9 January 2003		
File Category	rescue -lake		
Name of injured or rescued party	Not stated. Two English tourists	Injuries	Woman with mild hypothermia, admitted to hospital
Name of Deceased	n.a.	Fatality	n.a.
Age	26 & 23	From:	England
Previous Experience	Inferred minimal experience		
Conditions:	Night; lake conditions not known		
Number in Party	Two; male aged 26 and female aged 23	PFD Worn?	NOT WORN
Kayak Type	Two single kayaks; model unknown		
Description	<p>8 January 2003. Two tourists had been out drinking before deciding to paddle out to Mokoia Is. They had been drinking with friends at a lakeside holiday park at Koutu, before leaving about midnight in two single kayaks. Concerned friends called the police at 3am when the pair had not returned. A full scale search followed. They were spotted off Waiteti at Ngongotaha (8 km NW of Rotorua) by a resident after 7am, one kayak towing the other. The pair were not wearing lifejackets. Police commented: 'they had gone on the lake after drinking, on a lake they didn't know, without lifejackets or lights which are essential in a kayak at night. They could have been run over by a larger boat heading out fishing. There are a lot of things they should not have done.'</p> <p>The woman was suffering mild hypothermia and was taken to Rotorua hospital.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Police; Rotorua District Council harbourmaster, coastguard, and rescue helicopter.		
Cause Determined	Inexperienced kayakers paddling out night, without lifejackets and without signalling devices, VHF radio or mobile phone.		
Lessons Learned	<p>Not to paddle after drinking. Carry appropriate signalling devices at night Carry a light source on each kayak for night paddling Lifejackets must be worn</p>		
Additional Information			

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="25/4/2003"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="4/03GrpResc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Hauraki Gulf, North Island"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Auckland"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="NZ Herald 28 April 2003, Grey Star 28 April 2003; PC press clippings file"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="rescue -sea"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Not stated"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="Woman rushed to hospital seriously ill; man exhausted and in shock"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>
Age	<input type="text" value="22 & 34"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Auckland ?"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Night; conditions not stated"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="Two; woman aged 22, male aged 34"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="lifejackets worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Two single kayaks; male was paddling a triboat, not a sea kayak"/>		
Description	<p>25 April 2003. A first date couple were paddling home from Rangitoto Island, when the woman was tipped from her kayak by the wake of a passing ferry. Her date jumped from his kayak to support her and the began a 3 km swim towards the lights of Auckland. Both wearing lifejackets, they commenced their swim about 7.45pm. The bloke had a small Maglite in his mouth, but this was unnoticed by passing boats. About midnight they were close enough to shore for a St Heliers woman to hear their cries and she contacted police. The police helicopter located the couple 500m off Ladies Bay, and two policeman were flown out, and jumped some 10m into the sea. They handed the couple (who were wearing lifejackets) extra flotation devices and stayed with them until an inflatable rescue boat arrived. The woman was frothing at the mouth and her eyes were rolling. On shore, the woman had a body temp of just 25°C, was rushed to hospital. A policewoman spotted the man's torch from Ladies Bay.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police; Police helicopter, coastguard"/>		
Cause Determined	<p>Inexperienced kayakers paddling at night. Sea kayaks with a minimum of two bulkheads should be used at night, not a triboat. No signalling devices, radio or mobile phone</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>Carry appropriate signalling devices at night; flares, VHF radio; mobile phone Stay with the kayak if capsized and unable to self rescue. The tri boat no doubt flooded as it would not have had bulkheads. Know how to do a two kayak rescue.</p>		
Additional Information	<input type="text" value=""/>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="8/9/2003"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="9/03SR"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Pines Beach, near mouth of the Waimakariri River"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Canterbury"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="John Kirk-Anderson, KASK newsletter 100, 8/9 2002 p.8"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="rescue -sea"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="Hypothermia, minor skin injuries from holding bow toggle."/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="44"/>	From:	<input type="text"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="No previous experience, had owned kayak for 4 months"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="buoyancy vest worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="QK Penguin"/>		
Description	<p>A 44 year old male, with only a little kayaking experience, capsized and drifted about 1.4kms south of his start point, to near the mouth of the Waimakariri River.</p> <p>He was wearing a buoyancy vest, a cotton top and Lycra shorts.</p> <p>While he had practised re-entering his kayak before, he had only done so in calmer waters and was unable to re-enter the kayak after eight or nine attempts. A passing vehicle saw him and raised the alarm. He was picked up by the Waimak-Ashley Surf Rescue Group, and was flown by helicopter to Christchurch Hospital, being in a near-unconscious state.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Waimak-Ashley Surf Rescue Group"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="29/9/2003"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="9/03GrpResc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Lake Taupo"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Waikato"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Grey Star, 30/09/03; PC press clippings file"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="rescue -lake"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>
Age	<input type="text"/>	From:	<input type="text"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Assumed nil"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Strong offshore winds"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="Two; father and son from Pukekohe"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="not known"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Rented single kayaks"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="29 September 2003. A father and son escaped hypothermia yesterday after strong winds overturned their kayaks and tipped them into the chilly waters of Lake Taupo. They had rented kayaks at Tokaanu and were paddling along the southern lakes shore by the Tokaanu tailrace when the wind blew them off course about 1pm. The man and his teenage son were near the tailrace when their kayaks were swept away. They were blown onto a bed of raupo about 40m offshore, where they were able to stand about waist deep. They were seen by people on shore who raised the alarm."/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Not stated"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Inexperienced paddlers caught by strong offshore winds."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="Listen to the forecast, and find out about local conditions."/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	9/12/2003	Accident Ref:	12/03SFDr
Location	North Coast, Stewart Island, vicinity of Xmas Village Bay	Region	Stewart Island
Source	Chch Press 23/12/03; PC safety file reports; PC coroner's report; canoe specification sheet		
File Category	fatality -sea -solo		
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries	
Name of Deceased	Rinitz, Lawrence Guenter	Fatality	Presumed drowned
Age	56	From:	Germany
Previous Experience	Approx. 5 hours paddling on Patterson Inlet. No prior experience before visiting Stewart Island.		
Conditions:	Not known at time of death		
Number in Party	One	PFD Worn?	not known
Kayak Type	Old Town model 'Otter'; plastic; no bulkheads; no decklines; 2.9m long; large cockpit; green		
Description	<p>9 December 2003. Rinitz paddled from Halfmoon Bay to Bugaree Bay where he was last seen at the hut on 9 Dec. travelling towards Christmas Village Bay area, where he intended to climb Mt. Anglem. No clear time intentions were left with Innes Dunstan, who eventually contacted police. On 21 Dec. his yellow pack liner and day pack (with binoculars & first aid kit) were found washed up on the beach near the Christmas Village shelter hut. Helicopter searches of the coast from Halfmoon Bay to Yankee River on two days failed to find Rinitz or his kayak.</p> <p>Rinitz bought the kayak in Invercargill, stating he was going to paddle on Patterson Inlet. He was told the kayak was unsuitable, but a combination of cheap price and stubbornness led to the purchase. He also purchased a light sprayskirt, lifejacket and aluminium shaft paddle.</p> <p>Rinitz was carrying his clothes & food in a yellow (Mtn Safety?) plastic bag, in the cockpit, and presumably between his legs, as the seat is fixed in position.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Police; Chartered helicopters for coastal search		
Cause Determined	<p>Either a wave punched in the light sprayskirt, or Rinitz capsized, with the large cockpit kayak flooding, and the plastic bag floating free. With inferred no pump, bailing devices, or knowledge of self rescue procedures, Rinitz was unable to empty and reenter the kayak. With no decklines, and the kayak probably standing on end (Cleopatra's Needle), he separated from the kayak and succumbed to either hypothermia or drowning.</p> <p>Rinitz was inexperienced, paddling the wrong kayak, and did not have appropriate rescue signalling devices. The north coast of St.Is is subject to strong tidal stream movement through Foveaux Strait; and subject to strong westerly winds and chop.</p>		
Lessons Learned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Kayaks used on the open sea should be fitted with a minimum of two bulkheads, to ensure flotation in the event of a capsize. -Decklines should be fitted, to ensure contact can be maintained with a capsized kayak -Sea kayakers on the outside coast of Stewart Island should dress for cold water immersion. -On the outer coast of Stewart Island, either a VHF radio or Mountain Radio set (or mobile phone if signal coverage) should be carried -Distress signals should be carried, suitable for both day and night use. -Trip details, timing and intentions should be left with a reliable person or party in the event of the paddler becoming overdue 		
Additional Information	<p>PC contacted Innes Dunstan at Stewart Is, Contable Rob Fox of the St.Is. Police (03) 219 0020 and Sgt. John De Lury of the Invercargill Police, re further information on Rinitz. A statement from the kayak salesperson was received also, and PC wrote a 3pp report for the Invercargill coroner, with recommendations as listed in 'Lessons Learned'.</p> <p>Coroner's inquest held Invercargill 30/07/2004. Report on file.</p>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="28/12/2003"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="12/03GrpRes"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Collingwood, Golden Bay, South Island"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Golden Bay"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Grey Star, 29 Dec. 2003; KASK newsletter 108, pp 18-19; PC press clippings file"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="rescue -sea"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Not stated"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="Both treated for mild hypothermia"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>
Age	<input type="text" value="22 & 25"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Japan; France"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Inferred nil experience"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Inferred offshore winds and ebb tide"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="2 - Two female tourists; 22 yr old"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="Lifejackets worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Inferred rental kayaks from Collingwood backpackers"/>		
Description	<p>28 December 2003. The two women went kayaking about 2.30pm; probably in rental kayaks. They were caught on an outgoing tide, boosted by a recent flood in the Aorere River, and were swept out into Golden Bay. The backpacker hostel owner reported them missing after 7pm and a search was begun. Takaka police asked Collingwood boatie Des Miller to check out a sighting by a Milinthorpe resident of an orange blob in the water off Tukurua Beach. Mr Miller said they came across the first kayaker by pure luck, clinging to her upturned kayak, 7 km off Tukurua. They found the second tourist, also clinging to an upturned kayak, 2 km further on off Onekaka. The pair boarded the rescue boat 'surprisingly chirpy' when they were found and boarded it without help. "However they would not have wanted to be out there any longer" The second woman was rescued just on nightfall. They were both wearing lifejackets.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police; Local boatie"/>		
Cause Determined	<p>Ignorant, inexperienced kayakers being swept offshore by an ebb tide and fresh in the Aorere River. Must have been an offshore wind as well. Both capsized, and with no self rescue skills, were stuck in the water. Both women were wearing lifejackets and at least remained with the kayaks, so the searching boat was able to located them. They were reported overdue, so there was a competent party aware of their paddle plan.</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>Carry signalling devices -flares -and/or mobile phone or VHF radio. Always remain with a capsized kayak.</p>		
Additional Information	<input type="text" value=""/>		

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	4/1/2004	Accident Ref:	1/04SFCol
Location	Okiwi Bay, south of French Pass; South Island	Region	Nelson
Source	Chch Press 6/01/04; NEM 6/01/04; KASK newsletter 108. p 18		
File Category	fatality -collision -sea		
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries	
Name of Deceased	Richard Taylor	Fatality	Killed by impact from power boat
Age	30	From:	ex. pat Kiwi on holiday from London
Previous Experience	Not known		
Conditions:	Flat calm conditions, sunny day		
Number in Party	1	PFD Worn?	not known
Kayak Type	Plastic sit on top kayak; bright yellow in colour		
Description	<p>4 January 2004. About 5pm, Richard Taylor, who was paddling some 200 m offshore, was struck by a powerboat towing a sea biscuit. As well as the driver, there were two observers on the boat, which was turning to pick up the person who had fallen off the biscuit. The people on the boat were 'unaware of the collision until they saw a body in the water.' They picked up Taylor, and took him to shore, where he had a pulse and was breathing, despite a bad head injury. He died when being loaded onto the rescue helicopter. The collision occurred about 5pm. Sunset that day in Nelson was 9.03pm. Conditions were calm when the accident occurred.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Police; Rescue helicopter		
Cause Determined	<p>Failure to keep a proper lookout by the boat driver and observers.</p> <p>Wellington paddler, Jennifer Roberts, was in a car on shore at the time of the accident. She said the bright yellow kayak stood out clearly on the water. The sea was calm, & the kayak was not in the ski lane.</p>		
Lessons Learned			
Additional Information	<p>The Press 5/5/04 noted boat driver was to be charged.</p> <p>18/08/04 -John Clayton Meo, 55, Wellington commercial lawyer, was convicted and remanded for sentencing. He admitted one charge, under the Maritime Transport Act, that while being the master of a vessel, he failed to ensure the vessel was navigated properly and failed to have sufficient lookout. Meo was fined \$2000 and ordered to pay reparation of \$1000 to Taylor's mother.</p>		

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	16/2/2004	Accident Ref:	02/04SNIROW
Location	Rarawa Beach, near Houhora Harbour, Northland.	Region	Northland
Source	Chch Press 18/02/04, BoP Times 19/02/04; reports from Iona Bailey; PC safety file		
File Category	rescue -sea -solo -sit on top		
Name of injured or rescued party	Stacey, Gordon	Injuries	Not stated
Name of Deceased		Fatality	
Age	37 male	From:	Tauranga
Previous Experience	Nil. Stated some boating experience and an experienced diver.		
Conditions:	Strong offshore winds; swell of 1.5 m		
Number in Party	1	PFD Worn?	Lifejacket worn
Kayak Type	Sekat, SOT, ≤3m long; plastic. Colour not known. No rudder and nylon twine deckline		
Description	<p>16 February 2004. Stacey's long line snagged early on 16 Feb. at Rarawa Beach. To free the line, he drove to he Wagener Park motor camp and hired a sit on top kayak. He drove back to the beach and launched at 8.30am, but turned back to put on a lifejacket and tell a friend of his intentions. The kayak was flipped over by a wave; he tried lying on it to prevent it flipping, but he was flipped off again and the kayak was quickly blown out of reach. He decided the paddle was useless & threw this away. His lifejacket kept riding over his head (he had not done up the waist strap). Approx. 10.30am, his friend raised the alarm, with emergency services phoned. Far North Coastguard Radio co-ordinated a search in strong winds and difficult sea conditions, at sea, on shore and from the air. Stacey was located by the helicopter at 12.25pm, 3.4 miles offshore, his paddle 100 m further out, and the kayak another mile to seaward. He was rescued by a charter boat shortly afterwards.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Police; Far North Coastguard Radio, 3 Bay of Islands fishing boats, Northland Rescue helo.		
Cause Determined	<p>Flipped off sit on top kayak in strong offshore wind conditions; unable to stay in contact with kayak.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -ignorance of the danger of offshore winds -lack of carrying suitable signalling devices -inappropriate choice of kayak -the thin nylon twine deckline could not easily be grabbed -the paddle could have been used for signalling to rescuers -waistband of lifejacket was not fastened -no previous kayaking experience 		
Lessons Learned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Stay off the sea in strong offshore conditions. -Use the appropriate craft for conditions. A minimum of two bulkheads in a kayak, and solid decklines for hanging onto in case of a capsize. -Leave intentions with a competent person -Carry appropriate rescue signalling devices for day and night -Faster lifejackets securely in place. 		
Additional Information	The police have spoken to the person hiring out kayaks at the motor camp, as Stacey was not questioned as to where he was going. The rescuers had a lot of trouble sighting Stacey as the sea was so rough. At least Stacey told a friend of his intentions and wore a lifejacket, both these factors led to his life being saved.		

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	20/2/2004	Accident Ref:	2/04GrpFOW
Location	Bay of Islands, North Island	Region	Northland
Source	Grey Star 210/02/04 & 23/02/04. PC pr. clipping file; pers comm. Pauline Moretti, Tony Dumper		
File Category	Capsized kayaker drowning; no lifejacket worn; did not stay with kayak		
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries	
Name of Deceased	Phillip Edwards	Fatality	Drowning
Age	41	From:	Kaikohe
Previous Experience	Not known		
Conditions:	Strong offshore winds; air temp. $\approx 18^{\circ}$, water temp. $\approx 17.5^{\circ}$; seas moderate to rough in exposed areas. Poor viz. with rain showers. NW 20kn winds, gusting 25 -30kn.		
Number in Party	2	PFD Worn?	Not worn
Kayak Type	Two single kayaks; model unknown; old fibreglass; no bulkheads or buoyancy bags		
Description	<p>20 February 2004. Two men from Kaikohe, 40s, kayaking from Wairoa bay. Between 1300 & 1400 hrs. they paddled out round the Brampton Shoal toward the Kerikeri Inlet to go diving. Was calmish when they left. They were diving. Conditions roughed up very quickly. They couldn't make it to inlet so turned round and tried to get back to Wairoa Bay. Got separated by about 100 m and got swamped and overturned. Between 1630 & 1700hrs, both kayaks capsized. One diver grabbed his flippers, snorkel, used tyre tube and mask from his semi-submerged boat, and made it back by swimming to Wairoa bay. Didn't know what happened to Edwards. Approx. two hours after the capsized, he raised the alarm. Wairoa/Brampton is directly opposite Tapeka Pt. Wind would have been blowing in that direction. Rescue vessels arrived about 1945hrs to commence a search in fading light. A semi-submerged kayak was located ≈ 2100hrs, 0.4nm SE of Brampton Buoy towards Simpson Pt. A body was then found, just below the surface, ≈ 200m from the kayak, dressed in running shoes, shorts, parka, T shirt, but not wearing a lifejacket or buoyancy aid. The deceased's kayak was found next day up the Rawhiti Inlet.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Police; Rescue helicopter; four rescue vessels		
Cause Determined	<p>-Inferred inexperienced kayakers caught by offshore winds. One paddler swimming to shore to call for a rescue, the drowned man not wearing a lifejacket, and not staying with his kayak.</p> <p>-Kayaks used with no integral buoyancy, either bulkheads or buoyancy bags.</p> <p>-Lifejackets were not worn</p> <p>-No signalling devices for calling a rescue</p> <p>-Inferred no pumps or bailing devices</p> <p>-Inferred no knowledge of basic self or group rescue techniques</p> <p>-Deceased was inappropriately dressed for cold water immersion</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>-Wear a lifejacket.</p> <p>-Stay with a capsized kayak.</p> <p>-Sea kayaks must have a minimum of two bulkheads for buoyancy</p> <p>-Carry appropriate signalling devices; and or VHF radio or mobile phone</p> <p>-Listen to the marine forecast</p> <p>-Dress appropriately for cold water immersion</p> <p>-Leave intentions of trip and return time with competent person</p> <p>-Sprayskirts must be worn on cockpits</p> <p>-Listen to the forecast and stay off the water in strong offshore conditions.</p>		
Additional Information	<p>A coastguard spokesman said Edwards may have survived if he had worn a lifejacket and stayed with his kayak. Deceased's kayak, ≈ 3.2m long, old, fibreglass, large open 1.5m long cockpit, suitable for sheltered estuary or protected waters; no bulkheads or other buoyancy; no sprayskirts; one kayak seat was not fixed in place, and had the appearance of an old plywood school type seat, with the steel legs cut off. The kayak it had a number on it which indicated it either had previously Been, or may still have been, within a hire fleet</p>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="24/2/2004"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="2/04GrpStr.W"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Port Chalmers, Dunedin"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Otago"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Otago Daily Times 25/02/04; PC Press clipping file"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="Rescue services called to three kayakers in gale force conditions; no rescue involved"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Three men from a local surf lifesaving club"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="Nil"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Dunedin"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Unknown"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="'Mayhem' conditions on the harbour with gale force winds"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="3"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="Not worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>		
Description	<p>24 February 2004. Numerous members of the public, who spotted the trio paddling from Dunedin to Port Chalmers at night (early evening?) on 24 Feb, called Police who alerted Maritime Search & Rescue. When the kayakers finally came ashore at Back Beach, they told Mr Lewis (Maritime Safety & Safe Boating adviser) that they were senior members of a local lifesaving club on a training run down the harbour. 'That doesn't excuse their absolute stupidity in being on the harbour in gale force winds clothed the way they were or being without lifejackets or flotation devices.' The men were dressed only in 3/4 wetsuits and appeared to be very cold. 'They were an accident waiting to happen,' he said. They had also tied up emergency services that were in demand because of the gale.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police, Maritime Search & Rescue"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="As lifesavers, these blokes may have been on surf skis. Lifejackets are not generally worn by lifesavers on surf skis, however for a training run on the harbour in gale force conditions, lifejackets should have been worn."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="-Wear a lifejacket
-dress for cold water immersion"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="2/5/2004"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="5/04GrpRescNI"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Mount Maunganui"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Bay of Plenty"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Iona Bailey report May 2004; PC incident database file"/>		
File Category	<input type="text"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Unknown"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="A few minor scratches"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text"/>	From:	<input type="text"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Mild with little wind. 1 -2m seas breaking 100m offshore"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="3"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Plastic Puffins"/>		
Description	<p>2 May 2004. The three paddlers launched approx. 4.30pm from Shark Alley at Mt Maunganui. One kayak had the rear hatch cover removed and a large plastic bin inserted into the hatch opening. The three were well dressed, with hats, lifejackets and jackets, and the the trip was for fishing. About 6pm one of the kayakers, the least experienced, was caught by a wave washing over the rocks north of Rabbit Island. He was unable to re-enter his kayak, and dragged his kayak onto what is known as North Rock. The only signalling equipment carried by the group was a flashing light. One paddler headed to shore while the other two waited for rescue at North Rock. At 7.04 CG received a call for assistance and the CG rescue vessel was launched. An IRB was also launched from the Mt Maunganui SLC. Fog had developed and the IRB did not sight the paddlers until 7.44pm. The fog was then so thick that the IRB crew could not sight shore and were instructed to remain offshore until the fog lifted. Flares set off the beach could not be seen. The IRB deployed a sea anchor carried by the kayakers. At 9.30pm the party landed at Mount Beach. Apart from a few scratches from the rocks, otherwise the paddles were unharmed.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="CG and SLC"/>		
Cause Determined	<p>Underestimation of conditions. Rear hatch removal of one kayak let to flooding of kayak after the capsize. Apart from head torches and a flashing light, no emergency rescue signalling equipment was carried. The party had no tow rope but carried a paddle float and pump. The kayaker who capsized was the least experienced.</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>Marine forecast should have been checked prior to launching. Rescue drills should be practised in realistic conditions. Hatches should never be removed from kayaks. Tow ropes should be carried by all paddlers or at least one per group. A cellphone or VHF radio would have allowed early alerting of rescue authorities</p>		
Additional Information	<input type="text" value="The group were fortunate it was a warm evening."/>		

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	16/5/2004	Accident Ref:	5/04GrpSurfI
Location	Front Beach, Flaxmill, Coromandel Peninsula	Region	Waikato
Source	Report from Karen Knowles. PC incident database file		
File Category			
Name of injured or rescued party	Karen Budd	Injuries	Torn thigh ligaments
Name of Deceased		Fatality	
Age		From:	
Previous Experience	Eight months prior paddling experience; YakityYak club leader's trip course completed		
Conditions:	Surf under 0.5m in height		
Number in Party	8	PFD Worn?	Worn
Kayak Type	Unknown		
Description	<p>16 May 2004. Eight paddlers in single sea kayaks Karen, after paddling into the beach, got out of her kayak on the beach side, and a broken wave swept the kayak into her leg. First thought was she had broken her femur. Trip leader Karen Knowles phoned for an ambulance after pulling Karen Budd from the water. An hour after the incident, Karen Budd was lifted into an ambulance..</p>		
Authorities Involved	Ambulance; first response fire team		
Cause Determined	<p>Inferred failure after exiting the cockpit to go to the stern or bow of the kayak. Kayak swept by a broken wave onto the thigh of the paddler.</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>When surfing into a beach, maintain view of surf, exit the cockpit quickly and go to either the bow or stern of the kayak.</p>		
Additional Information			

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	30/5/2004	Accident Ref:	5/04SRHyp
Location	Otago Harbour, Otago.	Region	Otago
Source	Grey Star 31/5/04; PC press clipping file		
File Category	Solo paddler capsized, rescue, hypothermia		
Name of injured or rescued party	Dave Palmer.	Injuries	Mild Hypothermia
Name of Deceased		Fatality	
Age	39 male	From:	Port Chalmers.
Previous Experience	Seven year's sea kayaking		
Conditions:	Choppy sea, cold conditions		
Number in Party	1	PFD Worn?	Lifejacket worn
Kayak Type	Unknown		
Description	<p>30 May 2004. At 11.30am, Palmer set off from Port Chalmers for Broad Bay to take part in a kayak race. His rudder cable snapped and he had to do a makeshift repair. By this time, the race was over and Palmer opted to paddle home. Sea was 'bit choppy' but he was comfortable with conditions. A rogue wave capsized him. His roll failed and he slid out of the kayak. When trying to pull himself out of the water, he slipped and the kayak floated out of his grasp.</p> <p>Palmer was wearing: a thermal top, light trousers, and lifejacket. He had a cellphone, which was in a waterproof bag around his neck and called 111. He was patched to Port Chalmers fire service officer (Palmer was a volunteer). Rescue boats were launched, but couldn't find Palmer. He had to direct the rescue boats using his cellphone. He knew he was in trouble with light fading and fading manual dexterity in his hands. Just as he felt he was about to lose consciousness, Palmer was plucked from the water, about 1 km S of Quarantine Is, and flown to Dunedin hospital by rescue helicopter. His temp. was 32°C, 5°C below average, and in mild hypothermia zone. He was released from hospital after 2 hours.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Fire Service, rescue boats, rescue helicopter		
Cause Determined	<p>Capsize in cold, chilly weather, with unsuccessful roll, and failure to self rescue. Kayak drifted away. Onset of hypothermia through cold water immersion and inappropriate clothing worn for immersion. Life saved by carrying cellphone around his neck, and prompt rescue following the 111 call</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>-Dress for cold water immersion. -If this was a tri-boat (no bulkheads or decklines), paddling with another paddler or group would have allowed an attempt at re-entering the kayak, also better visibility if a rescue is called in. -Ensure kayak has decklines for hanging onto after a capsize and wet exit. -Stay with the kayak after a wet exit and capsize -better visibility for rescuers than looking for a swimmer in choppy seas. -Carry signalling devices on the lifejacket or body. Palmer's life was saved through carrying a cellphone in a waterproof bag around his neck, and prompt response from the rescue services. Without the cellphone, he would have soon been unconscious & then drowned.</p>		
Additional Information	Sought additional info. from OSKA -Palmer not a member of the Otago s/k network.		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="3/7/2004"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="7/04SFDr"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Reotahi Beach, near Marsden Pt, Whangarei, Northland."/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Northland"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="NZ Herald 5/7/04; Grey Star 6/7/04; PC press clipping file"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="Drowning of solo kayaker -Suicide"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="Pearson, William Keith"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="Drowning"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="43"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Whangarei"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Clipping says Pearson fished regularly in the area from his kayak."/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="1"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="lifejacket worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Possibly a SOT plastic (info. from Northland canoe club member)"/>		
Description	<p>3 July 2004. Pearson fished regularly from is kayak and had been out all day 3 July. At 6.30pm another fisherman found Pearson's empty kayak tied to a buoy 200 m offshore in Bream Bay. The man's car was found parked at Ruakaka, as a helicopter, plane and 7 Whangarei Coastguard vessels joined the search on Sunday 4 July.</p> <p>Police were contacted Sunday afternoon by a woman who found the man's body wedged under a pohutukawa tree on Reotahi Beach, at 12.30pm. This is 7 km NW of where the kayak was found. Pearson, who was not a diver, was found wearing a parka. lifejacket, wetsuit, leggings and work boots.</p> <p>Police comment: "We've no idea yet about a cause of death. We're not sure whether there might have been a medical condition involved."</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police, Coastguard, fixed wing and helicopter."/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Needs additional information from police or inquest report. inferred suicide"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="Needs additional information from police or inquest report!"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text" value="Advised by Jim Lott that this is determined as a Suicide. DOES NOT NEED INCLUSION IN FATALITY STATISTICS"/>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	10/7/2004	Accident Ref:	7/04GrpNIResc
Location	Kapiti Island	Region	Wellington
Source	Kapiti News 14/7/04, Dom. Post 13/7/04; marine forecast -PC press clipping files		
File Category	Rescue of two overdue paddlers -no injuries		
Name of injured or rescued party	Not stated	Injuries	Nil
Name of Deceased		Fatality	
Age	32 , 33	From:	Paraparaumu, Wellington.
Previous Experience	Clipping notes experienced kayakers		
Conditions:	Unknown. Rec. marine forecast for Kapiti 0512 -2359hrs Sat, for out to Kapiti was variable 5 kt becoming S, 10 kt mid am, rising to 15 kt & gusting 25 kt during afternoon. Smooth seas, becoming slight in pm. Fine weather		
Number in Party	2	PFD Worn?	not known
Kayak Type	Not stated		
Description	<p>Two experienced Paraparaumu men, 32 & 33 left Paraparaumu Beach at noon for a trip to, then around Kapiti Island and back. They were not expected home until after dark. When they failed to return by 10pm, a search & rescue operation was initiated including Kapiti and Waikanae coastguard.</p> <p>By 12.20am, the pair were located, fit and well and the island, after a fire was spotted on the western side of the island.</p> <p>DS (Det. Sgnt) Dickie said one of the kayakers had been tossed out of his kayak ≈5.30pm, so the pair landed on the island for a rethink, especially as conditions had deteriorated.</p> <p>DS Dickie said, although the kayakers were well equipped with wetsuits, flares, and dry clothing, it highlighted the need for all boaties to leave clear instructions with family or associates about trip intentions and to have another plan in place.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Police; Waikanae & Kapiti Coastguard.		
Cause Determined	<p>Leaving too late in the day to complete the trip?</p> <p>Conditions deteriorating for level of experience</p> <p>Failure to accept forecast worsening weather and sea conditions in the afternoon?</p> <p>If conditions were too much for one paddler's experience, then correct decision was made to land and wait.</p> <p>Could VHF radio or a cellphone have been used to contact friends/family from the west side of the island?</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>-Ensure sufficient daylight hours for completion of a round Kapiti trip</p> <p>-Check on ability to call a rescue with VHF radio or cellphone from west side of the island</p> <p>-Intentions and fail to return time were obviously left with a competent party, but as the DS suggests, a contingency plan for overnighing on the island could have been left.</p>		
Additional Information	<p>Insufficient information on the rescue, kayaks, equipment, experience.</p> <p>Needs follow up from WSKN.</p>		

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	19/07/2004	Accident Ref:	7/04SRHypOW
Location	Off Takapuna Boat Ramp, off Milford Beach	Region	Auckland
Source	'North Shore Times' 20 July 04; PC press clipping file		
File Category	Capsize at night by wind on group training paddle; separated from kayak; rescued by police launch		
Name of injured or rescued party	Tim McPherson	Injuries	After 3.5 hours in the water, suffered hypothermia, and heart was in an uneven rhythm.
Name of Deceased		Fatality	
Age	34 male	From:	Glenfield, Auckland
Previous Experience	Says experienced kayaker, on a regular weekly paddle with his kayak group		
Conditions:	Rough water and strong offshore winds. Mid winter. Night.		
Number in Party	Group ?	PFD Worn?	buoyancy vest worn
Kayak Type	Not stated. Triboat?		
Description	<p>Mr McPherson was on a weekly paddle with his kayak group. Nearing the Takapuna boat ramp, he was a bit ahead of the group, when he hit rough waters and strong winds, which pointed the kayak bow out to sea. He struggled to turn back to the beach, but had already drifted 300 m offshore, when a gust capsized him. The wind sent the kayak barrel rolling away. Unsure if his friends has seen him, he tried calling out but the offshore wind prevented this. Wearing a buoyancy vest, he started swimming for the beach with his paddle and dolphin torch. After 30 min of strong kicking, he found himself further away. 'I knew I had to get to the beach or I'd be the drowned man on the front page of tomorrow's paper.'</p> <p>After about 3 hrs, when the first rescue boat went past without seeing him, he thought he'd missed the only chance of rescue, so he stopped kicking to conserve energy for the am.</p> <p>He was found about 11.20pm when the police launch Deodar 2 went over to investigate what they thought was a bottle in the water, some 150 m away.</p> <p>He suffered hypothermia and his heart was in an uneven rhythm. Doctors said if he hadn't been found when he was, he wouldn't have survived.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Police		
Cause Determined	<p>Capsized at night by strong offshore winds and separated from the kayak.</p> <p>Although paddling in a group, had separated from the rest of the paddlers.</p> <p>May have been a triboat with no decklines (sounds very light if it was barrel rolled away).</p> <p>Buoyancy vest worn, and dolphin torch carried (why wasn't this spotted by searchers?)</p> <p>Obviously no VHF radio, cellphone or flares carried on the paddler or buoyancy vest.</p> <p>Insufficient information on how rescue was initiated -paddling mates most likely.</p> <p>No info. on clothing worn.</p>		
Lessons Learned	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Listen to the latest forecast before paddling. 2. If starting a paddle in a group, stay in the group until landing. 3. Carry appropriate signalling devices for night paddling; head-torch, torch, night flare, VHF and/or cellphone. 4. Ensure kayak has decklines to stay in contact with a kayak after a capsize and sealed storage compartments for buoyancy, so the kayak floats. 5. Stay with a capsized kayak. It is easier for rescuers to see than a body in the water. 		
Additional Information			

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="22/9/2004"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="9/04GrpRhyp"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Lake Rotorua"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Bay of Plenty"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Iona Bailey report, met. service report, PC press clippings file"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="Group rescue"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="Taken to hospital to be treated for hypothermia"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="9 -15 years"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="group from Auckland"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Assumed nil experience for the children"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Described by police as atrocious. One metre swell and SW winds gusting to 40 knots."/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="12 children & 4 adults"/>	PFD Worn?	
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>		
Description	<p>12 children & 4 adults, part of an Auckland based outdoor trust group in Rotorua for the school holidays, were crossing from Mokoia Is to the Ohau channel about 1pm. Surveyors, working on a boat on the lake saw the group leave Mokoia Is and were so concerned, they contacted emergency services. A rescue helicopter was diverted from another job to help find them. Just as it arrived, the pilot saw the first of several kayaks overturn in the choppy waters. With the helicopter guiding it, the surveyors boat was able to intercept and rescue the kayakers, who were brought ashore at Sulphur Pt, on the city side of the lake, and taken to hospital for treatment for hypothermia. Some kayakers managed to make landfall south of the Ohau channel.</p> <p>Police Det. Sgt. Wilson was uncertain if the group would face prosecution, as it was a decision that could only be made after consultation with the harbourmaster.</p> <p>No member of the group would comment on the incident.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police, rescue helicopter, hospital"/>		
Cause Determined	<p>Paddling in gale force winds and choppy seas, in late winter, in conditions well beyond the assumed low/nil level paddling experience of the school children.</p> <p>Assumed failure to check the lake forecast before launching</p> <p>Assumed lack of any emergency signalling equipment such as VHF radio, flares or mobile phone with which a pick up of the group from Mokoia Is could have been arranged.</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>Need to check local forecast before launching</p> <p>Need to carry emergency rescue signalling equipment</p> <p>Dressing for cold water immersion</p> <p>Paddling in conditions appropriate for the experience of the group</p>		
Additional Information	<p>Met service forecast issued 11.11am 22/09/04 was for SW 25 knots, waves to one metre.</p> <p>The forecast issued 3.49am was for SW 10 knots, rising to 25 by afternoon.</p> <p>Recorded conditions at the Rotorua airport at 1300hrs were: wind speed of 21 knots with max. gusts to 39 knots. Air temp. of 12.5°C.</p>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	26/09/2004	Accident Ref:	9/04Fx2Dr4 Resc.
Location	Waipaoa River mouth, near Gisborne	Region	Gisborne
Source	Newspapers 27 -28 Sept. 04; report and photos from John Humphris; MSA report 6/05		
File Category			
Name of injured or rescued party	11 year old nephew	Injuries	11 year old with hypothermia
Name of Deceased	Clutterbuck, Aaron McClutchie, Hemi Damian	Fatality	Double drowning
Age	27, 27 & 11	From:	Gisborne
Previous Experience	Assumed all three were novice paddlers		
Conditions:	Rough and cold.		
Number in Party	3	PFD Worn?	no PFDs worn
Kayak Type	Scupper Pro SOT single kayak. 4.5m l, 0.65m w. Hatches missing when recovered.		
Description	<p>At 5.30pm, two men and an 11yr old boy launched a SOT kayak to set a fishing net, off the Waipaoa River, near Gisborne. Net was 60m long. Two hatch covers were removed, with two people sitting fore and aft, sitting astride the hatch areas. The inner end of the net was secured ashore. While setting the net to seawards, weights attached to the outer end fell into the aft (open hatch). The kayak stern flooded, leading to a capsize. This was ≈ 100 m offshore. No lifejackets were aboard. The 11 year old swam ashore and raised the alarm at 5.45pm. The boy was thrown clear of the net by one of the men and told to swim for the shore. The thrower then swam after him, turned to see where the other man was and saw him tangled in the net. He then swam back to help and apparently got tangled himself. The river is the largest around Gisborne and was running fairly fast and they lost contact with the kayak as soon as it capsized. Helicopter and Coastguard searches failed to find the two men. The kayak was recovered Sunday night on a sandbar and a paddle found About 1 km offshore. The boy was taken to Gisborne Hospital with hypothermia. The body of McClutchie was found in the river on 3 October, and that of Clutterbuck on 6 October near the river mouth.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Gisborne Volunteer CG, Police, helicopter and fixed wing aircraft, S&R teams		
Cause Determined	<p>Inappropriate use of a single sit on top kayak by two men and a boy. Lifejackets not worn by the two men. Warm clothing not worn. Drain holes in the cockpit/seating area had been plugged. The fore and aft hatches of the sit on top had been removed prior to launching.</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>Sit on top kayaks should not be paddled with the hatches removed, as the integral buoyancy of the kayak is lost. There are no internal bulkheads in sit on top kayaks. Lifejackets were not worn.</p>		
Additional Information	<p>Sit on top details: Length 4.5 metres, width 660 millimetres, rudder fitted. Two hatches only. 12" x 22" (no round, screw-in 6" centre hatch.) Colour variegated orange/yellow Weight 25 Kg. Maximum weight capacity 158.8 -181.4 Kg MSA report completed 23/6/05</p>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="3/11/2004"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="11/04FSHyp/Dr"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Cable Bay, Pepin Island. northeast of Nelson"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Nelson"/>
Source	Nelson Mail; interview with Nick Woods of Cable Bay Kayaks.		
File Category	Solo paddler capsize, unsuccessful self rescue; death due to hypothermia or drowning		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="Mark Stephen Cubbin"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="Hypothermia/drowning"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="37"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Motueka"/>
Previous Experience	Extensive outdoor experience but no significant sea kayaking experience.		
Conditions:	At 1pm, prior to launching in Cable Bay, flat sea and light sea breeze under 10 knots. Forecast was for light southwesterlies and daytime sea breezes. The wind freshened to 20 knots mid afternoon, with a 1 -1.5m sea.		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="One"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="buoyancy vest"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Looksha, plastic, yellow in colour."/>		
Description	<p>Mark had applied for a guiding position with Cable Bay Kayaks. He had been supplied the KASK handbook to study, and was given a full briefing on safety equipment and emergency procedures by Nick Woods prior to launching for a 5nm paddle around Pepin Is. from Cable Bay to Delaware Bay on 3 November. Mark was lent a Looksha plastic kayak by Nick for the trip. Mark was told of HW at 2.09pm, as he was to paddle up the estuary from Delaware Bay to the Cable Bay Kayaks base, no later than 4pm. By 4.30pm, Mark had not arrived and a search and rescue operation was instigated by Nick Woods. Earlier a farmhand had noticed a kayak drifting several hundred metres offshore in Delaware Bay. About 7pm, the kayak was found on Delaware Bay beach, & separately a body wearing a sprayskirt and buoyancy vest, and a paddle with inflated paddle float attached. A tether which had secured the paddle float inside the cockpit had either been undone by Mark probably during a self rescue attempt.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Police, Nelson Search & Rescue team, search aircraft and 3.5m Niad RIB boat.		
Cause Determined	<p>After interviewing Nick Woods, the following scenario is likely. Mark stopped on the outside of Pepin Is. to eat a pack of sandwiches. The wind had lifted when he resumed paddling around the N tip of the island. He capsized, exited the cockpit, and attempted a paddle float self rescue. The float tether line was undone, and the paddle slipped away from under the decklines. Swimming after the paddle (with paddle float attached) Mark was unable to swim back to the kayak. A flare pack was contained in an emergency bag on the kayak deck. Mark could have swum to the shore of the island, or floated in with the kayak with the onshore wind. He succumbed to hypothermia/drowning while swimming to the beach in Delaware Bay, probably with the paddle.</p>		
Lessons Learned	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Solo paddlers need to be proficient at rolling, or re-entry and rolling, or self rescue. 2. Paddle floats should be secured to the decklines or inside the cockpit by a tether, long enough to allow the paddle float rescue and should not be detached during a rescue. 3. Mark, quite lean in physique, only had two layers of clothing, and no jacket or parka. Clothing should be either worn or carried on/in the kayak in the event of cold water immersion. 4. Following a capsized and failed rescue, a paddler should remain with the kayak, not only to allow for floatation but also to assist for searching by a rescue team. 		
Additional Information	<p>Coroner's inquest was held on 14 March 2005 at Nelson. An incident report was supplied by Nick Woods to P. Caffyn, and a report by P. Caffyn with photo page of the kayak and paddle float was supplied to the coroner. Coroner's inquest report on file.</p>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="1/01/2005"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="1/05GpRNI"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Entrance to Tory Channel, Marlborough Sounds"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Marlborough"/>
Source	Report compiled by Susan Cade with comments from Mike Wilkin; KASK n/l No. 122		
File Category	Capsize in Tory Channel; rescue by fishing boat		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Susan Cade"/>	Injuries	Nil Cold & mid shock
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="48"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Wellington"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Experienced multiday paddler"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Marine forecast for 15kn S. Ebb tidal stream flow in T.Ch. entrance; intermittent heavy breakers across part of entrance; weather tide; raining"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="2"/>	PFD Worn?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Susan Cade in a Nordkapp; Mike Wilkin in a QK Torres"/>		
Description	<p>Plan was for a clockwise circuit of Arapawa Is. From C. Koamaru, the S wind was increasing slightly, with SC paddling close to shore & MW further out. Approaching Perano Head, both wind & tidal stream conditions grew steadily worse. 2 km from the entrance, MW took a beeline across a bay while SC hugged the shore. MW was getting cold; shivering and his hands had seized onto the paddle. MW waited by the entrance, and both went into the channel hard against the Arapawa Is shore. Sea appeared calm and flat inside. SC suggested paddling directly across to an old whaling station on opposite side of the channel. MW took off, but had to broach in 3 large breakers. SC was capsized by a large breaker. Exited the cockpit; tried to set up a paddle float self rescue. SC was swept seawards, out of the entrance, by the ebb tidal stream flow. A woman at the Perano homestead, saw the capsize, alerted Joe Heberley, and took a fishing boat out. SC was rescued, the kayak lifted on board. She was taken to the Heberley's jetty, then rushed up to the house for a hot shower and food. MW was not aware that SC had capsized. He paddled across to the jetty, but couldn't stand up on shore. He was hypothermic.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Joe Heberley's fishing boat"/>		
Cause Determined	<p>Uncertainty of slack water time at the Tory Channel entrance. Decision to cross Tory Channel while still in a potential rough water zone, with MW hypothermic and leaving SC to paddle effectively on her own out of vocal communication range & sight. SC failing to roll or self rescue in rough conditions. MW is a hypothermic state, through failure to add more clothing when starting to feel cold. Poor communication between the 2 paddlers.</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>Awareness of the onset of hypothermia; clothing added before a shivering stage. Maintaining communication between paddlers, re comfort and paddling plan. Paddling in close proximity to the other paddler, so as not to be out of vocal communication range. Turning back when both paddlers agree conditions are too risky. If the woman at the Perano homestead had noted sighted SC capsize, with a rapid rescue response, there is a high chance SC would have succumbed to hypothermia and drowned.</p>		
Additional Information	<p>Both SC and MW carried paddled floats, spare paddles, first aid kit, flares, emergency repair kit, full camping equipment. SC had an EPIRB; MW a VHF radio & space blanket. John Kirk-Anderson and Cathye Haddock carried out separate debriefings with MW & SC.</p>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	10/2/2005		Accident Ref:	2/05GrpSRescNI	
Location	Sumner, Christchurch			Region	Canterbury
Source	Press 11 February 2005. PC press clipping file				
File Category					
Name of injured or rescued party	Unknown	Injuries	Nil		
Name of Deceased		Fatality			
Age	Unknown	From:	Unknown		
Previous Experience					
Conditions:	Change to strong offshore wind				
Number in Party	Two		PFD Worn?	not known	
Kayak Type	Unknown				
Description	<p>Two kayakers were rescued at Sumner after being caught out by a strong wind change. One of the pair capsized her kayak after the wind had whipped up the swell near the mouth of the estuary. Sumner lifesavers who had been training went out in their inflatable rescue craft and brought the pair to shore just after 8pm. St John Ambulance were called but neither of the kayaker were injured.</p>				
Authorities Involved	Lifesavers and St. John ambulance				
Cause Determined	Inferred change from calm conditions to strong offshore wind conditions				
Lessons Learned	Ensuring a check of the marine forecast before launching.				
Additional Information					

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	21/6/2005		Accident Ref:	6/05SRescNI	
Location	10km southeast of Opunake; off Puketapu Rd			Region	Taranaki
Source	PC press clipping files; 22/6/05				
File Category	Capsize solo paddler, rescue				
Name of injured or rescued party	Derek Cruikshank male, farmer	Injuries	Nil		
Name of Deceased		Fatality			
Age	49 male	From:	Kapuni		
Previous Experience	Not known				
Conditions:	Rough seas, gusty wind conditions; mid winter temperatures				
Number in Party	1	PFD Worn?	not known		
Kayak Type	Not known				
Description	<p>A capsized kayaker spent two hours in freezing waters off the south Taranaki coast before being plucked to safety by helicopter. Police said if it had not been for the quick actions of his fishing colleague onshore, Kapuni farmer Derek Cruikshank would have perished in the rough seas. Police, two teams of ambulance paramedics, Opunake lifesavers with two inflatable rescue boats, and a crowd of onlookers had gathered on the cliff top to watch the rescue. A rescue helicopter dropped two rescue divers into the freezing waters, about 800 m offshore, just before 10am. The trio were picked up and returned to dry land about 10.10am, after Mr Cruikshank had spent almost two hours in the water.</p> <p>A gust of wind tipped Mr Cruikshank from his sea kayak as he was setting fishing lines off Puketapu Rd, about 10 km SE of Opunake.</p>				
Authorities Involved	Police, rescue helicopter, Opunake SLC				
Cause Determined	Capsized by a gust of wind while setting fishing lines. Unable to self rescue.				
Lessons Learned	Need to check marine forecast before launching				
Additional Information					

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="29/09/2005"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="9/05GrRNI"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Lake Tarawera"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Bay of Plenty"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Iona Bailey report; Bay of Plenty Times; pers. comm with Rotorua harbourmaster"/>		
File Category	<input type="text"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Twin brothers; names unknown
Males"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="One boy admitted to hospital with hypothermia"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="17"/>	From:	<input type="text"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Novice paddlers"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Gusty SW wind, 10 - 15 knots, gusting to 25-28 knots. Air temp. 9°C, raining, water temp. 10°C"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="one with PFD, one not"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text"/>		
Description	<p>On the last day of their holiday, two 17 year old brothers decided to go kayaking on Lake Tarawera. They were staying in rented accommodation on the W shore of L. Tarawera, between Waitangi Bay and Stony Pt. A river kayak 'Dancer' model was provided for their use at the rental property. One twin wearing a lifejacket, paddled ≈ 200m offshore from their protected bay but was caught by strong offshore winds. In winds gusting 25 -28 knots, the boy was capsized, came out of the kayak which was blown away. The other twin, with no lifejacket, started swimming out to his brother. Neither boy was wearing clothing suitable for immersion, nor did they carry any rescue or signalling equipment.</p> <p>Fortunately a builder working on a house nearby, spotted the boys and was able to use a neighbour's boat to rescue the pair. Their mother, who was also watching, alerted a rural postie who dialled 111. One boy was admitted to hospital with hypothermia but made a rapid recovery. Both boys were extremely lucky that they were spotted and rescued so quickly, or there could have been a tragic ending.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text"/>		
Cause Determined	<p>The chain of events leading to this incident appear to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -last day of the holidays and wanting to try out kayaking -strong offshore winds -cold air and water temperature -no safety gear or emergency signalling equipment -inadequate clothing for cold water immersion 		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<p>Information was gained by Iona from personal communication with Andrew Land, the Rotorau harbourmaster.</p> <p>Iona noted: 'I wonder if people offering rental accommodation, should allow kayaks to be used without being certain the users are experienced or at least fully informed of the risks.'</p>		

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="5/11/2005"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="11/05SFOW"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Onekaka, Golden Bay"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Tasman"/>
Source	Al Rynn report; PC coroner's report; photo CD; press clippings		
File Category	Solo SOT kayaker fishing; offshore winds; capsized; drowning		
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries	
Name of Deceased	Rupert Martin Male	Fatality	Hypothermia / drowning
Age	34	From:	England
Previous Experience	Limited paddling in North Island prior to incident		
Conditions:	Met forecast issued 0427hrs on 5/11/05, valid to midnight, was for SW winds, 25kn easing to 10kn S of Separation Pt in the evening. Offshore wind. Wave conditions, estimated by local on the day of 0.5 -1m in height		
Number in Party	1	PFD Worn?	Lifejacket worn
Kayak Type	Ocean River SOT; aluminium shaft paddle with plastic blades. Lifejacket worn		
Description	<p>The deceased was a 34 year old male British tourist who launched from the beach directly in front of the backpacker's accommodation, to go fishing at approximately 8am on 5 November 2005 . Rupert had been out the previous evening in the same kayak, fishing with his fiancée who, along with the backpacker manager's partner, were both of Japanese origin. She was also paddling the same type of kayak. According to reports, as she had struggled to paddle back to shore in the conditions of the previous evening, she didn't venture out with Rupert on the morning of his disappearance. The Shambala Backpackers manager was away on the 5 November 2005, but his partner stated she had suggested that conditions in the morning of the incident were 'too windy', but obviously she allowed Rupert access to the kayak and equipment . The manager's partner also thought that Rupert's wife would be accompanying him fishing. It is assumed that after experiencing difficulty returning to shore the previous evening she decided not to venture out on the morning of 5 November 2005. Rupert's exact departure time from the beach is unknown, but was known to be around 8am. His fiancée saw him at this point and also sighted him fishing approximately 1 km out to sea at 9am and 10am. By 11am she could see no sign of him. Police were informed of Rupert's being missing at 6pm on 5 November 2005.</p> <p>The kayak was found by fishermen at 9.40am on 6 November 2005, approximately 1 km west of Taupo Point in Wainui Bay. Rupert's paddle was picked up approximately seven nautical miles out from the same area at 9am on 6 November 2005 (See attached sketch map).</p> <p>Rupert's body was discovered by a local resident on 7 November 2005, approximately 100 m southeast of Tukuru motor camp. Police were informed of this at 6.50am. Rupert's body was approximately 3 km northwest of his launch point.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Police; fishing boats; two fixed wing aircraft		
Cause Determined	Capsized while fishing in offshore wind conditions; paddler separated from kayak & paddle; unsuitable clothing for cold water immersion; 10 hour delay before police were notified of the overdue paddler. Hypothermia leading to drowning. The SOT had a secure set of decklines, but no rudder or paddle leash; it was a combination of blue, black and white colours. Seals of the two hatch lids were peeling back off the deck. When Rupert's body was found, the zip was half way down on the lifejacket. with neither buckle fastened. It had ridden up over Rupert's head, only remaining on the body due to the LJ being caught under his arms. No trip intentions plan was filed; no emergency rescue signalling equipment was carried.		
Lessons Learned	<p>Paddlers need to, dress for cold water immersion, to check the local marine forecast, lodge a trip intentions plan, carry appropriate emergency rescue signalling equipment.</p> <p>Backpackers, who loan/rent kayaks to tourists, need to provide a safety briefing, check the marine forecast, carry out basic paddling/rescue briefing, and note a trip intention's time of return.</p> <p>Lifejackets should be worn securely fastened around the chest and waist.</p> <p>The use of SOT kayaks is not appropriate for offshore windy conditions.</p> <p>Rental/loan kayaks need to have regular checks made on craft buoyancy, for instance the seals and tie downs on hatch lids. Kayak colour, paddle blades, lifejacket and parka should be bright colours.</p> <p>Paddles should be secured to SOT kayaks by a paddle leash.</p>		
Additional Information	<p>The Al Rynn incident report, sketch map of where the body, kayak and paddle were found, and P. Caffyn affidavit were supplied to the Nelson Coroner on 24 May 2006.</p> <p>Inquest yet to be held.</p> <p>MNZ were supplied with copies of the above information.</p> <p>An advisory notice from MNZ to backpackers was recommended in the PC report.</p>		

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="30/12/2005"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="12/05SNI"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Aramoana, north of Dunedin"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Otago"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="press clipping, Grey star 31/12/05"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="Paddler overdue, resulting in a helicopter search"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Not known; male"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="Nil"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="26"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="USA"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="1"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="now known"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>		
Description	<p>A 26 year old American tourist was found 'well, but quite embarrassed' after a late return from a kayaking trip resulted in a helicopter search last night. Snr Sgt Steve Aitken of Dunedin, said the man left Purakaunui, 23km northeast of Dunedin at 11am, but failed to make a rendezvous there at 4pm, after which the alarm was raised. The man came ashore at Aramoana, and made his way back by land.</p> <p>Mr Aitken said people whose circumstances changed during an outing should notify those expecting them.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police, helicopter"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Trip plan change without notification of pick up party."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="Communication equipment, such as mobile phone, or VHF radio, should be carried to allow communication with the pick up party."/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	18/01/2006		Accident Ref:	1/06GRNI	
Location	Plimmerton			Region	Wellington
Source	Dom. Post 19/1/06; PC press clipping files				
File Category					
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries			
Name of Deceased		Fatality			
Age		From:			
Previous Experience					
Conditions:	Gale force winds and rough sea conditions				
Number in Party	2		PFD Worn?	not known	
Kayak Type	Double?				
Description	18 January 2006. Two men got into trouble while kayaking between Plimmerton and Titahi Bay early evening. They were found clinging to the side of a kayak and trying to kick their way towards shore about 5pm. They were having little success against high waves and gale force winds. One man was winched to safety while the other managed to get to shore himself. Neither man required hospital treatment.				
Authorities Involved	Westpac rescue helicopter				
Cause Determined	More information required				
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information					

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="3/03/2006"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="3/06S&RNI"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="South of Whangaparoa Peninsula"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Auckland"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="PC press clippings file; 4 & 6/3/06"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="Search for missing solo kayak fisher, after kayak located by a yacht"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Not known -male"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Auckland"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Winds gusting to 40 knots"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="1"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="not known"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>		
Description	<p>Emergency services searched coastlines north of Auckland, after an empty kayak was found floating in the sea about 5.25pm on 3 March, by a yacht; in winds gusting to 40 knots. Kayak contained fishing gear and fish. CG's northern region operations director, Dean Lawrence, said 5 CG boats, 2 police boats and the police helicopter were searching the area. Search was suspended overnight.</p> <p>On Saturday, 4 March, a motorist telephoned CG to advise he had picked up a man whose kayak had blown out to sea at Winstones Cove on the North Shore.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police, CG, helicopter"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Press clippings do not state if it was a capsized on the water, or the kayak was blown offshore from the beach."/>		
Lessons Learned	<p>Trip intentions plan should be filed before a solo paddle fishing trip.</p> <p>Joe Rogers, Ak CG boatmaster said later that if the kayak owner's name and phone number had been on the kayak, once the the kayak was found, this would have saved an expensive search being carried out.</p> <p>Need to check local marine forecast before launching.</p>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried not carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="2/8/2006"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Thumb Point to Onetangi Bay, Waiheke Island"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Auckland"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Incident Database File"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="rescue/ safety"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="Not Known"/>	From:	<input type="text"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="2"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="not known"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Kayak, type unknown"/>		
Description	<p>Two men kayaking around Waiheke Island got into difficulties sparking a search.</p> <p>One of the men came ashore about 10am and raised the alarm. Winds gusted up to 30 knots and there were swells of 2m.</p> <p>Auckland Coastguard spent much of the night searching for the missing kayaker. Six boats searched the coastline & surrounding area.</p> <p>The missing kayaker eventually made his own way to shore.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Auckland Coastguard"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried not carried?

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="6/10/2006"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Evans Bay, Wellington"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Wellington"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="DP 6/10/06"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="Rescue/safety"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Male"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="Hypothermia, treated in hospital"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="Unknown"/>	From:	<input type="text"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Extreme"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="1"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="buoyancy vest worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="Kayaker had caught a fish when he was capsized by a large wave, he lost his paddle, but got back in kayak. Was capsized a second time & lost his kayak. A member of the public called police after seeing him disappear. Maritime police search for him in an inflatable boat, they found his kayak first about 400 m from where he was eventually found. Only thing that saved him was wearing two thin wetsuits & a buoyancy vest."/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Maritime Police"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	11/10/2006	Accident Ref:	
Location	Okoroire Waterfall, Waihou River, Sth Waikato	Region	Waikato
Source	WT 12/10/06, 13/10/06, Chch Press 14/10/06		
File Category	fatal/safety		
Name of injured or rescued party	Unknown, age 71	Injuries	Cuts & bruises
Name of Deceased	Dale Frankum	Fatality	Missing, presumed drowned
Age	68	From:	Auckland
Previous Experience	Recreational kayakers, plenty of experience		
Conditions:	Normal river conditions, normal river flow, treacherous section of river (Okoroire Waterfall)		
Number in Party	2	PFD Worn?	lifejacket worn
Kayak Type	Plastic SOTs.		
Description	<p>Police believe a danger sign warning of rapids had been deliberately removed. Two elderly kayakers, both got into trouble after going over Okoroire waterfall. One managed to get out on rocks and get help, the other went missing presumed drowned. Search ensued, the missing man's wetsuit, lifejacket. PFD & wetsuit bootie was found following day. Search was called off 13/10/06.</p> <p>Not known if body was recovered, more information require</p>		
Authorities Involved	Police, police divers, jetboats used.		
Cause Determined	Lack of knowledge of the river. Warning sign removed.		
Lessons Learned			
Additional Information			

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Comms Carried not carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	1/11/2006	Accident Ref:	11/06FSDr
Location	Rogers Beach, near Pukehina	Region	Bay of Plenty
Source	Maritime NZ Accident Report. BPT 2/11/06, 3/11/06		
File Category	fatal/safety		
Name of injured or rescued party	n.a.	Injuries	n.a.
Name of Deceased	Phillip Smith -male	Fatality	Drowning
Age	39	From:	Rotorua
Previous Experience	Described by companion as having a lot of boating experience in the bay in dinghies and small pleasure boats, but had not done a lot of kayaking.		
Conditions:	Fine weather. Calm, flat, sea. Offshore breeze. Max wave height at 12.00 1.8m. Wave period 5.7s Sea temp approx 14 °C.		
Number in Party	1 -solo kayaker	PFD Worn?	lifejacket worn
Kayak Type	A Perception Minnow-2.9m length. 0.74 wdth, Intact, satisfactory condition.		
Description	<p>On 1/11/06 at 9.30am Phillip Smith and his companion borrowed a neighbour's kayak and drove 1 hour to Pukehina Beach to set a longline. Once there, they baited hooks before Smith put on a buoyancy vest and paddled more than 1 km out to sea to set the longline. Smith instructed his companion to pay out the fishing line from the shore. Some time later (neither party had a watch or mobile phone with them) after waiting for the kayak to return his onshore companion became anxious & raised the alarm. The companion could see the kayak, but could not make out if Smith was still on board. He asked a householder to call emergency services and then drove to the Pukehina surf club to raise the alarm. Once he returned the Police and Surf Club lifesavers had arrived. At approx 13.30 Tauranga Volunteer Coast guard broadcast an urgency (PAN) message and contact was made with a nearby recreational vessel (the KGB). A search ensued involving the KGB and the Surf Club IRB. About 2.5km from shore the boats sighted the kayak. Soon after the KGB spotted a lifejacket in the water and found the fisherman's body floating in the vest. He was upright and had his head out of the water but wave conditions meant water was lapping into his mouth. He was wearing rugby shorts and the buoyancy vest. The Surf Club IRB recovered the body and the KGB picked up the kayak which was about 1km further out to sea. The Kayak was still afloat but about 2/3 full of water.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Pukehina Voluntary Fire Brigade, Tauranga Volunteer Coastguard, Volunteer Fire Service, Police.		
Cause Determined	<p>Death by drowning. A level of 0.4 mg/L of methamphetamine in the blood was considered to be a factor or contributing to the drowning.</p> <p>It was surmised that either the fisherman fell out or sufficient water entered the kayak to make it unstable, leading to capsize.</p> <p>With the kayak swamped it would have very little stability and, without assistance or appropriate equipment, impossible to reboard.</p> <p>The Fisherman may have become exhausted while trying to reboard. This could have led to him drowning.</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>The fisherman was boating alone 1km from shore in a kayak not suitable for use on the open sea. Apart from the buoyancy aid he had no communication or safety equipment and it is assumed he fell out of the canoe and was unable to get back in.</p> <p>The fisherman's blood contained methamphetamine in sufficient quantity to be considered a risk factor-possibly causing him mental confusion, exhaustion or muscle cramps.</p>		
Additional Information	<p>Only equipment in the kayak was a plastic nail box, containing fishing line, hooks, clips for the longline.</p> <p>Smith was described as being fit and a good swimmer.</p>		

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Comms Carried Not carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	25/11/2006		Accident Ref:	11/06SRHyp	
Location	Lake Te Anau			Region	Otago
Source	Chch Press 27/11/06				
File Category	rescue -lake				
Name of injured or rescued party	Unknown		Injuries	Lips were blue, and he suffered complications was admitted to Southland Hospital critical care unit	
Name of Deceased	n.a.		Fatality	n.a.	
Age	35		From:		
Previous Experience	Unknown				
Conditions:	Cold waters. Normal lake conditions.				
Number in Party	1		PFD Worn?	NOT WORN	
Kayak Type	Kayak, type unknown				
Description	<p>Man tipped from kayak 20 m from shore of Lake Te Anau. Daughter standing on shore raised the alarm by contacting mother. The man's head was going under water, and arm was raised. Motelier responded, swam out to man, and brought him ashore. The man's lips had turned blue by the time he was ashore. A passing tourist and a doctor assisted, and survival blankets were brought from the DoC office. The man was not wearing either a wetsuit or lifejacket.</p> <p>The man suffered complications (unknown) and was hospitalised.</p>				
Authorities Involved	Passing Tourist & doctor assisted, nearby Department of Conservation office				
Cause Determined	Capsize, cold waters.				
Lessons Learned	No wetsuit & lifejacket worn. No protection from cold waters/ or floatation assistance.				
Additional Information					

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Comms Carried no comms carried?

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	2/1/2007		Accident Ref:	1/07GPR	
Location	7km out from Pukehina Beach			Region	Bay of Plenty
Source	BPT 04/01/07				
File Category	rescue -sea				
Name of injured or rescued party	male and female	Injuries			
Name of Deceased		Fatality			
Age		From:			
Previous Experience					
Conditions:					
Number in Party	2	PFD Worn?	not known		
Kayak Type	Kayaks, type unknown				
Description	<p>A man & woman in kayaks had to be towed ashore by a Surf Life Saving Bay of Plenty boat after Drifting 7 km out from Pukehina Beach in the direction of Plate Island.</p> <p>The alarm was raised by concerned family members.</p>				
Authorities Involved	Surf Life Saving				
Cause Determined					
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information					

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	13/1/2007		Accident Ref:	1/07GrpFDr	
Location	Waikaia River, Southland			Region	Southland
Source	GES 19/01/07				
File Category	fatality -river				
Name of injured or rescued party	n.a.	Injuries	n.a.		
Name of Deceased	Denis Squires	Fatality	Drowned		
Age	48	From:	USA		
Previous Experience	Not Known				
Conditions:	Not known				
Number in Party	two (2)	PFD Worn?	not known		
Kayak Type	Kayak, type unknown				
Description	<p>American kayaker disappeared on Waikaia river while kayaking with a Japanese companion 13/1/07. The body was recovered 18/01/07 after a large tree was moved using a hand winch.</p> <p>The body was still in the submerged kayak.</p> <p>The river description in Graham Egarr's Otago Southland Canoeist's Guide, para 6.21/0 states no rivers of note -Grade 1. Notes: 'Often the deepest channels tend to flow into willows in the many meandering corners.'</p>				
Authorities Involved	Police, Gore SAR, police divers, helicopter				
Cause Determined					
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information					

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="9/2/2007"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="2/07SFDr"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="50 nautical miles off Milford Sound, Fiordland"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Southland"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Chch Press 13/02/07 (2), 16/02/07, 21/02/07, GES 3/03/07, Chch Press 3/03/07"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="fatality -ocean"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="Andrew McAuley"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="Missing, presumed drowned"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="39"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Australia"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Highly Experienced"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="1"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="not known"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="A Mirage"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="Andrew McAuley was in final stages of a TransTasman crossing, about 50 nautical miles off the coast of Milford Sound. He made a mayday VHF call"/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="RCCNZ, police, search helicopters, fishing boats, cruise boat"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text" value="Many more clippings, see Andrew McAuley Inquest File"/>		

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="19/2/2007"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="2/07GrpRHyp"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Otago"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Chch Press 21/02/07, GNB 9/03/07"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="rescue -lake"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="not know"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="cold and exhausted. Treated overnight in hospital"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>
Age	<input type="text" value="Young"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Taiwan"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Not known -assumed nil"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Strong waves on lake; water temp. estimated at between 9°C and 12°C"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="tour group"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="lifejacket worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Kayak, type unknown"/>		
Description	<p>Search for a young Taiwanese guide kayaking in a rented kayak on Lake Wakatipu began at 8pm. He was found by 3 searchers in a boat at about 11pm, clinging to his upturned kayak & exhausted, wearing only shorts & a lifejacket.</p> <p>Paramedics said the man would have lasted only another 15 minutes in the freezing waters, and that his survival was 'a miracle.'</p> <p>The man told rescuers his kayak had capsized near Queenstown Gardens Point and he was dragged, clutching the upturned kayak 4 kms across the lake by strong waves.</p> <p>The guide had been kayaking off Queenstown early Monday evening with his tour group, but was missing when the party returned to shore. Tour group advised Coburn and Hughes in a boat of missing guide. Tour group advised to call police.</p> <p>They searched for 3 hours and tracked down man in the water by turning off their boat motor and listening to the screams.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="St Johns, local boat owner, police, deputy harbour master"/>		
Cause Determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -inexperience -failure to stay with the group (paddle in a pod) -failure to carry any emergency comms. 		
Lessons Learned			
Additional Information			

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	23/2/2007		Accident Ref:	2/07SR	
Location	Gisborne Coast, near mouth of Wairoa River			Region	Gisborne
Source	Incident Database File (NZPA article)				
File Category	rescue/safety				
Name of injured or rescued party	Sandy Gibson -male	Injuries			
Name of Deceased		Fatality			
Age		From:	Gisborne		
Previous Experience	Six years experience.				
Conditions:	Wairoa River mouth 'raging'				
Number in Party	1	PFD Worn?	not known		
Kayak Type	Not known				
Description	<p>Sandy Gibson managed to drag himself onto a small island, after his kayak overturned at the mouth of the Wairoa River.</p> <p>Two fishermen who were surfing nearby contacted emergency services. Police contacted a Locally based helicopter. He was rescued by a helicopter & a rope/tyre.</p> <p>He was en route to Wellington to complete a journey he started months ago in Cape Reinga.</p>				
Authorities Involved	Police, local helicopter company				
Cause Determined					
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information					

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Comms Carried not carried?

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="27/5/2007"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="5/07SFDr"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Lake Rotorua"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Waikato"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="WT 28/05/07, TDP 28/05/07, 29/05/07, 21/12/07, coroner's inquest files & emails PC to police"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="fatality -lake -solo"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="Toni Thomson -female"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="Drowning, but coroner found a contributing factor was myocarditis."/>
Age	<input type="text" value="34"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Rotorua"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Moderately experienced; 2 -3 years paddling, attended 2 courses run by C&K Mt Maunganui shop."/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="The weather conditions on the lake changed from a light easterly breeze, to a near gale south-westerly. Waves of up to 2m at N end of lake, 1m+ in central part of lake. Lake water temperature of 14°C. S&R personnel estimated wind speeds at 3035 knots during the search."/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="one"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="Buoyancy vest worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Challenge 5 fiberglass single kayak. Yellow deck, white hull, wt 22 kg. Length 5 m, beam 59 cm."/>		
Description	<p>Toni Thomson, an experienced kayaker, informed her husband she was going for a paddle on Lake Rotorua and that she was taking her cell phone in a dry bag. No return time or route to be paddled was specified, as she was a regular paddler on the lake (up to 4 times a week). The exact time she departed is unknown, but was thought to be before 9.30am. Lake and weather conditions at that time consisted of a light easterly breeze, with a mean speed of 7.4 kph (4 knots). By 10am the wind had swung to a near gale-force southwesterly, which persisted all day and created a chop of up to 2 m. At 1300 her husband checked, but could not see her on the lake. He checked again at 2pm, and after no sign again, subsequently contacted the police.</p> <p>SAR were notified at 2.45pm. Toni's kayak was located at 1620 hrs by a Coastguard Vessel, at the northern end of the lake.</p> <p>Toni's body was recovered by helicopter at 1651hrs approx 500 m west of the kayak. The kayak was found upside down with paddle & partially inflated paddle float attached. The rear hatch was open and contained half a bucket of water.</p> <p>Toni was wearing her PDF & neoprene sprayskirt when found. A ziplock bag containing her cellphone was located in one of the PFD pockets. The bag contained water.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police, SAR"/>		
Cause Determined	<p>Toni was caught on the lake by a sudden wind change from a light Easterly to near SW gale. She capsized in deteriorating conditions and came out of the kayak. Toni attempted a paddle float rescue but clipped the float around the paddle shaft, instead of sliding over one of the paddle blades. It is not known if Tony attempted to use the cellphone.</p> <p>Unable to re-enter the kayak, with insufficient support from the paddle float, Toni lost contact with the kayak and drowned.</p> <p>Toni's clothing of polypro longjohns, long sleeved top and paddling jacket, and gym shoes was adequate for paddling in calm winter lake conditions, but not for immersion in the 14°C water. It is surmised that Toni either missed or did not hear the strong wind change forecast.</p>		
Lessons Learned	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. weather forecast must be sought before launching 2. trips intentions and a return time should be left with a responsible party 3. in winter, paddlers should dress appropriately for immersion, not just paddling 4. two forms of emergency communication should be carried; cellphone in a waterproof bag (not just a ziplock), VHF radio, day/night flare, and either a PLB or EPIRB. 5. wet exit and self rescue skills need to be practised in a range of conditions 		
Additional Information	<input type="text" value="Coroner's inquest held 20 December 2007. PC compiled a report and presented this by video link from Greymouth. Findings released 8 December 2008."/>		

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Comms Carried Cellphone in plastic bag

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	8/7/2007		Accident Ref:	07/07SR	
Location	Whanganui Bay, western side of Lake Taupo			Region	Waikato
Source	WT 9/07/07, GES 9/07/07 (3)				
File Category	rescue -lake				
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries	Hypothermia		
Name of Deceased	n.a.	Fatality	n.a.		
Age	29 -male	From:	Taupo		
Previous Experience					
Conditions:					
Number in Party	1	PFD Worn?	not known		
Kayak Type	Not known				
Description	A 29 year old man came close to drowning. He was found clinging to a rock & barely conscious by friends, who had woken to find him and a kayak were missing. The kayak was found floating nearby. He was flown to hospital & treated for hypothermia.				
Authorities Involved	Emergency Services, a Rescue Helicopter				
Cause Determined					
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information					

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	19/8/2007		Accident Ref:	8/07SFDr	
Location	Kaituna River (flows out of Lake Rotoiti)			Region	Bay of Plenty
Source	WT 20/08/07, 21/08/09				
File Category	Fatal				
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries			
Name of Deceased	Matthew Stidham	Fatality	Drowned		
Age	23	From:	USA		
Previous Experience	Not Known				
Conditions:	Swollen river				
Number in Party	2		PFD Worn?	not known	
Kayak Type	Not Known				
Description	<p>An American Tourist died yesterday, after being wedged between two fallen logs. He was kayaking on the (swollen) Kaituna River.</p> <p>A second kayaker helping in the search was also believed to be missing, but turned up.</p>				
Authorities Involved	Not Known.				
Cause Determined					
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information					

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="28/9/2007"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="9/07GPR"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Kapiti Coast -trip to Kapiti Island."/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Wellington"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="DP 30/09/07"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="search -sea"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>
Age	<input type="text" value="not known"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Wellington?"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="not known"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="2 (two)"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="NOT WORN"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text"/>		
Description	<p>Two kayakers became separated north of Tokomanapuna (Aeroplane) Island in the afternoon. At that stage, about 4.30pm, they were 200 - 300 m apart and lost sight of each other. The alarm was raised at 7pm by the missing paddler's partner. Coastguard boats began searching between 7.30 and 8.30pm, and searched until 9.30pm when the two CG boats were stood down by police when the missing kayaker was reported as having made landfall north of Waikanae.</p> <p>The kayakers were not wearing lifejackets and police suspected they had been drinking alcohol. The men claimed their lifejackets had been stolen.</p> <p>No basic safety equipment carried, for what was apparently a planned return trip to Kapiti Is.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="CG boats, Waikanae & Paraparamu rescue boats, police"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="two paddlers not following the pod principle of paddling close together"/>		
Lessons Learned	<p>PFDs should be worn Emergency comms. should be carried Paddle in a pod, and not get separated</p>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="21/12/2007"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="Grp.Res"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Otago"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="ChPr 22/12/07"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="Group rescue"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="treated for hypothermia"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>
Age	<input type="text"/>	From:	<input type="text"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="2"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="not known"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text"/>		
Description	<p>Two kayakers were treated for hypothermia on 21 Dec after being rescued from Lake Wakatipu where they spent at least 30 minutes in the water. A member of the public raised the alarm just after 7pm.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried not carried?

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="28/01/2008"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="1/08SR"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Orewa Beach, Auckland"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Auckland"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="WT 29/1/08, ChChPr 29/1/08"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="rescue -sea -"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="not known"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="nil"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>
Age	<input type="text" value="20 -male"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Auckland"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="strong offshore breeze"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="Solo (1)"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="Lifejacket worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="not known"/>		
Description	<p>A kayaker had a lucky escape when he was spotted by lifeguards off Orewa Beach, after floating in the sea for five hours. Lifeguards saw what seemed a splashing quite a distance offshore. An inflatable rescue boat was launched and about 2.5 km offshore, came across a man swimming back towards the beach. He had set out earlier in the morning in a kayak to go fishing and, with a strong offshore breeze and currents, the kayak had taken on a bit of water and he had fallen out. The man about 20 was wearing a lifejacket. He had been in the water about five hours.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Orewa SLSC, inflatable rescue boat"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="capsize in strong offshore wind and separation from kayak."/>		
Lessons Learned	<p>1. check weather forecast -be very aware of strong offshore winds. 2. do not get separated from your kayak 3. carry at least two forms of emergency comms</p>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried comms not carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	04/02/2008		Accident Ref:	2/08GPR	
Location	Lake Rotorua			Region	Bay of Plenty
Source	GES 5/2/08				
File Category	rescue -lake -group				
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries	Exhaustion		
Name of Deceased		Fatality			
Age		From:			
Previous Experience					
Conditions:					
Number in Party	3 (three)		PFD Worn?	NOT WORN	
Kayak Type	two kayaks (single and double?)				
Description	<p>Police were called to rescue three men who had taken a pair of kayaks out from Ngongotaha without lifejackets. Both kayaks capsized dumping the men into to the water. A lakeside resident saw they were in trouble and called police. He also launched his own boat and by the time a helicopter and ambulance had arrived, the resident had pulled all three aboard. One of the men was suffering from exhaustion.</p>				
Authorities Involved	Rescue by private boat; helicopter and ambulance dispatched				
Cause Determined	inexperience				
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information					

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Comms Carried comms not carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="23/05/2008"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="5/08GrpF"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Lake Poreura"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="West Coast"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="GES 23/5/08; ChPr and GES 24/05/08; GES & ChPr 26/05/08; MNZ Lookout 3/2009"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="fatality -lake -canoeing"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Martin Holmes"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="Alan Hill"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="Drowning/hypothermia"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="45"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Dobson"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="both men experienced recreational boaties, but canoeing experience not known"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Strong winds"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="Two (2)"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="NOT WORN"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Canadian Canoe with outboard motor"/>		
Description	<p>Two men out duckshooting on Lake Poreura in a Canadian Canoe with a stern mounted outboard. Strong winds overturned the canoe, and men clung to fuel cans that had spilled from the canoe but Hill was not able to reach the shore due to the extremely cold water temperature. Body recovered by Police divers 40 m from shore in 3 m of water.</p> <p>Both men were experienced recreational boaters and had intended to shoot ducks in two lakes separated by a stretch of water. Men drove to a third lake (Poreura) and weather was initially calm. Both men were dressed for the cold but had forgotten to bring lifejackets. As the pair set off, it was becoming gusty and they decided to stay within 30 m of shore. As shooting progressed, the boat was up to 70 m offshore. The canoe was hit by a strong gust of wind (abeam) which rolled, tipping both men out. One man clung to the side of the canoe and was not overly concerned. Other man, also hanging to the other side, was more concerned. The canoe was being blown to the opposite lake side (steep/bush/rugged). The pair decided to cut loose two 20 litre containers from under the canoe seats, and abandon the canoe. First man rolled on his back and clutching a container, was able to kick towards shore. Other man struggled, and lost his plastic drum floatation. Unable to support his companion, Holmes reached shore and raised the alarm. Canoe, body recovered next day.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police, CG volunteers, local fire dept. and rescue helicopter."/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="No lifejackets worn, not staying with the canoe, no emergency comms. Instability of canoe with stern mounted outboard motor?"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried not carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="26/07/2008"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="7/08GrpFDr"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Mount Maunganui"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Bay of Plenty"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="DP 26 & 297/07/08; Chch Press 26/7/08"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="Fatality/safety/weather"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="James Moore"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="Drowning"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="33"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Rotorua"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="very experienced waka ama paddler"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Heavy seas; storm sea, 7m swell
60 to 70 knot winds"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="4"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="not known"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="waka ama outrigger canoe"/>		
Description	<p>James was training for a 66 km canoe race in Hawaii. 500 m offshore when he got into difficulties. Met Service described conditions as the worst storm in a decade. Wind gusts of 70 kph.</p> <p>One of a group of four who set out in outrigger canoes from Maketu, about 1.30pm to paddle to Pilot Bay in Tauranga Hbr. Shortly after setting out, one of the group cracked his hull on the Maketu bar and returned to shore while the remaining 3 continued.</p> <p>About 500 m off Leisure Is, Mr Moore's canoe capsized and his friends lost sight of him. His friends made it to shore. A search ensued but was called off when high winds and 6 -7m swells made it too dangerous.</p> <p>His body was sighted from the air at 11.30am on the 25/7/08. Cellphone in waterproof pouch carried around Moore's neck.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police; volunteers and friends of Mr Moore"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="paddling in storm conditions; worst storm in a decade according to MetService. overconfidence?"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried cellphone carried in waterproof pouch

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	17/09/2008		Accident Ref:	9/08Grp/Res	
Location	Lake Te Anau			Region	Southland
Source					
File Category					
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries			
Name of Deceased		Fatality			
Age		From:	army		
Previous Experience	now known				
Conditions:	difficult				
Number in Party	2 (two)		PFD Worn?	not known	
Kayak Type	double				
Description	<p>Two kayakers taking part in an army training exercise. Kayak took on water in difficult conditions about 11pm. Safety boat also ran into difficulties and was unable to assist them so emergency services responded from Te Anau and uplifted the two kayakers. Treated by ambulance staff due to time in the water however did not need further treatment.</p>				
Authorities Involved	Ambulance; army				
Cause Determined					
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information					

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="08/11/2008"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="11/08GrpFDrCanoe"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Grey River"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="West Coast"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="GES 10/11/08, 11 and 12/11/08; Chch Press 10 & 13/11/08"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="fatality -river -canoe"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="Nicholas McAlister"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="Drowning"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="32"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Greymouth"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Minor Grade 1 rapid on the Grey River, downstream from Taylorville. calm conditions and a sunny day"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="Five; 3 kids 4, 9 and 11, adults 38,32"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="not by adults; kids only"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Canadian Canoe; modified oars as paddles"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="Canadian canoe was launched from Taylorville; a party of five. Nicholas McAlister (32), Bradley McAlister (11), Morgan McAlister (4), Mr Hook (38) from Blenheim with his son Braeden (9) Canoe capsized on family canoeing trip, in a shallow rapid, 4 km upstream from river mouth. All but Morgan McAlister were tipped out; the canoe rolled twice more before Mr Hook was able to free Morgan. Mr McAlister was swimming approx 15m behind the canoe and trying to tow it to shore with a stern rope. Mr Hook lifted the three boys (all wearing PFDs) onto the upturned semi-submerged canoe, but lost sight of Mr McAlister. Mr Hook swam Bradley to shore, but tiring, ended up straddling the upturned canoe and paddled it to the river bank with the two other boys. While he warmed up the youngest boy, he sent the two older boys off for help. The Police dive squad attempted to recover the body but were unsuccessful but it was called off after heavy rain flooded the river. River levels dropped and the body was discovered snagged on a tree several days later, 2.5 km upstream from the Cobden bridge, close to where he was last seen."/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police; dive team; rescue helicopter; volunteer fire fighters; CG and local jet boats"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Capsize in minor rapid with ignorance of canoe capsize recovery drills. Failure of two adults to wear PFDs."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text" value="Coroner's inquest held in Greymouth 27 August 2009. Coroner Richard McElrea said Canadian Canoes were unsafe. Also blamed the reluctance of West Coast residents to use lifejackets."/>		

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Comms Carried no comms carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	11/6/2009		Accident Ref:	06/09GrpRwaka	
Location	Port Taranaki (New Plymouth)			Region	Taranaki
Source	YAH, PC press clipping file				
File Category	Safety/ Rescue				
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries	Hypothermia		
Name of Deceased		Fatality			
Age	16	From:	Taranaki?		
Previous Experience					
Conditions:					
Number in Party	6		PFD Worn?	not known	
Kayak Type	waka				
Description	4 teens and 2 adults survive waka sinking Taranaki Coast. 5 swim to shore, a 16year old was rescued by tugboat.				
Authorities Involved					
Cause Determined					
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information					

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="8/7/2009"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="05/09GrpR"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Waimakariri River"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Canterbury"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Chch Press, PC Newspaper Clipping"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="river rescue"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Bob Hunt"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="hypothermia"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>
Age	<input type="text" value="85 -male"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Christchurch"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="paddling since 1971, other physical experiences such as tramping, canoeing, camping."/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Tuatara Brass Monkey Kayak Race"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="big group of racers"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="buoyancy vest worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Tri-athlete boat"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="Bob capsized and was separated from his kayak in Waimakariri River during a race. Water was deep and he couldn't climb up the steep bank. Bob was cold and tired and struggled to keep his head above water for 15 minutes until fellow racers and safety officers pulled him to shore, he then lost consciousness. Helicopter arrived after 30 minutes and was airlifted to Christchurch Hospital."/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Westpac Helicopter"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="Be vigilant about holding onto a kayak when deciding to wet exit, especially in strong wind or in moving water (river.)"/> <input type="text" value="Bob has capsized in other events before, he should dress for immersion if he anticipates rough condition and significant chance of wet exit."/> <input type="text" value="Bob was wearing a PFD at the time but it failed to provide enough buoyancy."/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried not carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	27/08/2009		Accident Ref:	8/09SRwaka	
Location	Kairaki Beach		Region	Canterbury	
Source	Chch Press, PC Newspaper Clipping				
File Category	wama ama capsize				
Name of injured or rescued party	Lloyd ?	Injuries	mild hypothermia		
Name of Deceased	n/a	Fatality	nil		
Age	35 -45	From:	Chch		
Previous Experience	very fit swimmer				
Conditions:	strong wind, big sea, Waimakariri River measured at peak flow 1040 cusecs				
Number in Party	1	PFD Worn?	NOT WORN		
Kayak Type	outrigger canoe, waka ama				
Description	<p>Canoeist survived rough sea after swimming for 2 hours</p> <p>Lloyd paddled out of swollen Waimakariri River mouth into rough sea, was swept from his canoe, left his canoe, bobbed in the waves for 2 hours before he swam to shore.</p> <p>Lloyd was carried a km down the coast by big waves.</p> <p>Wetsuit worn.</p>				
Authorities Involved	paramedics, police				
Cause Determined	a decision to launch into very rough sea				
Lessons Learned	despite many onlookers and police efforts, it was very difficult to locate a head bobbing up and down in murky water in rough sea. If he couldn't swim back to shore, there is very little chance of rescue.				
Additional Information	Lloyd was wearing a wet suit				

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="10/10/2009"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="10/09SRhyp"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Grey River Bar"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="West Coast"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="GES, PC Newspaper Clippings file"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="Rescue -river bar -"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="male"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="hypothermia"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="n/a"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="nil"/>
Age	<input type="text"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Germany (overseas tourist)"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Assumed no previous"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="lumpy conditions on bar; swift moving current of Grey River"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="two (2)"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="NOT WORN"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text"/>		
Description	<p>A German tourist was rescued by 2 surfers after kayak overturns in Grey river mouth. His English mate struggled against the river bar to attempt to get assistance. Two surfers attempted to empty the German tourist's kayak unsuccessfully. They placed the German tourist, who was showing signs of early stages of hypothermia, on to a surfboard. His English mate came back to help. An unrelated paddler then came along and emptied and righted the overturned kayak. One of the surfers climbed into the kayak and towed the surfboard with the tourist on board towards shore. A fishing boat came along and picked them all up.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Greymouth surfers, Johnny Harris & Haysley McMaster"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="inexperience and stupidity"/>		
Lessons Learned	<p>Dress appropriately for the condition -the German tourist and his English mate were only wearing shorts and not wearing PFD. Learn to perform rescue if you are paddling in a group.</p>		
Additional Information	<p>Both were using kayaks from Living Streams hostel. After 2nd incident, P. Caffyn request Colin Sonneveld of MNZ put a lean on the Living Streams manager of not allowing use of loan kayaks outside Blaketown lagoon.</p>		

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Comms Carried not carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	7/11/2009		Accident Ref:	11/09SUICIDE	
Location	Lake Wakatipu			Region	Southland
Source	GES, PC news clipping, 17/11/09, 18/11/09, 20/11/09				
File Category	fatality -lake -SUICIDE				
Name of injured or rescued party	n/a	Injuries			
Name of Deceased	Gellert Csaba Mudra	Fatality	SUICIDE		
Age	41	From:	Hungary, but resident 18 months Queenstown		
Previous Experience	strong kayaker and swimmer				
Conditions:					
Number in Party	one (1)	PFD Worn?	NOT WORN		
Kayak Type	hire kayak				
Description	<p>DETERMINED AS A SUICIDE.</p> <p>This record not to be included in drowning statistics.</p>				
Authorities Involved	Police, helicopter, divers				
Cause Determined	<p>Suicide</p> <p>2 25kg weight attached to legs</p>				
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information	Contact with Queenstown Police confirmed a suicide.				

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Comms Carried not carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	11/12/2009	Accident Ref:	12/09GrpFfish
Location	Hauturu (Clark) Island, off Whangamata	Region	Auckland
Source	GES, WN, PC news clippings, 12/12/09, 18/12/09, 21/12/09; MNZ Lookout June 2010 p.9		
File Category	fatality -sea SOT-fishing		
Name of injured or rescued party	n/a	Injuries	n/a
Name of Deceased	Maurice Bede Philips	Fatality	drowning
Age	24	From:	Waikato
Previous Experience	not known		
Conditions:	moderate seas		
Number in Party	two (2) on a double	PFD Worn?	NOT WORN
Kayak Type	SOT, double, yellow, plastic kayak; fore & aft hatches; decklines, one paddle only.		
Description	<p>Two kayakers launched a double SOT, with only one paddle between them, for an evening of fishing off Whangamata. They shared the paddling and drank alcohol. Neither man was wearing a lifejacket. At the fishing spot, they removed an anchor from the aft hatch, and anchored stern on to moderate seas. Seas slopping into the aft hatch were not observed.</p> <p>After 20 minutes, the men realized the kayak was getting low in the water and closed the aft hatch. As they tried to raise the anchor, the SOT capsized. Both men began to swim toward nearby Hauturu Island. One man was swimming strongly but, stopping to check on his companion, he realized the other man was out of sight. Unable to find his companion, he swam to the island where he was seen by members of the public and rescued.</p> <p>The body of Phillips was recovered two days later by police divers.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Police; aerial and sea search		
Cause Determined	<p>Paddlers not properly equipped to survive in open water. The rear hatch left open when the men dropped an anchor, and the hatch was left open causing the kayak to become swamped and sink. Miscommunication -search was delayed by 20 minutes, they thought they had a stranded paddler, not a swimmer.</p>		
Lessons Learned	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ensure hatches after closed after opening at sea, especially the aft hatch with is out of sight of paddlers. 2. include a pump or bailer with the kayak. 3. carry at least two forms of emergency marine comms. 4. carry one paddle per person, and a spare take apart 5. wear a PFD 		
Additional Information			

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="20/12/2009"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="12/09SoloResc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Otago Harbour"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Otago"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="ODT pr. clipping"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="solo -sea -rescue"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="not named"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="signs of hypothermia; taken to hospital and later discharged"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="62-male"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Dunedin"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="not known"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="high winds - at time of the rescue: air temperature of 7°C and water temperature of 13°C."/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="solo"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="Worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="not known"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="Residents contacted emergency services just, before 8.30 am, called emergency services after spotting a capsized paddler clinging to his kayak, after capsizing in high winds, 500 m off Company Bay in Otago Harbour. Strong winds apparently came up quickly, capsizing the paddler, and pushing him to a sandbar, where he was rescued after spending half an hour in the water. After rescue, the man was wrapped in a survival blanket, as he was showing signs of hypothermia and taken to Broad Bay, where he was kept warm until an ambulance arrived."/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Rescued by Dunedin CG, Marine S&R, and Otago Regional Rescue helicopter"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Local Marine SAR chairman said the weather change was well forecast, and she hit exactly as forecast. So failure to listen to the forecast or ignoring the forecast."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="Listen to the forecast
Dress for immersion"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text" value="photo of CG boat rescuing man and kayak on file, 2009 incidents"/>		

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Comms Carried

not carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="25/12/2009"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="12/09GrpR"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Wellington"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Wellington"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Wellington Scoop 26/12/2009"/>		
File Category	<input type="text"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Wellington"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="usual wet and windy"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="not known"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text"/>		
Description	<p>Report notes: Eleven Wellington kayakers needed to be rescued on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, after getting into trouble because of strong winds on the harbour. As a result, Wgtn maritime police issued a warning for kayakers to pay attention to the weather and know their limitations and their craft after 11 kayakers within a 36 hour period found themselves in situations beyond their skills and capabilities of their craft due to strong winds in and around Wellington.</p> <p>All sparked call-outs for emergency services with one incident requiring the Police launch Lady Elizabeth III. CG boats, rescue helicopter and police patrol staff were called out.</p> <p>To add to this, another two kayakers had to be given advice not to head out even after they had seen the Police RHB returning 4 kayakers safely to land in Wellington Harbour, and with wind and sea conditions clearly not suitable for the kayaks they were heading out in.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	19/03/2010	Accident Ref:	3/10SR
Location	Leigh, Hen and Chicken Islands	Region	Northland
Source	Northern Advocate (website) 22/3/10		
File Category	search/rescue		
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries	n.a.
Name of Deceased	n.a.	Fatality	n.a.
Age	31year male	From:	
Previous Experience	Believed to be first major ocean paddle; said to be ill-equipped		
Conditions:			
Number in Party	one (1)	PFD Worn?	lifejacket worn
Kayak Type	kayak, blue, 4m long		
Description	<p>Attempted paddle of 50 km round trip at 9am became exhausted before making the islands. Police advised 31 year old paddler left Leigh about 9am on 19/3/10 and had planned to make a return trip to the Hen and Chicken Islands on the same day, a good 50 km trip.</p> <p>Off the coast of Mangawhai, and still on his way to the islands, the paddler rang 111 via cellphone, at 1.40pm while drifting, to say he was tired and needed a rescue. Man was uncertain of location and too far out to sea to paddle to shore. He rang again 20 minutes later to ask where rescuers were. Man had no idea of where he was, was in a blue kayak, but had a cellphone and was wearing a PFD. Coastguard was able to locate the man, who was rescued at 4.30pm, by Whangarei CG before a helicopter was launched.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Police/Whangarei Coastguard/NEST helicopter		
Cause Determined	-grossly overestimated his paddling ability		
Lessons Learned			
Additional Information			

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Comms Carried Cellphone

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="29/03/2010"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="3/10GrpR"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Between Orokawa Bay and Waihi Beach"/>	Region	<input type="text"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="NZ Herald (website) 30/03/10"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="rescue, sea"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="shock/lacerations/bruising"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="Nil"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="40 year male"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Tauranga"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Inexperienced kayaker"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="3m swells/northerly drift; heavy seas"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="Two in a double kayak"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="lifejackets worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="double kayak"/>		
Description	<p>Two men, both wearing lifejackets fell out of their double kayak 100 m offshore, between Orokawa Bay and Waihi Beach about 9am. The pair had gone out into seas with 3 m swells and a northerly drift. When the pair got into trouble, the friend managed to swim to shore to try and raise the alarm. Two people on shore saw the 40 yr old Tauranga man, who was blowing a whistle to attract attention, struggling in the water for about 30 minutes. The 2nd man managed to haul himself onto some rocks but was trapped under a 75 m high cliff, where members of the Waihi Surf Lifesaving club could not safely get to. Police eventually called a Waihi Mines Rescue team to help winch the man to safety.</p> <p>One swam to shore for help, the other struggled in the water for 30 minutes blowing a whistle to attract attention before scrambling onto rocks under a 75 m cliff face and had to be winched to safety.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police/Mine Rescue/St Johns"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="-inexperience"/> <input type="text" value="-underestimating skills and the conditions"/> <input type="text" value="-assumed no emergency comms. carried"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried only a whistle

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	05/04/2010		Accident Ref:	4/10FRiver	
Location	Mararoa River			Region	Southland
Source	Chch Press 7/04/10				
File Category	fatality -river				
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries			
Name of Deceased	Kenneth Mark Tressler	Fatality	One male		
Age	45 -male	From:	Invercargill		
Previous Experience					
Conditions:					
Number in Party		PFD Worn?	not known		
Kayak Type	kayak				
Description	Press note states: Police have named the Invercargill man who died while kayaking in western Southland on Monday. Kenneth Mark Tressler, 45, drowned after falling from his kayak in the Maraoa River.				
Authorities Involved					
Cause Determined					
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information					

Compiled P. Caffyn -FM record No 100

Comms Carried not known

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="29/06/2010"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="7/10SFfishsit on top"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Ohiwa Harbour"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Bay of Plenty"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Whakatane Beacon/Eastern Bay News/Daily Post, 6 -9 July 2010"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="Search/Fatality"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="Marquis John Reed Jeffrey"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="One male; presumed drowning"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="71"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Ohope"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="not known"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Conditions said to be poor by a fellow kayak fishermen who was to join Jeffrey at 7am."/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="One"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="NOT WORN"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Ocean River Largo kayak"/>		
Description	<p>Believed to have embarked on a kayak fishing trip. On 6 July the family contacted Police. Police, Search and Rescue volunteers and Coastguard then launched a search including a helicopter and several boats. His car was found near the water, along with tie down straps and cellphone. His lifejacket was found at Jeffrey's flat.</p> <p>On 25 June, Jeffrey wanted help to fit out a newly acquired orange SOT for fishing. On 28 June, an experienced kayak fisherman fitted an anchor and pulley system, and recommended an external container for a deck pulley system. However Jeffrey elected to store the anchor, chain and rope in the SOT's watertight hatch. Despite a thorough land, harbour and sea search commencing on 6 July, no trace of Jeffrey or his SOT were found. The coroner concluded if the hatch was open when the SOT capsized, the 'inside would have filled with water' and the SOT sank.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police/Whakatane Coastguard/ land search and rescue, helicopter"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Coroner's inquest of 28 June, concluded Mr Jeffrey probably drowned after coming to grief while fishing from a SOT kayak on or about 29 June 2010. Best guess is when the hatch was removed to access the anchor, the hatch cover washed away or the SOT capsized; either way the interior void filled with water, and it sank. Without any form of marine emergency communications, and no one aware of his trip intentions, the week long delay led to disappearance of Jeffrey's body and the SOT."/>		
Lessons Learned	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trip intentions, and overdue time and date should be left with a responsible party. 2. At least two forms of emergency marine communications should be carried 3. SOT hatches should not be removed at sea unless secured and conditions are calm 4. PFDs should be worn, and have attached items such as a night light, and the minimum two forms of emergency communications. 		
Additional Information	<input type="text" value="45 people searching at the height of the search with 70-100km of coastline covered. Neither the sit-on-top nor body of Jeffrey were ever recovered."/>		

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P. Caffyn -FM record No 101

Comms Carried

not carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="04/07/2010"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="4/07GrpR"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Island Bay"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Wellington"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Hokitika Guardian/Greymouth Star 5/07/11"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="Rescue"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="medical attention at hospital"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="not known"/>	From:	<input type="text"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="not known"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="Two single kayaks"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="not known"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Two kayaks"/>		
Description	<p>Police informed of two kayaks being washed up on the beach by a member of the public. The kayakers were found onshore requiring medical attention.</p> <p>Two kayakers were found halfway to drowning after they fell out of their kayaks at a Wellington Beach on 4 July. A member of the public told police they had seen two kayaks washed up on the beach at Island Bay, with one of the kayaks still floating about 3.15pm.</p> <p>A police boat on the harbour at the time arrived at the bay about 10 minutes later. Maritime search and rescue staff were also sent to the scene.</p> <p>The two kayakers were found onshore. 'They sucked in a lot of water. They obviously fell out of their kayaks and were halfway to drowning.'</p> <p>The kayakers required medical attention and were taken to Wellington hospital.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police/Police Boat/Maritime Search and Rescue"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	24/09/2010		Accident Ref:	9/10GrpRCom	
Location	Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown			Region	Otago
Source	Otago Daily Times				
File Category	Rescue -lake -group				
Name of injured or rescued party	not known	Injuries	nil		
Name of Deceased	n.a.	Fatality	n.a.		
Age	1820	From:	Queenstown		
Previous Experience					
Conditions:	A fast-moving southwesterly front				
Number in Party	25	PFD Worn?	Assumed Worn		
Kayak Type	single kayaks				
Description	<p>Adventure Southland taking a group of adventure tourism students across the lake when one kayak capsized. Kawarau Jet, TSS Earnslaw and Princess Cruises were all diverted to help rescue the kayakers. Four Queenstown Resort students were brought ashore following the incident. Adventure Southland was billed between \$1400-\$2,685 to help pay for the Kawarau Jet-led rescue of four Queenstown Resort college students brought ashore after the kayak of one student capsized on Lake Wakatipu in September.</p> <p>A 25 strong expedition of young adventure tourist students were being led across the lake by Adventure Southland staff.</p>				
Authorities Involved	Queenstown harbour master, Kawarau jet.				
Cause Determined					
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information	Marty Black advised that the rescue was close to the lake shore, with road access above the shore. He advised the rescue call was not necessary.				

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Comms Carried comms carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	06/12/2010	Accident Ref:	8/12/10F2Dr
Location	Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown	Region	Otago
Source	Chch Press/Grey Star PC press clipping file; Coroner's findings and PC report for the coroner		
File Category	Search/Fatality		
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries	
Name of Deceased	Raphael Serge Soubrier Yoann Lucien Georges Firdion	Fatality	Two males. Cause of death was drowning.
Age	21 and 24	From:	both French nationality; working in Queenstown
Previous Experience	Novice paddlers		
Conditions:	Strong southerly winds of 20 --30 knots up to 1.5 m breaking seas. Lake temperature was 10°C. By 10 pm, the air temperature was 9°C, with a wind chill factor reducing the temp. to 5°C.		
Number in Party	Two	PFD Worn?	lifejackets worn
Kayak Type	3.5m long, fibreglass old style recreational kayak; large cockpit, no sprayskirt, no decklines		
Description	<p>About 9am, the two Frenchmen paddled from Queenstown to the south side of Lake Wakatipu, by Hidden Island. They were wearing lifejackets but had only one paddle between them. At 11 am, a local tourist boat operator warned the men of an approaching southerly change and offered a ride back to Queenstown. The men thanked him for his advice but ignored his warning, wanting to walk up a nearby hill. They did note the boatie's contact number.</p> <p>At 9.53 pm, a panicked call was made to boatie's cellphone from the Frenchmen saying they were in the middle of the lake taking on water. Four boats and a night vision equipped helicopter searched until the bodies were found at 1 am by the helicopter. For full details, see both the P. Caffyn expert witness report (with map, kayak photos, and table of weather conditions) and the coroner's findings.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Police /rescue helicopter/Coastguard/private boats		
Cause Determined	<p>The kayak was not suitable for a crossing of Lake Wakatipu. It had a large open cockpit with no sprayskirt, no decklines, no built in buoyancy, no rudder, no pump or bailer, and only one paddle between the 2 men. They carried no clothing suitable for a cold weather change or lake immersion. Apart from the cellphone carried, the men had no waterproof emergency communications, such as flares, VHF radio, PLB or cellphone in a waterproof bag. Although the men were found in PFDs, the lack of any form of light made the night search by boat and helicopter very difficult. The Frenchmen should not have ignored the weather warnings/advice/offer of transport back to mainland. Both young men were of slight build and wearing only shorts and tops.</p>		
Lessons Learned	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. kayaks for use more than 200m offshore should be fitted with integral buoyancy, bulkheaded compartments or air bags. All round decklines should be fitted. One paddle per person should be carried plus a spare. Cockpits should have sprayskirts fitted. A pump or bailing device should be carried. 2. local weather forecasts should be sought before launching. 3. local knowledge on weather and conditions should be sought and heeded 4. paddlers should dress for immersion according to water temperature 5. at least two forms of emergency communications should be carried 6. paddling and capsize/rescue drills should be practised before open water paddling 7. a waterproof emergency light should be attached to a paddler's lifejacker or a head torch suitable for signalling should be carried at night. 		
Additional Information	Inquest was held at Queenstown on 2 Sept. 2011. Expert witness report provided by P. Caffyn. Coroner's findings dated 13 October 2011.		

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Comms Carried cellphone carried but not in a waterproof bag

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	05/03/2011		Accident Ref:	07/03/2011	
Location	Horahora River, Whangarei			Region	Northland
Source	Northern Advocate/Web News/Grey Star 14/3/11				
File Category	Search/Fatality				
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries			
Name of Deceased		Fatality	One Male		
Age	30	From:	Auckland		
Previous Experience					
Conditions:	reported that quite a sea was running offshore				
Number in Party	one (1)	PFD Worn?	NOT WORN		
Kayak Type	SOT kayak				
Description	<p>Went out to check fishing net at river mouth between 3.30am and 6am. Friends raised alarm 7.30am when kayak found washed up on beach Reported that the deceased has been partying and drinking. Also that no PFD was worn. No one had been told of the early morning trip. The man's body was located 250m north of the Horahora River mouth on 6 March.</p>				
Authorities Involved	Police Search and Rescue/Coast Guard/Land Search and Rescue/Police spotter plane.				
Cause Determined	Not wearing a lifejacket.				
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information	Police advised said a Tsunami alert was in place following a magnitude 9 earthquake in Japan on 4 March.				

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Comms Carried no comms carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	15/5/2011	Accident Ref:	5/11GrpResc
Location	Lake Wakatipu; 100 m off lake shore, Queenstown gardens	Region	Otago
Source	www 16/05/11; em Marty Black		
File Category	lake -rescue -overseas tourists		
Name of injured or rescued party	?	Injuries	warmed up in an ambulance
Name of Deceased	n.a.	Fatality	n.a.
Age	20, 21 -males	From:	Saudi Arabia
Previous Experience	assumed tourists with nil experience		
Conditions:	police stated choppy lake conditions were not suitable for kayaking		
Number in Party	two (2)	PFD Worn?	lifejackets worn
Kayak Type	?		
Description	<p>Two Saudi Arabian men had to be rescued from Lake Wakatipu off Queenstown after they had fallen out of their kayaks about 2.30 pm. Aged 20 and 21, after being spotted in trouble, they were rescued by jet boat operator Kawarau Jet. The men were assessed by St Johns and later discharged after warming up in an ambulance.</p> <p>Police stated the men were spotted about 100 m out from shore at Queenstown Gardens after one of them had toppled out of his kayak. Being unable to swim, he grabbed his friend's kayak and capsized him as well. 'They were in the water about 9 min until the KJet pulled them out of the water.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Police, ambulance, jet boat		
Cause Determined	Inexperience		
Lessons Learned			
Additional Information	rental kayaks?		

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	04/06/2011		Accident Ref:	6/11GrpR	
Location	Pigeon Bay, Banks Peninsula			Region	Canterbury
Source	Chch Press 6/06/11				
File Category	Rescue -sea				
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries			
Name of Deceased		Fatality			
Age		From:			
Previous Experience					
Conditions:					
Number in Party		PFD Worn?	not known		
Kayak Type					
Description	A kayaker was rescued after he was blown out to sea near Banks Peninsula about 12.30pm and was taken to Christchurch hospital on 4 June. He was kayaking with another person in Pigeon Bay and was plucked out of the water by helicopter. The other paddler made it to shore on their own.				
Authorities Involved	rescue helicopter				
Cause Determined					
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information					

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Comms Carried not known

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	07/07/2011	Accident Ref:	5/11SResc
Location	Lake Rotorua, near Mokoia Island	Region	Bay of Plenty
Source	Daily Post, 13/7/11; em in safety file		
File Category	Solo paddler capsizes in borrowed kayak; long swim		
Name of injured or rescued party	Andrew Clark	Injuries	treated for hypothermia in Rotorua Hospital
Name of Deceased		Fatality	
Age	?	From:	Australia -tourist
Previous Experience	?		
Conditions:	?		
Number in Party	one (1)	PFD Worn?	lifejacket worn
Kayak Type	borrowed kayak, probably recreational style or sit on top -no buoyancy		
Description	<p>Andrew Clark spent more than 3 hrs in cold lake waters when his craft sank near Mokoia Is forcing him to swim 6 km back to Ngongataha. Clark was on holiday with his family from Sydney, and borrowed a kayak from the rental property where they were staying. He left about 8.45am and thought he would be back about 11am. He paddled from Ngongataha to within 500 m of Mokoia Is and decided to return to shore. He was about one third of the distance back when he noticed the kayak was getting lower, then taking on water and rapidly sinking. Very quickly it was submerged and the kayak was standing up in the water. He clung onto the kayak for 15 min before deciding to swim back to Ngongataha. While swimming he would yell for help.</p> <p>Clark was heard by 2 fishermen fishing by Waiteti stream mouth, but they could not see him. They went back to the lodge where they were staying and were able to spot Clark with a telescope. They then phoned the police. Police were launching a rescue but Clark made it safely to shore. Clark was suffering from hypothermia and spent several hours in Rotorua hospital.</p> <p>Clark thought he would have died if he had not been wearing a lifejacket. He also said the mental effects were worse than the physical effects. Police thought Clark had swum approx. 6 km to get back to shore.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Police		
Cause Determined	Borrowed craft sinking. No emergency communication carried. Lifejacket saved life.		
Lessons Learned	1. thoroughly check borrowed paddlecraft for leaks, and integral buoyancy 2. wear a PFD 3. carry at least two forms of emergency marine comms. 4. leave trip intentions and call out time with a responsible party 5. dress for immersion		
Additional Information			

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P. Caffyn -FM record: 108

Comms Carried

not carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="01/08/2011"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="8/11SRsit.on.top"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Matata"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Bay of Plenty"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Whakatane Beacon 3/8/11; eastern bay news 4/08/11"/>		
File Category	<input type="text"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Darryl Bisset -male"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="hypothermia"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="n.a."/>
Age	<input type="text" value="47"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Matamata (Bay of Plenty)"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="little bit of kayaking on Lake Karapiro; not good at swimming"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="sloppy"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="one (1)"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="lifejacket worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="small SOT kayak -borrowed"/>		
Description	<p>Mr Bisset and his wife set a Kontiki off Matata and he tried to wind it in about 3pm. He was unable to wind it in, and went to the local camp ground to find someone to help recover the KonTiki. A lady on the beach offered the use of a kayak, which they went and got. About a km offshore, sea was getting sloppy and he couldn't see his KonTiki. He was feeling uneasy, so decided to head back to shore. Kayak was rolled by a wave and capsized. He freed his legs and clung to the paddle and kayak. His wife, watching from shore, called 111. Within 12 minutes, two Matata firefighters had launched a family dinghy. Light was fading, but observers on shore guided the men via radio to Bisset. Only minutes from giving up, he clung to the side of the dinghy but was too weak to climb into it. CG boat was guided in fading light to the dinghy, and Bisset was taken by the CG vessel to Whakatane; admitted to hospital but later discharged.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police, CG, Fire Brigade, ambulance, hospital"/>		
Cause Determined	<p>-underestimating paddling ability and conditions -used a borrowed SOT with no rescue equipment -no emergency marine comms. carried</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>Bisset was very fortunate that his wife observed the capsize and rang 111, and very fortunate both the fire brigade men and CG crew were so prompt in responding to the call for a rescue.</p>		
Additional Information	<input type="text" value="On 2/08/11, Bisset and a friend headed out to sea (boat?) and recovered the missing long line; it had 13 snapper on it."/>		

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Comms Carried

not carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	10/08/2011		Accident Ref:	8/11GrpF	
Location	Wellington Harbour			Region	Wellington
Source	Grey Star 1146/8/11;				
File Category	fatality -sea				
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries			
Name of Deceased	Cameron Millar	Fatality	missing, presumed drowned		
Age	19 -male	From:	Hamilton		
Previous Experience					
Conditions:					
Number in Party	two (2)	PFD Worn?	NOT WORN		
Kayak Type	single kayaks				
Description	<p>Millar became separated from his paddling companion about 6.30pm near Ward Island. Searchers found the man's yellow kayak on shore about six km from Ward Island; a rucksack and paddle were also found in the water. Both paddlers capsized, but his partner from Lower Hutt made it to shore and raised the alarm.</p> <p>Clipping 16/8 noted poor weather led to the search for Millar being cancelled. The capital experienced snow and bitterly cold temperatures and searchers could not get on the water. Millar was not wearing a lifejacket.</p>				
Authorities Involved	Police, CG				
Cause Determined	<p>-inexperience? -lack of rescue skills -not wearing a PFD -marine comms. not carried</p>				
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information					

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	29/8/2011		Accident Ref:	8/11SF	
Location	Lake Hawea			Region	Otago
Source	ODT 13/9/11; Mtn. Scene; ST 12/9/11 PC clippings file				
File Category	fatality -lake -solo				
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries			
Name of Deceased	Rene Weisswange	Fatality			
Age	25	From:	Germany		
Previous Experience					
Conditions:	calm in the morning, strong wind got up in the afternoon				
Number in Party	one (1)	PFD Worn?	NOT WORN		
Kayak Type	small plastic recreational kayak, approx. 3m long; green colour, no buoyancy, no decklines				
Description	<p>Weissange went kayaking on 29/8 and had indicated he was going to paddle from Lake Hawea township to Timaru Creek on the eastern shore of the lake. He was last heard from about 12.55pm when he used a mobile phone to contact a friend.</p> <p>Police were informed morning of 31/8 that Mr Weissange had failed to turn up at work previous evening. A team of 11 searchers, using a helicopter and boat, found his kayak washed up on the beach below the village about 1pm on 31/8. His paddle was found about 600 m further east along the beach. It was assumed he was not wearing PFD and his prior paddling experience was unknown.</p>				
Authorities Involved	police, boats, helicopter, land S&R teams				
Cause Determined					
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information					

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Comms Carried mobile phone carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="19/8/2012"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="08/12GrpResc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Tukituki River, Haumoana, Hawkes Bay"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Hawkes Bay"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="NZH p20.08.12ress PC press clipping file"/>		
File Category	<input type="text"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="not known"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="hypothermia for the girl and she had swallowed sea water and was freezing when rescued"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="44 and 4"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="not known"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="river mouth weather conditions not known"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="2 -two"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="NOT WORN"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="double kayak (SOT?)"/>		
Description	<p>A 44 year old man and his 4 year old daughter were rescued after their double kayak flipped about 12.45 pm and dragged them out to sea at the mouth of the Tukituki River at Haumoana. The man was wearing a wetsuit but the daughter had gumboots on. They were left clinging to the upturned kayak and swept quickly out to sea by the river current, and left them stuck on the edge of a small shingle island just offshore. Lifejackets were not worn.</p> <p>David Goodman was one of many people fishing & whitebaiting at the river. He saw the two disappear underwater so he got his longboard and paddled out to the shingle island. He got the girl on the board and paddled with her back to shore. The girl's father swam back to shore with another rescuer who had gone out with Mr Goodman.</p> <p>Both the girl and her father left in an ambulance.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Ambulance, police, while CG and helicopter were placed on standby."/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Ignorance of swift flowing river and bar conditions. Perhaps inappropriate craft used?"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried not carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="22/8/2012"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="8/12grpresc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Hollyford River mouth"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Southland (Fiordland)"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Southland Times, web news; interview with the four students"/>		
File Category	<input type="text"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Sara, Phil"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="nil"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Greymouth"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="2nd year Greymouth polytech. outdoor students, all with whitewater experience and rolling skills but little sea kayaking experience. Greg Lee, Phil Palzer, Rata Lovell-Smith, Sara Dwyer"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Forecast good for 5 -10 knot variable winds, 2m SW swell, increasing to 3m for a short time later in the day."/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="4 -four"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="WORN"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="plastic sea kayaks"/>		
Description	<p>The four were on an expedition paddle down the Hollyford River, over the bar and down the coast to Milford Sound. A full day had been spent observing conditions on the bar. Greg, Phil and Rata crossed the bar without any trouble, but Sara was capsized in a breaker and came out of her boat. Greg came in and tried to carry Sara to shore, but lost her off the kayak and was out of his boat after trying to come back in over the bar. Greg and Sara swam for 20 - 30 minutes then Greg decided he had to swim to shore. Phil and Rata had recovered Sara's kayak, and finally decided to make a Mayday call on the radio at 8.45am.</p> <p>Greg and Sara were rescued by Jeff Shanks of Milford Helicopters. By the time he and a crew member arrived, Greg was on the beach but Sara was still in the water and a scoop net was used to rescue her. The girl was cold, but Greg had a wetsuit on. They were both flown to Milford while a fishing boat took Rata and Phil to Milford.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police, helicopter"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="25/8/2012"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="08/12solofesc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Waikanae Beach"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Wellington"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Kapiti Observer 30/08/12 PC Press clippings"/>		
File Category	<input type="text"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Cassandra Moore"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="treated for mild hypothermia, and some body bruising"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="not known"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Kiwi lass living in UK"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="not known"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="not known"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="1 one"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="WORN"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="not known"/>		
Description	<p>Cassandra Moore was kayaking off Waikanae Beach, within sight of the Field Way holiday home she had hired with her parents from Johnsonville. About 9.45am, her mother Jo saw the kayak had flipped. 'She was 200 m out from shore and all I could see was the bottom of the kayak. She was on the 2nd floor of the house, while those downstairs could not see what was happening. Jo called the police, who alerted CG Kapiti Coast, which sent out two boats, one from Paraparaumu and one from Waikanae. Within 20 min, the crew was looking for Mrs Moore, who by the time she was located had separated from her kayak, unable to hold on with cold hands. It was 31 minutes from call time to when she was pulled on board a CG rescue boat. Mrs Moore was only wearing light clothing but was wearing a PFD.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police, two CG rescue boat, ambulance"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Inexperience?"/> <input type="text" value="Overestimating skills"/> <input type="text" value="Inappropriate craft?"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="09/10/2012"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="10/12grpresc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Wellington Harbour"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Wellington"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="NZ Herald, press clippings, webs reports, Dom Post clipping"/>		
File Category	<input type="text"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="none stated"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Wellington"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="undergoing training by Fergs's kayaks for a Cook Strait crossing"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Wind gusts to 45 knots
Gale warnings forecast"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="8 in the party"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="WORN"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Sea Bear +"/>		
Description	<p>A group of 8 paddlers were practising for a 10 Nov Cook Strait crossing, being trained by Fergs Kayaks. They encountered strong wind and big waves about 8.30am. One kayaker hit a wave and in gust to 45 knots, capsized. He was helped back into his boat by other paddlers but tipped out again soon after. His unmanned kayak became tangled with another kayaker who also tipped out. The 3rd and 4th kayakers tipped out in waves and strong winds and a Mayday call was made from an on-board radio.</p> <p>Two other less experienced kayakers who held back, returned to Fergs Kayaks, from where the group had set out from. Mr Gilmore (fomer Nat. MP) and another kayaker, still upright, paddled to Freyberg Beach.</p> <p>The response from Police was quick; they immediately plucked the four kayakers out of the water. Fergs Kayaks general manage, Dave Annear was one of four to capsize, said the group was training in a sheltered area near the overseas container terminal. After the first kayaker tipped out, the group was swept about 400 m further into the harbour.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	22/11/2012		Accident Ref:	11/12solofesc	
Location	Lake Dunstan			Region	Otago
Source	OTD webnews, GreyStar press clipping 23/11/12				
File Category	solo paddle, rescue after kayak drifted away				
Name of injured or rescued party	not known	Injuries	no injuries		
Name of Deceased		Fatality			
Age	61 -male	From:	Dunedin doctor		
Previous Experience	?				
Conditions:	landlocked lake				
Number in Party	1 (one)		PFD Worn?	not known	
Kayak Type	?				
Description	<p>A Dunedin doctor sparked an emergency callout yesterday afternoon after his kayak drifted away leaving him stuck on an island in Lake Dunstan. Constable Doug Winter of Cromwell said the 61 year old man paddled out to the island for a day of fishing near the wetlands area of the lake. He tethered his kayak but the wind came up and it drifted away. A resident heard the mans' calls for help and a 2nd person spotted the upturned kayak drifting down the lake, sparking two calls to emergency services about 5pm. The man and his kayak were picked up by residents in boats. The Clyde CG was called out but stood down. An ambulance was called as a precaution but the man did not require medical attention.</p>				
Authorities Involved	Police, CG local residents				
Cause Determined	<p>Complacency in 'tethering' kayak? A properly tethered kayak will not drift away when wind lifts</p>				
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information					

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="21/12/2012"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="12/12solofatal"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Brod Bay, Lake Te Anau"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Southland"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Chch Press 26.12.12, Grey Star 24/12/12 -PC Press Clipping file"/>		
File Category	<input type="text"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="Luca Ruffato"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="drowning"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="22"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Italy"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="unsuitable lake conditions on the Friday"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="1 -Solo"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="Body found with PFD"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="old recreational style large cockpit, fibreglass kayak, approx. 3.6 m long"/>		
Description	<p>Constable James Ure of Te Anau said if Ruffato has been better acquainted with the area's weather and the state of his equipment. The bright red canoe Ruffato had gone out in was about 30 years old and in poor repair and unsuitable for the weather conditions on Friday. "On Friday the 21st of December RUFFATO has told one of his flatmates, Alex CAVALLARI, of his plan to borrow another work mate's old kayak and go out kayaking on Lake Te Anau. CAVALLARI observed RUFFATO trying on an old lifejacket to fit prior to walking away from the address carrying the old kayak and a backpack towards the lake. The last thing that RUFFATO said was: "If I am not back by 11.00pm call the rescue people". The kayak is a very old open top kayak constructed of fibreglass and plywood. Possibly 1960's - 1970's vintage. It appears to have very little free board. RUFFATO was lightly clad, wearing shorts, t-shirt and street shoes. When his flatmates finished work and re-assembled at the flat at around about 11.00pm it was discovered that none of them had seen him since he had departed with the kayak.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police"/>		
Cause Determined	<p>Police were notified. At around about 0420hrs Police conducted an aerial search using a helicopter equipped with night vision goggles. They conducted a sweep of the southern end of the lake and shoreline in good conditions. Nothing was found and the search was suspended till 0830hrs. During the night RUFFATO's flatmates conducted shoreline searches by torchlight. They also hired the Kepler Water Taxi, operated by Steve SAUNDERS. At approximately 11.35hrs they located RUFFATO deceased on the western shore of Lake Te Anau north of Brod Bay. RUFFATO was deceased lying in water only several metres from the shore. He was still wearing the life jacket. The kayak was a few metres away full of water but still buoyant and the paddle was also a short distance away."</p>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<p>The contact at the Te Anau Police is:</p> <p>James URE ph DDI 03 249 8434 cell 027 922 5650</p>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	13/02/2013		Accident Ref:	2/13solorescue	
Location	Tauranga Harbour			Region	Bay of Plenty
Source	NZ Herald 13/02/2013 Press Clipping File				
File Category	solo paddler -rescued.				
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries	Hospital-hypothermia check up		
Name of Deceased		Fatality			
Age	40's	From:	Tauranga		
Previous Experience	Not known				
Conditions:	Not known				
Number in Party	1	PFD Worn?	Not known		
Kayak Type	Not known				
Description	Local man in his 40s out fishing about 11.30 am attempting to turn his kayak, started to take on water, then tied himself to a water mark and called for help. He was there for more than an hour before he was rescued. He was rescued by Jeff Dent, who heard the cries for help, Mr Dent paddled out to assist the man and stayed with him until he was collected by a boatie. Acting Sergeant Andrew Crockett reported that when he was brought back to shore, he was cold and taken to hospital for a check up.				
Authorities Involved	Police				
Cause Determined	Not known.				
Lessons Learned	Inexperienced				
Additional Information					

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Comms Carried not carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	26/02/2013	Accident Ref:	02/13Grpresc
Location	Matakana Island, Tauranga Harbour	Region	Bay of Plenty
Source	NZ Herald, 26/02/2013 PC		
File Category	Grpresc		
Name of injured or rescued party	Edwin O'Dea Daniel Pendwarden	Injuries	none stated
Name of Deceased		Fatality	
Age	23 and 21	From:	Tauranga
Previous Experience	Not known		
Conditions:	not known		
Number in Party	two	PFD Worn?	Worn
Kayak Type	Not known		
Description	<p>The two men were out fishing from their kayak, near Matakana Island in the Tauranga Harbour Channel near midnight. An open hatch started to fill up with water. The kayak sank as the pair tried to tie up to a channel marker. The cell phone, which was in a water proof case, did not work. The pair decided to take their clothes off, due to them weighing them down, and swim to Matakana Island with only their lifejackets on. Once reaching the island the pair ran 5 km before spotting a catamaran anchored just offshore. The catamaran owner got in his dinghy to collect the pair, brought them back to his yacht where they were clothed and feed, staying for the night. A lift back to Pilot Bay the next morning and their boat was rescued the next morning with the harbour masters help.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Harbourmaster		
Cause Determined	Not known		
Lessons Learned	Proper clothing? Inadequate comms?		
Additional Information			

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cellphone carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="3/6/2013"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="06/13solofesc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Kau Bay, Miramar Peninsula, Wellington Harbour"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Wellington"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="www.stuff.co.nz 03/06/13"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="solo -rescue"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="not known"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="Hospital -mild hypothermia."/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="30s"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="1"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="WORN"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="not known"/>		
Description	<p>Male paddling, and spray skirt did not fit properly, kayak started to take on water. The kayak capsized, the man then spent 30 mins trying to upright his kayak then decided to swim to shore. The kayak was found at Kau Bay at the top of Miramar Peninsula, at 2.45pm Maritime Police and Coastguard launched a search and rescue operation, which was called off at 4pm when ambulance staff picked the man up near Point Halswell. He was taken to hospital for a check up and discharged shortly after.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Maritime Police, Search and Rescue, Coast Guard, Ambulance."/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Spray skirt did not fit his kayak properly therefore allowing water to be taken on, and inexperience?"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="Proper equipment? Inadequate comms?"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	1/10/2013		Accident Ref:	10/13grpresc	
Location	Maretai Beach			Region	South Auckland
Source	NZ News 01/10/13 PC				
File Category	Grp Rescue				
Name of injured or rescued party	not known	Injuries	Not known		
Name of Deceased		Fatality			
Age	14 and 15	From:	Auckland		
Previous Experience	Not known				
Conditions:					
Number in Party	2	PFD Worn?	WORN		
Kayak Type	Not known				
Description	2 teenagers swept out to sea on a kayak at Maretai Beach, who were reportedly well prepared with equipment however failed to check conditions. The two were swept out, had a cellphone in a sealed container by which one of them phoned his mother to say they were stranded. They then set off the Personal Locator Beacon which was picked up by rescue co-ordination.				
Authorities Involved	Police				
Cause Determined	Failure to check weather				
Lessons Learned	Check conditions.				
Additional Information					

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both cellphone and PLB

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	1/12/2013	Accident Ref:	12/13double fatality
Location	Lake Tarawera	Region	Bay of Plenty
Source	web links		
File Category	Double Fatality on Lake		
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries	
Name of Deceased	Zoujie Cai Zexuan Cai	Fatality	Double Drowning
Age	40 and 6	From:	Auckland
Previous Experience	nil		
Conditions:	Calm, clear water, 50 metres off shore.		
Number in Party	2	PFD Worn?	No
Kayak Type	Circa early 70's, large cockpit, recreational kayak.		
Description	<p>Father and 6 year old daughter 50 metres off shore when their two person kayak capsized. The 6 year old was wearing an adult sized life jacket. Witnesses report that the life jacket came off. Witnesses report that the Father tried to save the daughter by holding her up out of the water for approximately 8 minutes after they fell out of the kayak. Rescue services were alerted straight away. Emergency services were at the scene, 300 m from the shore about 10 minutes after getting the call at 11am. Constable Fraser said that the rescue helicopter went out straight away, and the coastguards were paged straight away. A member of the coastguard who lived nearby had his boat in the away within 5 minutes and was at the scene in 10. The pair slipped below the water surface. Among onlookers one man had been swimming out to save them and another women was dragging her kayak to the shore. The pair drowned before services got there. The upturned kayak, paddle and lifejacket were recovered first. The man's body was recovered at approx 4pm, the girls body a little over and hour later. The water was seven to eight meters deep with three to four metres of weeds at the bottom.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Police, Search and Rescue		
Cause Determined	Inability to swim, failure to wear appropriate life jackets and lack of swimming experience.		
Lessons Learned	Proper PFDs to be fitted for EACH person, understanding risks. ?		
Additional Information			

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="3/1/2014"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="01/14grpresc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Godley Head, Banks Peninsula"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Canterbury"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Press Clipping 03/01/14"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="Group Rescue"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Michael Ricky"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="nil"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="47 and 17"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Christchurch"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="First open sea kayaking experience, previous experience in bays only."/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Strengthening North West winds."/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="Two"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="Worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>		
Description	<p>Two men, Step father and son, set out around Lyttleton Harbour for a fishing trip. Spent the fishing and on the return trip North West winds had picked up, struggling to paddle their boat capsized twice forcing them to seek shelter by pulling into shore. They found a small alcove to take shelter. They had no communication, or flares with them, wearing lifejackets and wet suits they were kept dry in the alcove. The were unable to move in any direction. The pair had not left any intentions with anyone. Michael's wife raised the alarm to SAR services late that night. Sumner Lifeboat coxswain Paul Lawson said two boats were sent out at 4am with spotlights to search for the pair. SAR were able to narrow down the search area based on current wind and current conditions. At 5am the two were found under the Godley Head lighthouse. The SAR team had planned on sending a swimmer to collect the men, but the sea conditions were treacherous. At 6.30am the Westpac Helicopter arrived and winched the pair to safety. SAR Co-ordinator Logan Penrose said that the winch was difficult and long. The pair were checked by Paramedics and did not require anything further.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Search and Rescue"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Failure to check conditions, inadequate experience in open sea kayaking, failure to leave intentions or take communications."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="Check conditions, take adequate equipment ie communications, flares and leave intentions with someone who it able to raise the alarm if required."/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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wife phone for rescue

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="13/1/2014"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="01/14solofatality"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Pouawa, Gisborne"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="East Coast"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="NZ Herald 13/01/14"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="Solo -fatality sea."/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="Jesse Laki Tamatea"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="Drowning"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="25"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Strong off shore conditions"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="Two"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="Not worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Two single kayaks"/>		
Description	<p>Jesse Tamatea and his partner were paddling one kilometre from the shore when they got into difficulty and were blown 600 m out to sea. A 82 year old camper on shore, got in his dinghy rescued the woman and took her back to shore. The boat was only able to carry the woman to shore. Jesse was reported to have fallen out of his kayak. He was not wearing a life jacket. The dinghy was returning to rescue the kayaker when he saw the kayaker disappear beneath the water. Police were alerted at 4.40pm and search operation launched involving surf lifesaving crew, rescue helicopter and another aircraft was launched. The Police National dive team arrived the following morning to search the area. Dive team operations were called off at 3pm when conditions deteriorated. It was resumed the following day. The body was never found.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police, Search and Rescue, Rescue Helicopter, National dive team."/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Inexperience, not wearing PFD, strong off shore conditions"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="Adequate experience to check conditions, assess and mange risk. Wear PFD."/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	14/1/2014	Accident Ref:	01/14grpresc
Location	Lake Waikaremoana	Region	Bay of Plenty
Source	The Gisborne Herald 30/01/2014		
File Category	Group Resc -Lake		
Name of injured or rescued party	Not known	Injuries	Not known
Name of Deceased		Fatality	
Age	unknown, six ,12	From:	Not known
Previous Experience	Not known		
Conditions:	Strong winds		
Number in Party	three	PFD Worn?	not known
Kayak Type	Not known		
Description	A woman and two children on kayaks were unable to paddle back into their campsite due to strong winds, the Department of Conservation launched their boat and rescued the group.		
Authorities Involved	DOC		
Cause Determined	Strong Winds and failure to determine conditions.		
Lessons Learned	Check conditions and be able to assess them according to ability of the group.		
Additional Information			

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="14/1/2014"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="01/14"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Kaiti Beach, Gisborne"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="East Coast"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="The Gisborne Herald 14/01/2014"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="Solo kayak with dogs at sea."/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="Not reported"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value=""/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value=""/>
Age	<input type="text" value="38"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="not known"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="one plus two dogs"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="not known"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Sit on top kayak."/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="38 year old women with two dogs out paddling off Kaiti beach, the craft capsized, the woman's partner swam out to help rescue her and assist her the dogs to the beach. Emergency services were called out to assist but were stood down once it was clear the woman was safe."/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police, Emergency Services"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Sgt Lexmond reported, 'It was the wrong decision to take the dogs out on the kayak.' Lack of experience."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="Be aware of craft limitations and users ability."/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text" value=""/>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="18/1/2014"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="01/14grpresc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Urenui."/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Taranaki"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Taranaki Daily News Online 18/01/2014"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="grp rescue"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="Nil reported"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="not known"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Nil"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="High Winds"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="Four"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="WORN"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="Four primary school aged children set off in kayaks however, were blown north. Two of the boys swam into a nearby bay and their kayaks ended up on another beach further north. The Rescue helicopter winched the four boys out of the bay."/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Rescue Helicopter, Surf Lifesaving."/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="High winds; lack of experience."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="14/02/2014"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="02/14solo -resc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="90 Mile Beach"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Northland"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Emails and phone calls from Kristine"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="solo -rescue -surf"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="John
Kristine"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="Nil reported"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="52 and 50s"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Wellington"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Kristine had limited kayaking experience, while John was more a more experienced paddler."/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Southerly Breeze picked up throughout day and a rising swell."/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="Two"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="WORN"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Fibreglass Sea Kayak"/>		
Description	<p>Kristine and John launched from Takapuna on 23 January and 18 days later reached Cape Reinga Feb 10 2014. After camping there for three days, Kristine was reportedly apprehensive to continue down the coast due to a previous incident at Palliser Bay where she lost all her equipment and was rolled around in the surf. However, they both continued down toward Ahipara against advise from four paddlers that she had asked for advice from regarding this part of the trip. On Feb 14th they started the day at 3am, from Motuopao Island, with the hope of getting to Ahipara that day. Kristine was pushed out by John through the surf, where John was reported to try six times before he was able to get out, apparently damaging his seat in the process. The southerly breeze picked up and the swell lifted. They past Middle Bluff which has a lee landing on the north side which had been used by other paddlers. About half way to Ahipara, after 1214 hours of paddling and some discussion they decided to land. While looking for a place to land and paddling side my side, a wave picked John up and he headed into shore. Kristine remained outside the breakers. There was an issue with the VHF radios and reportedly John could hear Kristine but could not reply. So Kristine with no word from John triggered her EPIRB not wanting a repeat of the Palliser Bay incident. Kristine reported that she was unaware what would occur if she triggered the EPIRB.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Maritime Rescue Coordination, Rescue Helicopter, Fire Service, Police, Surf Lifesaving Crew"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Lack of experience, lack of confidence in ability in surf landings, ceded to pressure from co paddler re continuing against advice from experienced paddlers."/>		
Lessons Learned	<p>continued from description, The Maritime Rescue Coordination centre were alerted and then tasked the Whangarei Helicopter and Fire Service, plus surf RIBS from Ahipara to be dispatched . John had meanwhile stopped a passing vehicle and asked him to contact the Police. Within 30 minutes Kristine and her kayak were brought into the beach by the Surf RIB and Helicopter. No injuries sustained.</p>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried

VHF, EPIRB carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="25/03/2014"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="03/14-grp -resc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Wellington Harbour"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Wellington"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="www.stuff.co.nz 25/03/2014"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="Grp resc-"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Not known"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="Nil reported"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="N/a"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="Nil"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="15 and 16"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Levin"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Students learning to kayak."/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Began with fine conditions, turned to 25 knot headwinds on the return trip."/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="17-seven rescued"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="Worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="single and double kayaks"/>		
Description	<p>15 high school outdoor recreation students plus two teachers were out in Wellington Harbour paddling back from Somes Island to Petone when winds picked up in the afternoon. A teacher called for help using a VHF radio about 12.20pm and Maritime Police found them just before 1pm. They were stuck north of the island due to the 25 knot headwind. Senior Sargent Dave Houston said that, "weather in the harbour was marginal and the group got out of their depth in terms of skill and experience."</p> <p>While some in the group managed to paddle back on their own, seven students were taken aboard the Lady Elizabeth IV, assisted by the Dominion Post Corbar Cat Ferry.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Maritime Police."/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Strengthening Head Winds, Strong currents, and lack of experience in dealing with these situations."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried

VHF radio carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="25/03/2014"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="03/14-Grp-Resc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Mokoia Island, Lake Rotorua"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Bay of Plenty"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Rotorua Daily Post, 25 & 26 /03/2014 -two printed pages in safety file"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="Grp Rescue"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="two males -Not known"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="Taken to Hospital to be checked"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="n/a"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="early 20s"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Australia"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="The pair told Mana Adventures they had experience in kayaking."/>		
Conditions:	<input "we="" an="" and="" around="" be="" before="" choppy,"="" drove="" first="" for="" he="" honest="" hour="" it="" light="" low="" pretty="" reasonably="" said.="" spotted="" them."="" to="" tricky="" type="text" value="Strong southerly winds -Kawarau Jet skipper Nick Kelly said it took at least an hour of searching before they found the pair. " was="" we="" with=""/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="Two 2"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="not known"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="open type (olden days) canoe, according to the jet boat driver"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="Two Australian tourists were rescued from Lake Rotorua after a kayaking trip to Mokoia Island was hit by high winds. The pair, paddled to the island in rented kayaks. They were on their return trip when their kayaks took on water and sank. They were in the water for two hours before they were rescued. The Kawarau Jet, neighbours of the rented kayaks, Mana Adventures, went out searching when they had not returned by the return time of 4pm. They were rescued by the Kawarau Jet after the Jet drove around for an hour searching in choppy conditions and brought back to the shore by 6pm. The Coast Guard was paged at two minutes to six and were down at the shed at 6.10pm. They were not required at this point. However, did state that they should have been notified earlier as they are the National Rescue Unit."/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police, Kawarau Jet, Rotorua Coastguard"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Lack of local experience, and knowledge, Strong southerly conditions"/> <input 5pm="" a="" after="" at="" been="" boats="" closes="" coastguard="" could="" different="" don't="" for="" have="" having="" if="" it="" jet="" kawarau="" know="" like="" out="" outcome.="" so="" that."="" the="" type="text" value="Mana Adventures owner, Donna Solomon, said Kawarau Jet, their neighbours at the lake front, were their standby rescuers in case anyone was late returning. She said she asked them to search for the pair when they weren't back by their due time of 4 pm. " waited="" we="" we'd=""/> <input type="text" value="She said the pair had told her they had experience kayaking and they wanted to get to the island, which is about 5 kms from the Lakefront."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input a="" against="" an="" and="" as="" back="" but="" confident="" could="" eye="" found="" heading="" island="" it="" it.="" kawaha="" kept="" long="" made="" make="" of="" on="" out.="" point."="" said="" she="" side="" that's="" the="" them="" they="" they'd="" to="" told="" towards="" type="text" us="" value="Solomon, said, 'She said the pair had told her they had experience kayaking and they wanted to get to the island, which is about 5 kms from the lake front. " was="" way="" we="" went="" were="" west="" where="" wind="" wrong.'"=""/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text" value="http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11226232 and a follow-up about the CG not having 'sold' its services very well: http://www.nzherald.co.nz/rotorua-daily-post/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503438&objectid=11226776&ref=rss Here's Mana's own website: http://www.manaadventures.co.nz/default.asp"/>		

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="20/4/2014"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="04/14"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Motunau Beach"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="North Canterbury"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="The Journal of the KASK Inc No 170 AprilMay 2014; The Press PC 20/04/14 and 22/04/14"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="solofesc"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Phillip Cartier"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="None reported"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="19 -male"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Germany"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="seven years kayaking experience plus white water skills."/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Forecast conditions that Phillip would have seen: Northerly 25 knot but 15 knots south of Kaikoura, becoming north west 20 knots everywhere in the evening. Rough sea in the north easing. North East swell 2 m. Updated Later, Phillip did not see: Gale Warning in Force rising to 35 knots for a time."/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="one"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Prijon Kodiak"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="Phillip was heading part way through a trip down the eastern coast of the South Island. On the morning of Sunday, 20 April Phillip decided not to launch at Conway Flat due to the dumping surf and was give a lift to Gore Bay prepared to travel down to Motunau 30 km away. He was Averaging 6 kph. He was wearing two thermal tops, a pair of thermal pants with lightweight pants over top, with a pair of water shoes. He was not wearing a waterproof jacket, his inflatable PFD had a SPOT messenger attached and a waterproof case on the front held a small light. Before leaving he checked the MetService weather, plus swell conditions on his Smartphone plus a Norway based weather service. He launched at 10am into reportedly a 1.9 meter swell and light south west wind. At about 3pm as he neared Motunau he realised he was about 3.5 km offshore. Usually only 2 km offshore, the wind was blowing him offshore. He was making no headway into the offshore wind. At 6pm he had made no headway, he activated his SPOT using the SOS function, this essentially got picked up by Rescue Coördination Centre in Wellington who then tasked Police SAR and Westpac Helicopter. The only information they held was the location. They were unaware of the type of vessel that was in trouble. The paramedic crew were also trained in water rescue. They used night vision goggles (NVG) to search. Helicopter located Phillip."/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police, Rescue Helicopter, Rescue Coördination Centre"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Strong winds and currents. Lack of local knowledge regarding currents and winds."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="continued from description, The helo directed Motunau fishing boat to pick up Phillip and his kayak. Detailed four page report pages eight to 11 Journal of KASK No 170."/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried

Spot carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	3/5/2014		Accident Ref:	05/14grpresc	
Location	Motu River, Opotiki			Region	Bay of Plenty
Source	New Zealand News 03/05/14				
File Category	Grp Resc-river				
Name of injured or rescued party	Not known		Injuries	Nil Reported	
Name of Deceased			Fatality		
Age	Not known		From:	Not known	
Previous Experience	Not known				
Conditions:	difficult conditions and strong currents reported.				
Number in Party	two		PFD Worn?	yes	
Kayak Type	river kayaks				
Description	Two men were dragging their kayaks through the Motu River, when one of them slipped and was left clinging to a rock. The kayaks and gear were lost in the difficult conditions and strong currents. They triggered the emergency beacons which they were carrying on their bodies and were rescued by the Greenslea Rescue Helicopter				
Authorities Involved	Police, Maritime Rescue, Rescue Helicopter				
Cause Determined	Difficult conditions				
Lessons Learned	Carry Locator beacons on the paddler.				
Additional Information					

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Comms Carried

PLBs carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="9/6/2014"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="6/14solorescue"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Marsden Point, Whangarei"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Northland"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Press clipping, 10/6/14"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="solo, rescue"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="not stated"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="none noted"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value=""/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value=""/>
Age	<input type="text" value="62 -male"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Reotahi, Whangarei"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="not known"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="rough seas; weather warning in place for Northland with heavy rain, gale force winds and atrocious conditions on the water"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="1 -solo"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="not known"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="not known"/>		
Description	<p>The 62 year old male left work at the Marsden Point Refinery about 6.30pm to kayak across Whangarei Harbour to his home in Reotahi (police said). When he had not arrived home at 9.20pm, police were alerted and a search launched using the Whangarei Coastguard and Northland Emergency Services Trust helicopter. About 1am on 10 June, the man was located about 1.5 km off the coast near Ruakaka Beach.</p> <p>Northland Police S&R's senior sergeant Cliff Metcalfe said the actions of the man were bordering on 'stupid' and he placed rescuers lives as risk. "There was already a weather warning in place Mr Metcalfe said the man was pushed out of the harbour by the strong wind and outgoing currents, and he was extremely lucky to be found.</p> <p>He was found after more than six hours in rough seas.</p> <p>'The incident was a reminder that people needed to check the weather conditions before they go out in a boat. People also need to take some form of communication, such as a cellphone or marine radio so they can let others know if they get into trouble.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Whangarei Coastguard, police, Northland Emergency Services Trust helicopter."/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Inability to assess wind and outgoing tidal stream conditions. This man was fortunate to have a friend who called in a rescue at 9.20pm."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="check the weather
check tidal stream direction and strength
carry two forms of emergency marine comms"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text" value=""/>		

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Comms Carried not carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="11/7/2014"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="7/14 soloresc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Taranaki coast, 74 kms off Cape Egmont"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Taranaki"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Chch Press, 12 July"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="solo resuce"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Scott Donaldson"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="bruising"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="44 -male"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Rotorua"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="easterly winds and seas"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="1 solo"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="yes"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="purpose built 'kayak' with enclosed pod on foredeck"/>		
Description	<p>Scott left Coffs Harbour, NSW, on 19 April 2014, for a 3rd attempt at crossing to NZ After sighting Mt Egmont, Scott spent six days hunkered down in the craft's cabin, drifting before strong easterly winds. After 84 days at sea, unable to change a battery (for communication) and problems with a rudder, he called for a rescue.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Taranaki rescue helicopter, winch rescue"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried Yes

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	27/7/2014		Accident Ref:	7/14grp resc	
Location	Waikato River		Region	Waikato	
Source	28/7/14 Grey star				
File Category	group rescue, canoe				
Name of injured or rescued party	not stated	Injuries	nil		
Name of Deceased		Fatality			
Age	father and son	From:	Waikato?		
Previous Experience					
Conditions:					
Number in Party	2 two		PFD Worn?	Both men wore PFDs	
Kayak Type	Canadian canoe				
Description	<p>Police were called 3pm by members of the public, when cries for help were heard by bike riders on Maugataurai Road, near Cambridge. Unable to access the stranded father and son, paddling a Canadian Canoe, the police arrived and found the pair on the Waikato River bank, north of Cambridge in an inaccessible location.</p> <p>The Waikato River harbourmaster was called from Hamilton to assist and rescued both men along with their Canadian canoe.</p> <p>Both men were wearing lifejackets and although cold and wet, they were uninjured.</p>				
Authorities Involved	Police, Waikato River Harbourmaster				
Cause Determined	Inexperience?				
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information					

Compiled 25/11/14

Comms Carried not carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="31/8/2014"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="8/14"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Mapua Estuary"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Nelson"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Nelson Mail 2/9/14"/>		
File Category	<input type="text"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="father, mother and 13 year old daughter"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="nil"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text"/>	From:	<input type="text"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="3 -three"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="All three wearing PFDs"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="single kayaks"/>		
Description	<p>A father, mother and 13 year old daughter were returning to Mapua after kayaking around Rabbit Island when they got into difficulty in the Mapua Channel's strong outgoing tide in the Waimea Inlet. Just before 3pm, the mother tipped out of her single kayak and was being washed out to sea. The father who was also being swept out to sea in his single kayak, called police on his cellphone. Meanwhile the daughter capsized and swam to shore to raise the alarm. CG Nelson were contacted by police and the CG vessel picked up the father about 2 kms from shore, just outside the estuary and the mother was picked up by the Mapua ferry.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Coastguard Nelson, police, Mapua ferry,"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Inexperience with tidal conditions in the Mapua Channel. Lack of paddling/rescue experience"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="The father's cellphone allowed for a prompt rescue response."/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		
Compiled	Comms Carried	<input type="text" value="cellphone carried and used to call for rescue"/>	

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="22/10/2014"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="10/14solofesc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Pukerua Bay, Wellington West Coast"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Wellington"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="24/10/14 Stuff website link -Kayaker rushed to hospital after capsizing"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="solo rescue"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="not known"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="treated at Wellington hospital for hypothermia"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="50s -male"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Pukerua Bay (NZ)"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="13°C sea temperature; conditions were good (police unsure of why the capsize happened)"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="1 -solo"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="kayak -nothing else noted"/>		
Description	<p>The man is his 50s fell out of his kayak at midday, capsizing about 300 m off the Mana coastline. When he realized he couldn't re-enter the kayak, he called 111 using a cellphone wrapped in a plastic which he had in a lifejacket pocket. After about 2 minutes police lost contact with the man. The kayaker then called his wife and asked her to phone for help.</p> <p>Kapiti CG and the rescue helicopter head out to search for him. While they were on their way, a local in a runabout heard the marine radio channel call for help. This local managed to find the paddler and rescue him. Three men in the runabout who found him were divers, diving off Pukerua Bay when they heard the radio rescue call.</p> <p>The Paraparaumu rescue vessel rendezvoused with the divers, and took the man and his kayak to the Mana Marina.</p> <p>'He didn't seem to be in the best of health. If he'd been in the seas for another hour, he'd have been in trouble. He had swallowed a lot of water.'</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police, CG vessel, rescue helicopter"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="PFD worn, and capsized paddler used plastic bag wrapped cellphone to call for help, ie comms were carried."/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried Cellphone in plastic bag

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="22/10/2014"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="searescsolo"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Pukerua Bay"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Wellington"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="22/10/14 web"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="solo kayaker rescue"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="male paddler 50s"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="swallowed a lot of water; taken to Wellington hospital for treatment for hypothermia."/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="50s"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Pukerua Bay, Wgtn"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="capsize into 13°C seas, 300m off the Mana Coastline"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="1 solo"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="PFD worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="not known"/>		
Description	<p>Male capsized at midday off Pukerua Bay, 300m offshore, unable to get back into his kayak, called 111 from a cellphone wrapped in a plastic bag, that he had in his lifejacket pocket, and told police he was in trouble.. He also phoned his wife; Westpac helo and Kaptiti CG set out, and a local runabout with local divers, who heard a marine radio channel call for help. The man lost contact as he became fatigued.</p> <p>Conditions were good. Paraparamu CG rendezvoused with the divers and took the man and his kayak to Mana marina. Praised by police for wearing a PFD and carrying means of comms but police were unsure of how the capsize happened</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Westpac helo, police, CG, local divers in a boat"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="Vital to wear a PFD and carry emergency comms."/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="21/12/2014"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Papamoa Beach, Bay of Plenty"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Bay of Plenty"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="NZ Herald; PC press clippings"/>		
File Category	<input type="text"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="no names"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="male going purple and coughing a lot; but neither father nor daughter were admitted to hospital"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="50s / 18"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="not known"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="not known"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Not especially bad, but rips had become particularly dangerous along this stretch of beach"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="2 -two"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="male not wearing PFD"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="two person kayak or sit on top"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="Just after lunch on Sunday, a kayak flipped in surf, near Grant Place, 4 kms from Papamoa SLSC Man in his 50s, and daughter 18, thrown into the water, swiftly being pulled out to sea by a rip; Johann Coulson, aged 12, went to the rescue with his surfboard; he rescued the man who was not wearing a lifejacket, was struggling to breathe, about 40 m from shore. Johann helped the man grab the rear of his surfboard and he paddled into the beach; meanwhile a passing runner swam out and rescued the daughter who was wearing a lifejacket."/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Papamoa surf lifesaving club"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="inexperience; male not wearing a PFD. No comms carried."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	22/12/2014		Accident Ref:	
Location	Lake Taupo near Turangi		Region	Waikato
Source	NZ Herald			
File Category	Fatality, lake, heart attack presumed			
Name of injured or rescued party	no name	Injuries		
Name of Deceased		Fatality	Presumed heart attack and drowning	
Age	51	From:	Turangi	
Previous Experience	not known			
Conditions:	not known			
Number in Party	1	PFD Worn?	not known	
Kayak Type	not known			
Description	<p>Man was pulled from the water, Lake Taupo, about 3pm; emergency services were unable to resuscitate him. Policeman said the drowning is believed to have happened near the Tokaanu water sports centre.</p> <p>One media report states man towing a kayak.</p>			
Authorities Involved				
Cause Determined	Heart attack presume, subject to post morte.			
Lessons Learned				
Additional Information				

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="7/1/2015"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="FataleseaSUP"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Whangamata"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Waikato"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Chch Press, Gr Star"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="Fatality, sea, solo"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="Aime Louise Russell"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="Swept under moored yacht; drowning"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="15"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Waikato"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="very little assumed"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="strong outgoing tidal stream, daytime, light wind"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="2 on one paddle board (SUP)"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="bum bag inflatable"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="SUP (stand up paddle board)"/>		
Description	<p>Two people on one SUP on the Whangamata Harbour, were caught in a strong outgoing current at about 2pm and the SUP was swept under a yacht moored to a pylon. One person jumped clear and Russell was submerged for several minutes.</p> <p>Her friend pulled her free, got her onto a paddle board and a passing boat helped bring Russell to shore. St John staff, firefighters and police did CPR, got a pulse, stabilized her enough to get her into an ambulance but she died en route to hospital.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="police, St Johns, Fire service"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="10/1/2015"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="rescue-sea"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Eastbourne"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Wellington"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Grey Stat"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="sea rescue"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="mild hypothermia to 38 year old woman"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="38"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Wellington?"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="not known"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="strong northwesterly wind"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="two (2)"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="PFD worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="not known"/>		
Description	<p>38 year old mother, with her daughter, fell out of her kayak and could not make the 100 m swim to shore so she clung to a buoy, while her daughter raised the alarm (paddled to shore?) Maritime police organized a marine broadcast on the emergency channel and then members of the Muratai Yacht club put their rescue boat in the water and rescued the woman. She was in the water for 40 minutes.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Maritime police, Muratai yacht club"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="10/1/2015"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="grp fatality"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Bark Bay, Abel Tasman National Park"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Tasman Bay"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Grey Star and Press clippings"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="medical event/fatality in sea kayak"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="not known"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="jellyfish sting thought to have caused heart attack"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="30"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="England"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="not known, presumed novice"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="settled ?"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="tourist group"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="PFD worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="sea kayak?"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="A tourist collapsed, while kayaking in the Abel Tasman National Park, and died. Appears to have been stung by a jellyfish and cause of death was a heart attack."/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="?"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="heart attack?"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried assumed carried with guide

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="20/2/2015"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="fatalitysolosea"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Waiau River bar, Te Waewae Bay, Southland"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Southland"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Chch Press, Grey Star, Southland Times"/>		
File Category	<input type="text"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="Paul Horrell"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="drowning"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="51"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Arrowtown"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="said to be experienced on lake for hunting and fishing but this was his first time on the Waiau River."/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Outgoing tide, strong SSW onshore choppy sea conditions swift outgoing movement of the river with an ebb tide"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="Solo 1"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="PFD worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Minnow, 3m long Perception kayak; big cockpit, no buoyancy"/>		
Description	<p>Paul joined his mates at a crib on the Waiau River, for hunting and fishing. After lunch, about 3pm, he said to his mates he was going for another paddle. He was wearing gumboots when he left. At that time, in Te Waewae Bay, a strong SSW was blowing, creating a rough chop, and the tide was ebbing. Thus increasing the river flow over the bar. Noted that the water speed over the bar would have been deceptively strong. Inferred that Paul had either capsized on the river, not far upstream of the river bar, and was swept out to sea with an outgoing tide, onto choppy SSW conditions on Te Waewae Bay. When last seen, he was wearing jeans, black sweatshirt and gumboots. When found, 300m east of confluence of river and Te Waewae Bar, his body was bare foot with his kayak close by, wearing a HutchWilco buoyancy vest. No alcohol or drugs were found with the autopsy.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police"/>		
Cause Determined	<p>capsize on river and swept over river bar to sea in a 3m long recreational kayak. Inferred no sea paddling experience. Inadequate clothing and footwear worn for immersion Inferred no emergency comms. carried.</p>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried Inferred NO

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	22/2/2015		Accident Ref:	fatlaity -solo Med. event	
Location	Tauranga Bay, south of Westport			Region	West Coast
Source	Grey Star and Press; PC press clippings; Nick Keen Westport Police				
File Category					
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries			
Name of Deceased	Christopher Black	Fatality	Heart attack, initially, followed by drowning		
Age	51	From:	Westport		
Previous Experience	not known				
Conditions:	settled				
Number in Party	1 one 1	PFD Worn?	Yes		
Kayak Type	plastic recreational kayak, approx. 3m long, large cockpit				
Description	Christopher was fishing from a 3 m rec. kayak, approx. 30 m from shore. He had been long lining for three hours in the Tauranga Bay, when he was observed to have capsized. He was found face down in the water, approx. 5pm about 30m offshore.				
Authorities Involved	Police, off duty doctor, emergency services				
Cause Determined	heart attack, capsize and drowning				
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information					

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Comms Carried assumed nil

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="25/2/2015"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="grp rescue"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Lyttleton Harbour"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Canterbury"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Chch Press"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="group rescue in the harbour"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text"/>	From:	<input type="text"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="group blown off course by southerly winds"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="3 (three)"/>	PFD Worn?	
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="sea kayaks?"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="Three kayakers were blown off course by a southerly wind change, and swept north to Lyttleton Head, when a witness on shore called police about 3pm. Westpac helo and Canterbury CG were dispatched. One kayaker was pulled from the water by the Quail Island ferry and two others were rescued by the CG."/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Westpac helo, police, CG"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="4/4/2015"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="rescuesolosea"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Wairarapa Coast; Ocean Beach, west end Paliser Bay"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Wellington"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Stuff"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="solo inflatable rescue wild sea conditions"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="female"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="25"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Masterton"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="not experienced"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="strong offshore northerly winds; the NW is pretty viscous"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="1 solo woman"/>	PFD Worn?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="inflatable"/>		
Description	<p>Young woman went out on her mother-in-law's inflatable kayak to check a craypot, 500 m off the coast off Ocean Beach, when the powerful NW wind dragged her 2.5 kms offshore. Large waves almost tipped her out twice, and the kayak began to fill with water. She kept the boat going forward into the wind and made sure she didn't fall out. She hoped that family members on the beach knew of her predicament and would raise the alarm. Shortly after 11.30am, she spotted the Westpac Rescue helo coming to her rescue, followed closely by the Police launch Lady Elizabeth IV, which was battling gusts of up to 128 kph. "I just tried to paddle up to them and they just pulled me up and in."</p> <p>Emergency services were called out after the woman was spotted in distress about 2.5 kms off Ocean Beach. She had a lifejacket on but was struggling against the wind. Woman was taken to Wellington on the police boat, which battled 'bloody awful winds'</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police, rescue helicopter"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="inexperience; stupid woman going out in offshore conditions"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried No

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	4/4/2015		Accident Ref:	fatalitylakesolo	
Location	Lake Coleridge, 100m from the power station			Region	Canterbury
Source	Chch Press, Grey Star,				
File Category					
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries			
Name of Deceased	Hamish Duncan	Fatality	assumed drowning body not recovered		
Age	20	From:	family from Hastings		
Previous Experience	assumed novice paddler				
Conditions:	choppy lake surface, weather deteriorated later;				
Number in Party	1 -solo		PFD Worn?	Not worn	
Kayak Type					
Description	<p>A trainee soldier was seen falling out of his kayak and was struggling to stay afloat. A member of the public saw the man fall from his kayak about 4.40pm on Saturday and called Police. The caller thought the paddler was about 150 to 200 m offshore and said he was struggling to stay afloat. A rescue helo arrived about 5.15pm to search by which time the man was out of view. Search and rescue teams and teams have been searching where he was last seen but to no avail.</p> <p>To date (10 May 2015) no body has been recovered.</p>				
Authorities Involved	Police, dive squad				
Cause Determined	inexperience				
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information					

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="7/4/2015"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="grprescsea"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Taieri River Mouth, Otago"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Otago"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Media ODT, Grey Stat and Press"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="group rescue at sea"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="hypothermia
both flown to Dunedin hospital"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="both 26 years old"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Balclutha"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="not known"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="day was fine until a southerly blew threw and that is what caught them out"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="2 tow"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="double"/>		
Description	<p>Two men were plucked from rough seas near Taieri Island, after clinging for hours to an upturned kayak. The 26 year olds from Balclutha were winched aboard the Otaga Regional helo about 5pm after spending nearly four hours in the water. Helo owner said the pair were extremely lucky to be found as they were drifting about 1 km south of Taieri Island; sea conditions were choppy with a southerly blowing blowing about 30 knots and their kayak was completely sunk, making it extremely difficult to spot.</p> <p>The wife of one of the paddlers raised the alarm when the men failed to make contact. Police started a water search but decided the helo was necessary because of the approaching weather.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police, rescue helo, hospital"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="3/5/2015"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="fatalitysurfsit on top"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Muriwai Beach, west coast of Auckland"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Auckland"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Press clippings, emails"/>		
File Category	<input type="text"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="Dean Mitchell"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="Drowning"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="51"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Glenfield, Auckland"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="not known"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="rough seas, large surf,"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="one (1)"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="Not worn"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="sit on top"/>		
Description	<p>Mitchell was kayaking about 100 m offshore on a sit on top kayak when a large wave knocked him into the water. Police said said a number of powerful waves continued to hit the man separating him from his kayak. Woman who was surfing nearby alerted a family on the beach who contacted emergency services.</p> <p>Police, Westpac helo, CG, and Muriwai surf rescue conducted a search for Mitchell whose body was found about 3.20pm</p> <p>The inquest officer, Paul Herman does not know any more details about the man's paddling experience, and other details -however the kayak was an Ocean Kayak sit on top boat with handles on front and no decklines and no visible leashes (for paddle / foot). He does not know which Ocean Kayak boat it was – but it had moulded seat and and the SOT was made of plastic. (email from Tim Muhundan 6.5.15)</p> <p>Dean Mitchell was wearing a wetsuit but no PFD</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="police, rescue helo, CG Muriwai surfclub"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="30/5/2015"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="5/15grpresc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="half a kilometre offshore from Rangitoto Is"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Auckland"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Grey Star 2/6/15; PC press clipping files"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="grp rescue by CG of delirious female kayaker from a Ferg's kayak tour"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="not known"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="checked at Auckland city hospital but left 'under her own steam."/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="19"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="USA"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="not known; assumed novice paddler"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="not known"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="tour group with Ferg's Kayaks guide"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="assumed Yes"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="?"/>		
Description	<p>A young 19 year old from USA was rescued by CG Sat. 30 May after she became mildly hypothermic' on a guided trip to Rangitoto Is. With a group of fellow university students and teachers, when tour guide noticed she was delirious 6 kms out from shore. She seemed to perk up but then went into more of a delirium CG called and took the 19 yr old back to the mainland where she was assessed by a paramedic. Then taken to Auckland City hospital.</p> <p>CG duty officer noted 'She was conscious but unable to paddle which is why the decision was made to bring her to shore quickly. She was not alert and in a lowered level of consciousness.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="CG"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Was this sea sickness?"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried Yes

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="6/07/2015"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Waiotahi Beach, near Opotoki, E Bay of Plenty"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Bay of Plenty"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="NZ Herald; Grey Star clippings, web"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="solo, fishing, fatality"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="Graeme Allan WhiriTai"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="Drowning"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="21"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Whakatane"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="described as rough; on shore winds"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="One, solo,"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="No"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="red single SOT"/>		
Description	<p>21 year old man fell from his kayak in the eastern Bay of Plenty. An Opotoki woman saw a kayaker paddling out in rough water just after lunch. She thought conditions were a bit rough. The man was not wearing a lifejacket. Police and CG searched the area after being alerted by family members at 1pm Eastern Bay of Plenty police rural police rural response manager Mark van der Kley told the Whakatane Beacon the man's kayak was brought in by the waves 'almost immediately'. His body was found near the shore by a friend about 1km from where he disappeared from at Waitotahi Beach in Opotoki.</p> <p>The man was wearing only shorts and a T shirt.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police, CG, helicopter, family"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="No PFD, no emergency comms, not dressed for immersion"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried No

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="25/09/2015"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="Double drowning/Lake"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Lake Tekapo"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Canterbury"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Press clippings; 29 Sept+; web reports"/>		
File Category	<input type="text"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text" value="James Murphy, London"/> <input type="text" value="Daniel Hollnsteiner, New York"/>	Fatality	<input type="text" value="Both young men drowned"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="20, 21"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="GB and USA"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="assumed no prior paddling experience"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Gusty 20 - 25 knot southeasterly. A light 10 kph southeast wind in Tekapo picked up after midday. Between 1 and 5 pm, the wind gradually increased , ranging from 30 -43 kph. The Metservice forecast (including Lake Tekapo) was for increasing SE wind"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="11 (eleven)"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="three plastic doubles and 5 single plastic kayaks"/>		
Description	<input type="text" value="Approx. 2pm Friday, 25 September 2015, 11 Monash university students hired kayaks from Lake Tekapo hire company AquaNorts, and head unguided onto the lake with calm conditions. They kayaked uninstructed under a 'freedom hire' purchase. Aquanorts was run by Kylee Smith and her partner Ricky Harnett. About 3.20pm Aquanorts become concerned about the group as wind strength on the lake increases. Smith claims a strong easterly wind whipped up the calm lake in 15 - 20 minutes. Smith claimed it was a freak wind! They did not call emergency services till 4.31pm; 50 mins after the weather changed. Police noted five of the group capsized, including Murphy and Hollnsteiner. The other six paddlers reached Motuariki Is and lit a fire to attract a rescue. (Why were no emergency comms carried; VHF radio, flares, cellphones, PLBs?) Tekapo helicopters rescued three near Lake McGregor. Tekapo helicopters rescued all 11 paddlers, including the two deceased. James Murphy reached Motuariki Is safely but went back into the lake to save a friend. Distance Tekapo-island-Tekapo about 15 km, probably 4 hours paddle."/>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police, rescue helicopter,"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="The kayak hire business AquaNorts claimed the 'freedom hire' purchase group were outside the recommended paddling area. Also not to paddle to Motuariki Is because of the distance 'from the boatshed'. Kylee Smith, claimed it was a freak wind that cut up Lake Tekapo."/> <input type="text" value="Cause of the two young men drowning has to be lack of emergency communications carried by the Group. (???) One lass was picked up walking along the lake shore to seek help, while those who reached the island lit a fire to attract help. Aquanorts should have provided flares; perhaps a VHF radio? (cellphone reception unknown)"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="It is apparent the weather change took the kayak hire company by surprise, although the southerly increase was forecast. The company should have ensured that at least two forms of emergency comms were carried by the group. (Were cellphones carried? Is there reception on the lake?"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="26/10/2015"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="10/15grp resc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Wellington Harbour; 200m from Matui Somes Is"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Wellington"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Web"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="Grp rescue"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="not known"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="nil"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Wellington ?"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="wind whipped up choppy seas"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="3 (three)"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="no"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="SOTs"/>		
Description	<p>The East by West ferry diverted course Monday afternoon to save a trio of kayakers who got into trouble about 200 m from Matiu Somes Is. The ferry picked up the kayakers and dropped them at the island after one man fell off his SOT and could not get back on. The man was gripping the stern of his friend's SOT, as a cold wind whipped choppy seas around them. Another paddler, who had lost his paddler was attempting to get himself to the island using his hands. Seeing their plight, the ferry went to their rescue and pulled the wet and cold kayakers aboard.</p> <p>A witness said the same ferry had approached the three kayakers earlier to see if they wanted help while it was on its way to Petone, but they were waved off.</p> <p>Ferry skipper Brandon Leask said he was piloting the ferry away from Petone wharf towards Matui-Somes when he spotted two people on one kayak. "One of them had fallen off and was hanging onto the back of a second kayak. With their paddles drifting away, they were hauled onto the ferry. "The guy in the water had been quite a long time and only had a T shirt and shorts on, so he would have been getting cold.</p> <p>The two soon got back in the water to join their mate on the island; to catch the next ferry home.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Commercial Wellington ferry"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="The ferry skipper noted there was probably a bit of inexperience and they didn't look at the forecast."/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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Comms Carried obviously not

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="14/11/2015"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="11/15solorescue"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Wellington Harbour entrance"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Wellington"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Web; Dom Post 15/11/15; press clipping files"/>		
File Category	<input type="text"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Craig Lanceley"/>	Injuries	<input type="text"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="32"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Carterton"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="cool windy conditions"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="1 (One) solo"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="Yes but taken off"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="sitentop green colour Predator \$3,000 value"/>		
Description	<p>Watched by friends, he had paddled out at about 1pm on Saturday from Tarakena Bay at Moa Point before a series of mistakes in cool, windy conditions nearly put a tragic end to his first kayak trip. "I got overconfident and went further than I should have... even on a nice day, I was pushing my luck," the Carterton plant nursery worker said. "It was just utter stupidity."</p> <p>The launch point was sheltered but as soon as he got around Moa Point, large breaking waves flipped the boat. Unable to get back aboard because of the pummelling waves, he signalled for help with his paddle but he was too far away for his friends to see.</p> <p>Pulled toward the open ocean by the kayak, he decided to let go and swim for the Moa Point rocks nearby. But waterlogged shirts underneath his lifejacket dragged him down, so he took off the life-jacket to remove them, but then realised he was unable to put the life jacket back on because of the waves. Desperately looking for instructions, he spotted its label: "Do not remove life jacket under any circumstances." "I was just like, I'm gone."</p> <p>He battled the current for half an hour, clinging to the jacket and trying to side-paddle back to the beach, before deciding to make for Pencarrow Head lighthouse, visible on the opposite side of the harbour.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Maritime police; rescue helicopter; Wellington CG"/>		
Cause Determined	<p>He swam for two hours and got close enough to hear the surf before running out of strength as the cold water took its toll.</p> <p>By then his friends, including the owner of the \$3000 kayak, had notified emergency services. About 5pm, Lanceley saw the Westpac rescue helicopter in the distance, but felt he had not been seen and was ready to give up when the winchline appeared. Maritime police constable Rob Grant said police were notified at about 2.30pm of a missing kayaker. Lanceley was "very, very lucky" to be found, he said.</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>By the time he was discovered, the search operation had grown to include maritime police, the rescue helicopter, Wellington coastguard and Wellington Airport emergency services. Helicopter crewman Logan Taylor said the four member crew was searching for about 20 minutes before they spotted Lanceley.</p> <p>A trained Wellington Free Ambulance paramedic in a wetsuit was lowered to the water and harnessed Lanceley, before they were both winched to safety.</p> <p>The helicopter flew him back to base and he was taken to Wellington Hospital, but was discharged a few hours later. Lanceley was grateful to all those who helped save his life, and hoped his mistakes would be a lesson for others.</p>		
Additional Information	<p>"I feel irresponsible... I've got a lot more respect for the ocean."</p> <p>Maritime police had recovered the kayak and returned it to his friend.</p> <p>He was a bit sore and bruised, but hoped to be back at work on Monday.</p> <p>"I feel like I've cheated death but... it was horrible. It's not something I'm proud of."</p>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="9/12/2015"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="one kilometre offshore from Bell Block, New Plymouth"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Taranaki"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="web"/>		
File Category	<input type="text"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="not known"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="none"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="40"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Taranaki?"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="not known; implied wind and current prevented the man from returning to shore"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text"/>		
Description	<p>9 December, 11.55am, police were alerted to a kayaker who had capsized approx. one km offshore from Bell Block, New Plymouth. Police contacted CG and the rescue helo. The helo arrived, dropped a crew member into the water, and with the paddler was winched up to the helo. The 40 year old man was wearing a lifejacket but not a wetsuit. He thought his kayak was sinking. He claimed waves and current prevented him from returning to land. The man reportedly called emergency services himself after finding a hole in the bottom of his kayak and tipping out. He had a cellphone with him when dropped off a the beach by the helo. 'The bloke who was in the water had a lifejacket on (and) was still holding on to is kayak'.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Police, CG, Taranaki Rescue helicopter"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text" value="Lucky the paddler had a cellphone"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="19/12/2015"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="12/15double resc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Waikato River mouth"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Waikato"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="NZ Herald 19/12/15"/>		
File Category	<input type="text"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="none"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text"/>	From:	<input type="text"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text"/>	PFD Worn?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="double kayak"/>		
Description	<p>Two people have been rescued from the Waikato River after their kayak sank just before noon. The pair were drifting towards the river mouth, and firefighters commandeered a private boat to reach them opposite the Waiuku Forest. The Coastguard also launched a vessel in a rescue operation that the police and ambulance service also attended.</p> <p>"Someone on the shore called it in after they noticed the kayak had sunk and the people were in trouble," a Fire Service spokesman said. "A significant rescue operation was immediately put in place."</p> <p>It is believed the two people were wearing lifejackets. Back on shore, they were assessed by ambulance staff to determine if further medical attention was necessary.</p> <p>"By all accounts it could have been a very serious situation for the kayakers and it was fortunate they had lifejackets on," the Fire Service spokesman said. "The firefighters lifted them out of the water and they were suffering from mild hypothermia."</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="Fire Service; CG; private boat commandeered"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text" value="more info required"/>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="24/12/2015"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="12/15 -grp/resc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="1.5 kms of Waiiti Beach, end of Pukearuhe Rd"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="Taranaki"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="web"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="group; one paddler rescued by helicopter; SOT kayak fishing"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Mike Finch"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="nil"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Taranaki"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="choppy"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="5 (five)"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="Sit on tops"/>		
Description	<p>VHF distress call made to CG about 8am on 24 Dec. from a group of SOT kayakers, 1.5kms off Waiiti Beach, at the end of Pukearuhe Rd, Nth Taranaki. CG alerted police. Two of the paddlers stayed with the paddler while the other two returned to shore towing the empty SOT. The Taranaki rescue helicopter was tasked, and having located the man in the water, winched him to safety. All the paddlers were wearing wetsuits and lifejackets. The last two paddlers took two hours to paddle back to shore. Mike Winch was taken to Taranaki Base hospital to be assessed but suffered no injury.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text"/>		
Cause Determined	<p>In a TV news clip, Mike Finch stated: 'One of the seals (hatch) in the middle of the kayak, I hadn't put it on properly. I put it on slightly askew and because the sea was a bit choppy, water was coming in. By the time I realized I was losing a bit of control I decided to head back in, and told the boys. Then when I capsized, there was no coming back from it.</p>		
Lessons Learned	<p>Value of carrying a VHF radio. The need to ensure hatch covers are securely fastened.</p>		
Additional Information	<input type="text"/>		
Compiled	<input type="text" value="4/1/16"/>	Comms Carried	<input type="text" value="Yes. VHF radio"/>

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	22/1/2016		Accident Ref:	1/16 -grp/resc	
Location	Whakatane		Region	Bay of Plenty	
Source	Grey Star				
File Category	Group Rescue waka ama				
Name of injured or rescued party		Injuries	One person taken to hospital		
Name of Deceased		Fatality			
Age	Unknown	From:	Whakatane		
Previous Experience					
Conditions:	Swell from the tropical cyclone was hammering the area. Rough conditions on river bar				
Number in Party	Unknown		PFD Worn?	Unknown	
Kayak Type					
Description	<p>Surfers plucked paddlers to safety in a dramatic water rescue when a waka ama capsized crossing the Whakatane bar this morning. Those on board were believed to be undertaking navigation practice at the time, were pulled from the water. St John Ambulance said one person was taken to Whakatane hospital for treatment.</p> <p>Eye witnesses who arrived early for a fishing tournament, cancelled because of rough conditions, described the vessel riding a massive wave when it suddenly rolled. Recreational surfers who were nearby, immediately raced to the aide of the stricken paddlers, pulled them onto their boards and brought them to shore. One paddler was picked up by the Coastguard vessel.</p> <p>The waka ama attempted to get over the bar and unfortunately there have been a number of large waves and it pulled them up from behind and tipped them up. A mayday call went out immediately and Coastguard and the harbour master raced to the scene but struggled to get close because of rough seas.</p> <p>The stricken craft is beached upside down on Wairaka Rock at the mouth of the Whakatane river.</p>				
Authorities Involved	Coastguard, St John Ambulance				
Cause Determined	Conditions too rough for waka ama to cross the bar.				
Lessons Learned					
Additional Information					
Compiled	19/8/16		Comms Carried	Unknown	

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	<input type="text" value="11/6/2016"/>	Accident Ref:	<input type="text" value="6/16 solo resc"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Grey River bar"/>	Region	<input type="text" value="West Coast"/>
Source	<input type="text" value="Grey Star, Chch Press 13/6/16"/>		
File Category	<input type="text" value="Solo resc whitewater kayak"/>		
Name of injured or rescued party	<input type="text" value="Jethro Nicholson"/>	Injuries	<input type="text" value="Admitted to Grey hospital in a moderate condition shortly before 3.30pm on Saturday"/>
Name of Deceased	<input type="text"/>	Fatality	<input type="text"/>
Age	<input type="text" value="22"/>	From:	<input type="text" value="Nelson"/>
Previous Experience	<input type="text" value="Limited white water experience"/>		
Conditions:	<input type="text" value="Rough bar conditions, breaking seas, ebb tide, some floodwater after heavy rain"/>		
Number in Party	<input type="text" value="1"/>	PFD Worn?	<input type="text" value="Inflatable not inflated"/>
Kayak Type	<input type="text" value="White water, plastic"/>		
Description	<p>Nicolson launched from Blaketown lagoon 1.5kms from the bar. He had two friends on shore. He got within 10m of the Blaketown tip head and called for help. Soon after he made decision to jump out of his kayak but a wave prevented a friend from pulling him to safety. Nicolson was clad in trousers, merino jersey, coat and inflated PFD. Nicolson was eventually pulled to safety when two friends and port worker Greg O'Donnell threw him a life ring and hauled him onto the tip head. On shore but exhausted, Mr Nicolson could barely move. His temperature had dropped to 32°C so he was taken to Grey Base hospital to warm up and check for water inhalation.</p>		
Authorities Involved	<input type="text" value="St John Ambulance"/>		
Cause Determined	<input type="text" value="Lack of experience"/>		
Lessons Learned	<input type="text"/>		
Additional Information	<input type="text" value="Greymouth artist Brian Hunter filmed the rescue. Was widespread on new sites and social media. The kayak washed ashore at the New River mouth four days later."/>		

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KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	16/6/2016	Accident Ref:	7/16 grpresc
Location	Whangaparoa Penninsula	Region	Auckland
Source	NZ Herald		
File Category	Group rescue		
Name of injured or rescued party	Unknown	Injuries	One kayaker had slight hypothermia
Name of Deceased		Fatality	
Age	20s	From:	Unknown
Previous Experience			
Conditions:	2025 knot offshore winds		
Number in Party	2	PFD Worn?	Yes
Kayak Type	Double kayak		
Description	<p>Emergency services received a distress call from two kayakers in trouble off Whangaparoa Peninsula just after 11.20am on 16 July.</p> <p>The Coastguard rescue vessel Hibiscus Rescue One responded and found one person in the water and another either still on or clinging to their kayak near Army Bay.</p> <p>They were plucked from the water and taken to a waiting ambulance onshore, where one of them was treated for slight hypothermic.</p> <p>Coastguard praised the pair for carrying a marine VHF radio which enabled them to make the distress call.</p>		
Authorities Involved	Coastguard, St John Ambulance		
Cause Determined	Underestimated the offshore wind conditions		
Lessons Learned	Carriage of VHF radio vital for this rescue		
Additional Information			
Compiled	19/8/16	Comms Carried	Yes VHF radio

KASK SEA KAYAKING ACCIDENT DATABASE

Date	24/7/2016		Accident Ref:	7/16 grpresc	
Location	Lake Rotorua			Region	Bay of Plenty
Source	Web & Grey Star				
File Category	Group Rescue				
Name of injured or rescued party	Unknown		Injuries	Three were taken to Rotorua Hospital ED	
Name of Deceased			Fatality		
Age	Unknown		From:	2 local 2 tourists	
Previous Experience	Unknown				
Conditions:	Rough, with the lake very choppy. 1.5 m swells and winds of 35 knots				
Number in Party	4		PFD Worn?	Yes	
Kayak Type	Unknown				
Description	<p>Two locals and two tourists tried to kayak to Mokoia Island from Ngongotaha. Despite the conditions looking okay from shore, around 200-300 meters out the group hit a strong westerly and realised they wouldn't be able to get themselves back in. One person then capsized and was unable to re-enter.</p> <p>The four were wearing life jackets and carried a cell phone with them. CG Rotorua by someone onshore who had seen the man capsize. Once the CG team located the group, it was a full-on rescue. One boat and three CG volunteers were involved.</p>				
Authorities Involved	Coastguard, Rotorua hospital				
Cause Determined	Inexperience of local conditions				
Lessons Learned	Importance of wearing a PFD and emergency comms.				
Additional Information					

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Comms Carried Cellphone carried