

## BEST KAYAK SCHOOL + TOUR COMPANY (TIE)

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# KAYAK WAVEOLOGY



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With the 60 miles of shoreline spanning from eastern Connecticut to Newport, Rhode Island, we have the ability to hit the best possible sea conditions to enhance the learning environment of our clients. Our area provides an exciting sea kayaker's playground with some of the fastest-flowing currents and volume on the East Coast, sandy shore-break surf zones and a challenging rocky and cliff-lined coast for rock hopping. The warm waters south of Cape Cod are also a big plus.

I formed Kayak Waveology in 2006—soon joined by Paula Riegel—with the mission of providing “sea kayaking instruction for those looking to do more.” Long involved with the internationally recognized BCU since the Nordkapp Trust North America days, I have been paddling since 1989 and coaching since 2002. Paula started her paddling career in 2003 and began coaching in 2006. The main theme of our coaching process is to build proper foundational skills that allow a paddler to grow from a novice to an advanced paddler. This progression speaks to the intricacies of sea paddling. We generate an exciting atmosphere through our passion for the sport of sea kayaking and commitment to bringing it to the highest level we can in a superstar venue. With an approach of complementary forces, Paula and

I bend strength and finesse into the body, mind and spirit of sea paddling, while exploring where the oceans meet the land.

We train and assess the BCU courses from the multidiscipline foundations of 2-Star, up to the 4-Star Sea Leader award; paddlers are then ready to advance to 5-Star Sea Leader and the world of expeditions. We blend in free-form, performance courses for flat water, surfing, rock hopping and our famed tide race surfing courses. All this keeps the excitement running high. We coach folks just getting into sea kayaking all the way to those with decades of experience.

We use high-quality boats and gear at Kayak Waveology, the same boats and equipment that we trust our lives with.

As our business grows, we're bringing in other local coaches and guides we regularly paddle with for larger events like the “Autumn Gales,” and we're actively training some young, local talent to be solid leaders and coaches.

The touring element of Kayak Waveology is not just scenic meanderings, but guided outings that allow clients to gain experience with the ocean and its inspiring power while safely gaining knowledge, experience and respect. Our guide service and local area knowledge

allow us to know when and where to go for a fun, challenging day.

The concept of touring is to build a strong foundation of expedition experience. Didn't we all get into sea kayaking with dreams of exploring new territory? Kayak Waveology's guided discovery trainings are the next step after our performance-based courses, and they complement the higher rankings of the BCU leadership awards. This allows paddlers to experience challenging sea conditions with trained, local rough-water guides and highly trained BCU coaches.

You can arrive by train from Boston or New York City carrying only your paddling kit; we'll pick you up at the nearest railroad station with sea kayaks for a good day or weekend of skill building.

Once paddlers are comfortable in the southern New England rough water, understand why and when conditions happen and possess solid paddling skills and navigation, then we move to more challenging and remote international areas. Working with the local rough-water guides, we kayak in areas like the Canadian Maritimes, Anglesey, North Wales, Scotland's Outer Hebrides and the Pacific Northwest. We love to explore all areas even on our own getaway expeditions.

*-Greg Paquin*