\* Kayak with flotation in bow and stern. All hatch covers.   
\* Paddle  
\* Deck bag  
  
**CLOTHING**   
\* Wet or dry suit  
\* Flotation jacket, whistle  
\* Spray skirt  
\* Sun Glasses and glasses retaining strap  
\* Hat, hood, neoprene skull cap  
\* Gloves, poggies  
\* Booties or boots.  
\* Warm dry clothes, storm parka, rain pants, pile sweater, extra gloves, walking shoes.  
  
**GEAR**   
\* Food and water (warm beverage or soup is nice)  
\* Dry bags, and mesh bags to carry gear  
\* Dry box for cell phone, wallet, pocket knife  
\* Carabiners to tether gear to boat  
\* Sunscreen, sunglasses, lip balm, insect repellent, toilet paper, duct tape  
\* Sponge for drying boat  
\* Cockpit cover  
\* Extra rope (to secure boat)  
\* Hand-held water pump  
\* Paddle float.  
\* Towline  
\* Closed cell sit pad  
  
**COMMUNICATION/NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT**   
\* Nautical Chart and waterproof pouch  
\* Compass. A deck-mounted marine compass is ideal - readable in swells.  
\* Tide and current tables - or copy all the information needed for your trip.  
\* Marine transceiver and waterproof cover  
\* GPS and waterproof cover  
\* Cell phone  
  
**EMERGENCY/SAFETY EQUIPMENT**   
\* Waterproof matches, firestarter, and lighter (carry on your person)  
\* 1st aide kit (carry “survival” mini kit on person). Space blanket  
\* Knife  
\* Repair kit for paddle and kayak  
\* Flares (double bag, one pack on person), Mirror, Air horn.  
\* White deck light, for night paddling  
\* Headlamp/waterproof flashlight and spare batteries for all electronics and lights  
\* Emergency flasher, for night emergency  
\* Spare paddle  
  
**SPECIAL SITUATIONS**   
\* Tandem Kayak: centerline heel support, back support.  
\* Binoculars / Camera  
\* Helmet for use in surf  
\* Consider kayak dolly / wheels