- \* 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