

# Kayak and Canoe Resources - New York City Region, 2008

## Commercial Operations

Name	Location	Phone	Web Site	Notes
Atlantic Kayak Tours	(throughout region)	(845) 246-2187	www.atlantickayaktours.com	Instruction, tours, and longer trips
Chelsea Piers	Manhattan, NY	(212) 336-6068	www.chelseapiers.com	Storage, instruction, tours
Empire Kayaks	Island Park, NY	(516) 889-8300	www.empirekayaks.com	Sales, instruction, storage, rental, tours
Hudson River Recreation	Nyack, NY	(888) 321-4837	www.kayakhudson.com	Tours (several locations)
Hudson Valley Outfitters	Cold Spring, NY	(845) 265-0221	www.hudsonvalleyoutfitters.com	Sales, instruction, tours, rentals
Hudson Valley Pack and Paddle	Hopewell Jct., NY	(845) 896-3829	www.hvpackandpaddle.com	Sales, instruction, tours
Island Kayak	Stone Harbor, NJ	(609) 368-1001	www.islandkayak.com	Sales, instruction, tours, rentals
Kayak East	Parsippany, NJ	(866) 529-2532	www.kayakeast.com	Instruction, tours (Nth. NJ & Hudson)
Manhattan Kayak Company	Manhattan, NY	(212) 924-1788	www.manhattankayak.com	Sales, storage, instruction, tours
New York Kayak Company	Manhattan, NY	(800) 529-2599	www.nykayak.com	Sales, storage, instruction, tours
Peconic Paddler	River Head, NY	(631) 369-9500	www.peconicpaddler.com	Sales, rentals, tours
Rhinebeck Kayaks	Rhinebeck, NY	(845) 876-0246	hometown.aol.com/jjcody33/kayak.html	Tours
Setauket Harbor Canoes and Kayaks	Setauket, NY	(631) 751-2706	www.3vonline.com/kayak.htm	Sales, instruction, rentals
Small Boat Shop	Norwalk, CT	(203) 854-5223	www.thsmallboatshop.com	Sales, storage, tours

## Clubs and Organizations

Name	Location	Phone	Web Site	Notes
American Canoe Association	Springfield, VA	(703) 451-0141	www.acanet.org	National canoe & kayak Assn.
Appalachian Mountain Club	Manhattan, NY	(212) 986-1430	www.amc-ny.org/rec_actv/canoe.html	Instruction, tours
Delaware & Hudson Canoe & Kayak Club	(throughout NJ)		home.earthlink.net/~taterka/	Trips (inc. around Manhattan)
Downtown Boathouse	Manhattan, NY	(646) 613-0375	www.downtownboathouse.org	Free kayaking in bay and tours
Gowanus Dredgers Canoe Club	Brooklyn, NY	(718) 243-0849	www.waterfrontmuseum.org/dredgers	Gowanus Canal tours
Hackensack River Canoe & Kayak Club	Hackensack, NJ		www.geocities.com/hrckc/	Canoe tours
Hudson River Watertrail Assn.	Manhattan, NY		www.hrwa.org	Built "watertrail" from Albany to NYC
Inwood Canoe Club	Manhattan, NY	(212) 463-7740		Canoe club in upper Manhattan
Metro Athletic Dragons	Flushing, NY	(718) 460-8545	members.aol.com/madnyc/mad.html	Dragon boat races in Flushing Bay
Metropolitan Assn. of Sea Kayakers	Manhattan, NY		www.seacanoes.org	Sea kayaking club
Navesink River Rowing	Red Bank, NJ		www.monmouth.com/~nrcc/	Rowing, instruction
New York Outrigger	Manhattan, NY		www.nyoutrigger.org	Hawaiian outrigger canoes
Nissequogue Canoe and Kayak Club	Long Island, NY		nckc.home.att.net	Tours
Red Hook Navy	Brooklyn, NY	(212) 352-9330	www.waterfrontmuseum.org/rhnavy	Working in Red Hook, Brooklyn
Sebago Canoe Club	Brooklyn, NY		www.sebagocanoecub.org	Clubhouses at Canarsie, Harriman SP
South Street Seaport	Manhattan, NY	(212) 748-8727	www.southstseaport.org	Sailing (wants more volunteers)
Touring Kayak Club	City Island, NY	(718) 885-3193	www.tkcny.org	Storage available in clubhouse
Wanda Canoe Club	Ridgefield Park, NJ	(201) 941-4738		Canoe club - includes racing
Yonkers Paddling & Rowing Club	Yonkers, NY		www.yprc.org	Storage available in clubhouse

## NYCKayaker Listserver

This listserv is where many local kayakers share information about events, trips, safety, gear, sale of boats and equipment. There is lots of back-and-forth on kayak-related issues. To subscribe, send an email to: [listproc@envirolink.org](mailto:listproc@envirolink.org) with the following message:  
**subscribe nyckayaker [your name]**

## Charts

- The Hudson River Watertrail Assn. (see above) puts out an excellent guide of the Hudson River - from Albany to NYC.
- Historical maps (all USA): [lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/gmdhome.html](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/gmdhome.html)
- NOAA Mapfinder online: [mapfinder.nos.noaa.gov](http://mapfinder.nos.noaa.gov)

## Tides

New York Harbor tidal currents are very strong and quite complicated. Always check a tide chart before you go out, and remember that high/low tide and the incoming/outgoing current direction change can differ by up to several hours.

- Tides, commercial site: [www.tidesonline.com](http://www.tidesonline.com)
- Hudson River tides: [www.hudsonriver.com/tides.htm](http://www.hudsonriver.com/tides.htm)

## Weather

- NE Regional Climate Center: [met-www.cit.cornell.edu/weather/forecasts/ny\\_fcst.html](http://met-www.cit.cornell.edu/weather/forecasts/ny_fcst.html)

## Water Temperature

- National Data Buoy Center: [www.ndbc.noaa.gov](http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov)
- Coastal Water Temperature: [www.nodc.noaa.gov/dsdt/cwtg/](http://www.nodc.noaa.gov/dsdt/cwtg/)

## Water Quality

There is currently no source of up-to-date water quality reports.

### NYC Launch Permit

To launch a kayak in NYC, you are supposed to have a permit - available from the Parks Department.

The Downtown Boathouse web site has instructions for getting a permit. The fee is \$15 per year.