

Bass Strait

the Everest of the Sea!



**Ever fancied the idea of exploring
pristine uninhabited islands?**

**Camping on a deserted beach feasting on fresh fish
and sipping fine wine?**

**Paddling your surf ski where no man or woman
has paddled before?**



**Then join the
'Bass Strait the Everest of the Sea!' expedition,
starting on Saturday 3 April, 2010.**

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Jarad Kohlar will be leading a group of paddlers who will become the first people to cross Bass Strait by surf ski. Jarad has an extensive knowledge of ocean paddling, having already crossed Bass Strait two times in a sea kayak, including via the notoriously difficult western route.

Details are as follows:

- Fully-supported island-hopping journey via the eastern route, with a charter boat with captain and crew following the paddlers for the entire voyage, and a lead paddler and tail-end paddler with radio communication keeping all paddlers together (ie safety is paramount)
- 5 star fare, with a gastronomic feast being served up to you by a cook 3 times per day
- Total trip is 7 days and 7 nights, with 5 days of paddling (approx 5 to 8 hours of paddling each day) + 2 days exploring islands on foot
- Planned departure date Saturday 3 April, although this may be delayed until Thursday 8 April, weather-dependent
- Expedition must end no later than Saturday 17 April so that everyone can be home by Sunday 18 April
- Direction of paddle may be Vic to Tas or Tas to Vic, wind-dependent (ie if Tas to Vic, paddlers will first fly to Devonport and the skis will be transported to Devonport via the Spirit ferry)



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Everyone is welcome, although each member of the paddling group must meet the following stipulations, depending on whether you wish to paddle a single or double ski:

■ Skill/speed level:

- Single ski paddlers - must be capable of paddling one of the more unstable racing skis (eg Fenn XT, Epic V10 Sport, Think Uno or Horizon) at a pace of 10km/hr for at least 3 hours, all craft will be provided by Peak Adventure.
- Double ski paddlers – must be capable of paddling at least a Fenn XT, Elite, Epic V10 Sport, Think Uno or Horizon racing ski at a pace of 8km/hr for at least 3 hours. Double paddlers will be paired with an experienced and strong paddler who will take the front seat.

- All paddlers must be available on Sunday 7 March for one full day of surf ski skills preparation at Sandridge.
- Alternative training days can be organised for interstate or international paddlers.
- All paddlers must be available on Sunday 14 March for one full day practice paddle across the Bay from Frankston to Geelong.
- All participants will need to be paid-up Ambulance subscribers.

Due to the high cost of chartering a vessel (\$10,000), providing all safety equipment and food/drink and all other logistical issues, a cost of between \$1,500 and \$2,500 will attach to this trip, depending on the number of participants.

Please e-mail Jarad at jarad@peakadventure.com.au.

For more information please visit our website.

