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### **KOKATAT SUPPORTS SOLO SEA KAYAK ATTEMPT TO CIRCUMNAVIGATE FALKLAND ISLANDS**

Arcata, CA – In January 2009, New York City based kayaker Marcus Demuth will attempt to circumnavigate all 776 Falkland Islands by sea kayak, a journey of over 850 Miles. The goal of the expedition is to be the first kayaker to successfully circumnavigate the 776 Falkland Islands and to document and study the marine wild life of the fairly inaccessible outer Falkland Islands.

The stakes (and the winds) for the success of Marcus' 2009 Around Falklands Expedition are high: two separate British Special Forces teams and a US team of two kayakers have attempted and failed to circumnavigate the Falklands, located 300 miles east of Cape Horn in the South Atlantic Ocean, with one of the 3 unsuccessful expeditions claiming a casualty. If Marcus succeeds he will be the first kayaker in history to do so.

Because of the Falklands' small population, harsh climate, and isolation, the majority of the islands are uninhabited and completely untouched by humans. The wildlife on the Falklands is especially spectacular on these fairly inaccessible outer islands (such as the Jason Islands), featuring penguin colonies, large sea lions up to 700 pounds, elephant seals up to 3.5 tons, pods of orcas, and aggressive fur seals.

Past sea kayaking expeditions have taken Marcus to Iceland (a country Marcus will revisit in 2009 for a second attempt to circumnavigate), Ireland, the South and West Coast of Australia, and Chile/Patagonia.

For more information, photos and blogs detailing previous journeys, please visit [www.marcusdemuth.com](http://www.marcusdemuth.com)

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