

SESSION 1

THERE'S GOOD IN EVERYTHING Join whitewater legend Aniol Serrasolses while he kayaks the rivers of Chile. In this short whitewater film, Aniol shows us how mindset on the river sets paddlers apart and allows us to find the good in everything. Winner Best Whitewater

DRIVING SWEEP Few river guides ever get the chance to drive Idaho's iconic sweep boat. Driving Sweep follows Katie Vetetoas as she learns how to "drivesweep" down the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. She's learned the rapids and the river. Now, she learns how to drive a 4,000-pound sweep down steep, rocky rapids. Winner Best Rafting

A CANOE PERSPECTIVE Jamie Barnes travels to Scotland with Canadian long-distance paddler Martin Trahan to paddle a small but formidable circuit in the Northern Highlands. This film documents their journey while exploring why canoeing is more than just a form of recreation; it is also a way of finding purpose, identity and perspective in an ever-changing world.

RODS, ROLLS AND REALITY ON THE SOČA Swapping paddles for rods, this crew of kayakers attempts to learn how to put the hook in the right spot. Under the emerald waters of Slovenia's Soča River hides an endemic trout, creating both a classroom and a playground for misadventure. Winner Best Kayak Fishing

WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR GOAT Nico lives in her Sprinter van with two goats, three chickens and a dog. Spend a day with Nico goat-packing a raft up to a high mountain lake in this quirky short film. Take a dive into her lifestyle, the goats' personalities, and Nico's deeper mission to use her unique lifestyle for sustainability education. Winner Best Short

BEYOND THE SALISH Two kayakers take on a once-in-a-lifetime journey along the Pacific Coast of Vancouver Island, paddling into relentless waves, unpredictable weather, and the uncharted depths of their fears. As their journey unfolds, a near-death experience forces them to confront the raw power of the open ocean, pushing the boundaries of their friendship, endurance and luck.

SESSION 2

ORIGEN Pro kayaker Kilian Ivelic from Pucon, Chile was first placed in a kayak at the age of three. Here is his origin story of life on the water.

PADDLE TRIBAL WATERS II: BRING THE SALMON HOME After a successful summer program in 2022, the Paddle Tribal Waters initiative welcomes a new cohort of Indigenous youth into its beginner kayaking program.

LIFE DOWNSTREAM: THE STORY OF THE WABIGOON RIVER At first glance, the Wabigoon River appears to be a playground for whitewater kayakers. But hidden beneath the surface lies a story of one of the worst cases of mercury contamination in Canadian history and its impact on the people of Grassy Narrows First Nation. It is said that throwing one stone into a river can change the course of that river forever. Dumping 10 tons of mercury into a river changes the nature of not only the river, but also all life downstream.

NEAR THE RIVER In the tourism town of Livingstone, Zambia, a group of local men who make their living portering kayakers aspire to become safety kayakers on the Zambezi River. Meanwhile, the proposed Batoka Gorge Hydroelectric Power Station threatens to flood the famous Zambezi rapids and eliminate river-related jobs

BAD RIVER: RAFTING THE MOST POLLUTED RIVER IN AUSTRALIA Deep within a midlife adventure crisis, Beau Miles finds himself in Tasmania descending a sickly orange, biologically dead river that looks like pumpkin soup. After 100 years of runoff from a mine, the Queen River is considered the most polluted river in Australia. Seeking outplaces that aren't always the prettiest, wildest or biggest, Miles' offbeat adventure stories entertain and inspire.