

Foldable kayak demonstration at Kings Beach

The Oru kayak uses an origami-inspired design to transform from a compact box into a high-performance 12-foot boat.

The creative team behind the San Francisco-based startup will be putting on an on-the-water demo at Kings Beach on June 14 from 11am to 2pm. The event is open to the public and attendees will be able to test paddle the kayak.

While it was originally conceived as an easily storable kayak for urban apartment dwellers, the applications for a folding boat are practically endless. The Oru kayak can be packed in the coat closet of a small apartment, stowed below deck on a sailboat for quick trips to shore, or kept in a car trunk for spur of the moment paddles. Paddlers can hike it through backcountry to remote waters, or check it as luggage on a commercial flight. It weighs 26 pounds.