

## Winners of the 2018



### Terminator Tested

Excellence in Design, Durability and Function

The Award named in honor of the Terminator Rapid; the most challenging continuous section of whitewater on the Futaleufu River, Patagonia, Chile.

#### Support your local whitewater shop

##### Astral River Shoes

**Review:** Astral is known for thoughtful design. If you must walk a rapid balancing a kayak on your shoulder over incredibly rough and exposed terrain, the soles on these shoes may be a life saving investment. Slipping is not an option in remote areas of Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego.

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##### AT2 Flexi Whitewater Paddle

**Review:** Thought of as an high tech advanced kayakers paddle. We noticed the advantage to our students learning the Sweep roll or Twist and Slice roll using this paddle. The blade design allows very precise control when slicing. This is an advantage when learning to roll. Graphite is rigid, the flexi model protects your joints in powerful whitewater. The fine lightness and precision of this paddle for the advanced paddler is well known.

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##### Stohlquist Descent Rescue Vest

**Review:** Our team switches rescue vests evaluating them in the extreme conditions of guiding on the Futaleufu. The Descent took top honors this year because of its construction, side entry and ability to Add-A-Buoy Buoyancy Bladder for extra flotation. A reliable rescue jacket for the advanced kayaker.

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##### Kokatat Dry Suits

**Review:** Any dry suit can do a reasonable job for a day trip. However if you are on a multiple day sea kayak trip like our trips to the fjords of Tierra Del Fuego, a top of the line suit is essential. Kokatat is

the most reliable drysuit on the market. Look for Gore Tex construction, front entry, relief zipper and built in socks. The Meridian is a good model. When you scrape through bushes to set up your tent, you will know the quality of material is robust enough to take it. Add the [Kokatat Habenero](#) union suit for the extreme conditions of Tierra del Fuego. You will be as warm as a little kid sitting next to the fireplace in footed pajamas.

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### **Thule Hull-a-Port J style kayak racks**

**Review:** These racks offer security. We have tested them in extreme southern Argentine Patagonia in the strong winds coming off the Southern Patagonian Ice Fields. The connection to the kayaks is so strong that the weak link will be the vehicle. These racks offer ease of loading, security and durability.

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### **Nuud LifeProof waterproof cases for iphone and ipad**

**Review:** The LifeProof Nuud cases permits direct finger contact with the glass screen of your device. The waterproof seal is around the edge of the glass screen. This allows your phone to be used as a camera or in conjunction with satellite communicators. Tested on the Whitewater of the Futaleufu in our life jackets.

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### **Yeti Coolers**

**Review:** We bring food into our Campo Tres Monjas via these coolers. Loaded to the maximum, they travel in the back of pickup trucks on rugged dirt roads and trails and crossing rivers in rafts. The handles and hinges are abused every day of the season. This is top of the line product that not only maintains the cold but holds up.

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*Coming Soon Review Whitewater River running kayaks and beginning kayaks.*

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### **Key Words**

Review of AT Kayak paddles, Review of Astral River shoes, Review of Kokatat Dry Suits, Review of Thule Kayak Racks, Review of Yeti Coolers Best of River gear. Review of River gear, Review of whitewater Kayaks, Review of waterproof cell phone cases. Best River shoes, Best Dry Suit, Best Kayak Paddle, Best Kayak Racks, best waterproof cell case.