



Tim started out in Malibu, California and grew up with a love of being out on the water. His expertise with watercraft started early, spending much of his spare time as a youth paddling kayaks along the coast. He soon developed a sense of what worked with the various aspects of kayaks and other watercraft, and started to design his own.

In 1971, Tim designed and produced his first Sit-on-top kayak. It drew interest immediately from local watersports enthusiasts, and he sold it for three times the production cost.

About that time, Tim began to spend summers on Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada. Of that time, he says, “You end up using a lot of kayaks or skiffs because it is 20 miles to the nearest store or restaurant I’m so glad I did that at that time in my life.”

With appreciation for the value of well-designed watercraft stronger than ever, Tim began to build his kayak business.

Setting up shop in Malibu, Tim sold 22 personally-designed kayaks to customers on a small stretch of beach near home. He quickly realized that there was incredible potential for sales in larger markets, like the rest of California and Hawaii as well.

Adopting rotational molding as the preferred production process, Tim was able to produce the kayaks he designed in far greater quantities than had been possible before. And they began selling at a very rapid pace. After years of successful design and sales, Tim officially started Ocean Kayak.

Across the following nine years, Ocean Kayak became the biggest and most successful kayak company of all time.

In 1997, Johnson Worldwide Associates made an incredible offer and purchased Ocean Kayak. Tim expressed that he was happy to see the company he built continue to prosper under its new ownership.

Now living in Bellingham, where he moved to enjoy watersports and athletic competitions in both Canada and the United States.

Tim also started doing business consulting and found additional success custom designing watercraft for companies and individuals. Nearly forty years after selling the first kayak that he designed, Tim’s goal remains the same: to help as many people as possible have a great experience on the water.

