**BanksBoards**

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Home Page:

Hero Header: **We take your water sport adventures to the next level**

**A BanksBoard**

Divers and water/wilderness adventurers coast to coast agree that BanksBoard is the one piece of equipment you can’t do without. This is an investment that will continue to enhance your diving experience year after year. It’s a versatile floating companion with multiple applications for water enthusiasts.

**Features**

We understand your ocean requirements and provide a quality product that works. Our boards travel well and ensure that you have what you need when you need it.

**Strong and Safe**

Our boards can hold up to 108 lbs and only weighs 13 lbs fully outfitted. All boards come with an easy-to-install flag and it mounts in one of the front vent holes making you easily visible while in the ocean.

**Maneuverable**

Need to travel with your board? No problem. The board contains a molded handle for easy towing and transportation. It also comes with detachable backpack straps that allow for easy carry when on land.

**Secure**

Includes two zipper mesh pockets to hold whatever you need. Tie downs offer additional security. Two molded-in gun bays with simple and secure tie downs mean your spear gun is easily accessible and ready when you need it.

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**The eco-friendliest way to eat**

There’s something about taking a deep breath and descending into the blue. It’s so peaceful and amazing down deep and what a thrill to hunt and provide for friends and family. The right gear makes this sport happen for me…

**I hear the ocean roar…**

When the ocean calls you don’t say no, you dive in, you let go, and you surrender yourself to the beauty, serenity and awe of the sea. You have to completely lose yourself to truly find your true self. I feel more confident knowing my BanksBoard is waiting at the surface for me.

**A BanksBoard is just the ticket**

Pushing myself to go further than I would have ever imagined has taxed me physically, mentally and spiritually, I wouldn’t have it any other way. This journey would not have been possible without the right equipment.

**Who needs a BanksBoard?**

Ocean lovers - Spear fisherman, free divers, sw+ampers and kayakers all find our board to be their favorite piece of equipment - it’s been dubbed the one thing I can’t go without.

**Sw+ampers**

Sw+amping is a combination of swimming and camping. Wilderness enthusiasts tow the BanksBoard behind them with all of their necessary gear (securely stored) and are always ready for open ocean adventure.

**Freediving**

Freediving is a form of underwater diving that relies on holding your breath until resurfacing. A BanksBoard offers security as well as a storage plank. The handy flag lets others know divers are in the area and help to keep you safe.

**Spearfishing**  
Spearfishing is an ancient art - the ability to take a breath, dive down, and hunt for your meal. A BanksBoard is the perfect way to store your catch. It is securely placed in the net storage and kept away from other predators.

**Kayaking**

Give yourself more room on your kayak by towing the Banks board; it provides needed gear storage for camping trips, and has limitless fishing applications. With an easy tow rope mount you can bring whatever you may need.

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About Page:

Hero Header: **Our team dreamed big and came up with something new**

**Our Story**

We are ocean enthusiasts, we are adventure seekers, we are dreamers, we wanted something that didn’t exist, so we made it. It took a few years, lots of drawings, planning and a ton of in-the-field testing. Luckily Gregg is an engineer and Milia is a creative visionary - we came together and made something great! Today we have produced a boat load of BanksBoards and each one floats. It meets our high standards and is something we are proud of. Try a board, we know you will love it!

{image of boards stacked}

**Our Team**

We understand your needs, not only do we make the boards here in the USA, but we also use the boards. We are continually striving to find new uses and to improve our boards. Have an idea or a need? Let us know, we would love to hear from you!

Image: Gregg.jpg

**Gregg Mason**

Founder & CEO

Image: Malia.jpg

**Milia Sonders**

Founder & CEO

Image: Banks.jpg

**Banks**

Mascot and all-around good vibe crew

Blog Page

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**Hear what other people are saying.**

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We love our boards and know they are great but don’t just take our word for it, our customers are doing some pretty cool things out there. Hear some of their stories and get inspired for your next adventure!

Posts:

**Dragon point**

What a way to tour the coast, you just swim and pull out when you tire. The sand is your bed and your gear is safely stored on your BanksBoard. We woke up to a beautiful and peaceful morning on the beach, we had breakfast packed up pretty quickly and got in the water as we were prepared to swim to fire beach (longest leg). The weirdest thing happened though - once we got in the water we realized that the current was headed very strongly in the wrong direction which pretty much made it completely impossible for us to make very much progress. As a matter of fact, in half an hour swimming we barely made it across the underwater lava field. We decided that there was no way we are going to be able to trudge through 10 miles with this current so we went back to the same cave we had holed up in the night before. This turned out to be fortuitous since Samantha ended up having to hike out for an interview and Jess and I were able to make the hike to the Kapi’he falls which are an imposing and majestic place.

Since the trail had just opened the day before, the trail to the falls was overgrown and challenging to navigate. It was well worth the bushwhacking though. The falls are nestled deep up the valley, a 3/4 crescent of several hundred feet lava cliffs that encircle a lush paradise. The falls come down from hundreds of feet above and a curtain of water just rushes down to this beautiful cool pool. The water is so refreshing and great after the strenuous hike. I wish I could better describe the falls as they are breathtakingly beautiful and one of the most spectacular things I’ve ever seen. We swam and filled up our water bottles and pumped water. The water from this fall is the sweetest most delicious water I have ever tasted. The hike out was challenging to say the least, not only did we have to navigate through the sketchy and hard to follow trail but we were lugging about 28 liters of water back to our camp at the beach. Besides each having a full backpack with about 10 liters we shared another backpack that we would wear on our front side that contained the remaining 8 liters. This ended up being a royal pain - we dubbed this anchor ‘the bad baby’ and dreaded every step with her. Needless to say, we finally made it out of the valley and slept soundly at our beach encampment.

**Spearfishing in Bali**

So many fish, such clear waters, what an amazing place to hunt. Spearfishing is always challenging and with the razor-sharp reefs it can be treacherous. I really cut up my hip yesterday but it was worth it when I was easting fresh sashimi that night with friends. Here are some details about my day:

The outside reef was beautiful, the water is the most spectacular shade of blue, it’s amazing to look at. The patterns of the sand undulate like waves, if this is an artist has drawn and created the most wonderful lines. And the colors are that dusty browns and light sandy tans, and then up above we get the deep turquoise and the most beautiful shades of blue. This is framed by the insane cathedrals - the lava mountains that are covered with green, towering high above and guarding this sacred place. Large tuna patrolled the depths.

After a few hours of diving we decided to go on a hike and to look for fresh papaya. We started the route towards the Valley Trail and found so many trees loaded with fruit. Sadly, most of the fruit was not ripe yet. It’s nice to see all of the fruit on the trees. We did find a papaya tree that had one ripe looking up papaya, it was delicious!

After our meal we were all laying down their beds and getting comfy and just chitchatting and then down by the beach we saw some light. We were treated to the most amazing Fire dancer show. This guy was spinning and twirling and throwing small buckets of fire into the air. He was really good and it was so beautiful because he was actually facing the mountains (us) and in front of him was a collection of freshwater from the waterfall so the light from his lava spinning was reflected into the water. Everything else was very dark so the lights lit up in an incredible way. He was framed by the back of the ocean and the blanket of stars overhead. This was so surreal and so beautiful, it just seems like it went perfectly with this place.

**Beach cleanup**

Part of our mission is to raise awareness and to give back, one of the ways we do that is to clean trash off the beaches we visit. We encourage community involvement and provide pizza for all of the volunteers. It is a fun couple of hours and we are doing something good. All in all, it’s a win/win. Many of our locals joined us, including Coastal high school. The kids were really excited to be part of this and several mentioned they are now inspired to study conservation and oceanography. It’s amazing to be part of change! We hope you will join us for the next beach cleanup!

**Freediving the Bahamas**

Ahh the freedom of letting go, nothing beats that feeling, taking a breath and making the drop. Our trip to the Bahamas was a dream come true. I woke up this morning just before 6 o’clock, to the sound of the birds singing the morning tunes as well as the waves calmly marching up to the shore and then receding back down into the ocean, over and over again. The splash of the waterfall is bubbling behind me.

Conditions this morning were super glassy and beautiful. We had a small issue of an almost sinking sled that we were able to remedy with our recently acquired wrench (this is a whole another story). This wrench literally has saved our lives, without the wrench there’s no way that we could’ve completed this journey. I’m so grateful to the guy who donated the wrench This is another example of the kindness of a stranger and how that one act can make a humongous difference. During this trip there’s been a lot of coincidences, a lot of things that have just lined up. You can really see the universe at work, see something greater guiding our way, helping us, making sure that everything is OK.

The ocean here is amazing, there’s a ton of life on the reefs here, all sorts of coral, that comes in every different hue - purples, yellow, whites, oranges, blues, teals - it’s spectacular. There also fish of every size and shape and color, they are obviously scouring the reef for food and guarding egg and nests. I’m completely mesmerized by watching the happenings of the reef. We saw so much beauty; huge schools of several 1000 fish, diving into them feel like you are slipping into the fish vortex. As soon as you get into them they start to spiral around you in a huge pulsating cyclone, 100s of turtle munching at the turtle wall and countless fish busily swimming throughout the reefs.

**Swamping in Hawaii**

Today’s adventure consisted mostly of swimming. I Woke up to a beautiful reverse sunrise, the sky was awash in pastels of pinks, purples, peaches, and yellows. The clouds serenely floated by in the cerulean blue sky as it became brighter and brighter. as the Easter egg colors of the morning faded the day began in earnest. As soon as the sun popped over the backside of the cliffs the heat is with you. It’s not unbearable but definitely hard to be in unless you’re in the water. We checked the direction of the currents (favorable) and packed up quickly.  
  
The swim was beautiful, I saw many, many fish of all colors, shapes, and sizes, 10 turtles and 2 reef sharks, which was very exciting. The swim didn’t seem quite as long as I remembered it from last time but it still was challenging. The currents were for the most part better but we did cross in areas where the current was going in the complete opposite direction. This made it really hard to swim until the currents would switch. It’s amazing how much different the currents are this time around, the last trip they seemed to be going in our direction the entire time. Swimming against the current and towing a sled full of stuff is an exhausting and an unrewarding part of the process. Thankfully there are only a few sections or the current went in the wrong direction. We were in the water for about 7 1/2 hours, this section of the coast has no accessible pull out spots, so all of the rest and snack breaks have to be taken in the water. You wouldn’t think it would be hard to eat in the water but it actually is more challenging than you can imagine. At least this time we knew to have some snacks. We pulled into Kalalau late in the day. The beach sure is different from the last time I was here, the cave that we had slept in before now is in the water. Huge strips of what you used to be able to walk on before are completely submerged. We ended up having to get a campsite in the jungle, one of the closest ones to the beach so that we could still sleep on the beach since we have no tents.

**Need more space on the kayak?**

It’s no problem with the BanksBoard. Some of our customers are using their banks board to tow additional gear - their adventures can last even longer. We have started collecting trash along our journey and the kayaks are getting stuffed. I’m so thankful we decided to get a few BanksBoards to increase what we can carry. This is the perfect solution as it provides a great additional place to store gear and collectables along the way. Also, we can leave the BanksBoard once we have reached that day’s destination and kayak around the surrounding area unencumbered by extra gear.

Making time to explore the sea is spectacular, especially when it is glassy and clear and so full of life. It’s really fun to stay on the shallow reefs where all the medium sized fish get trapped. You can get pretty close to them if you are calm and steady. Saw bunches of turtles! They are everywhere along the reef. It’s is awesome! While on the kayak we came across a huge collection of nets and rope and a fishing basket, all total it was the size of a small car. Underneath were hundreds of little fish, they had made their own eco system here. And underneath them were a couple of huge fish, I was able to dive down to them and they circle-swam me. So cool. We tried to move the rope to shore but it weighed a ton (literally), I guessed it would take 1-2 hours to row it in and then what would we do with it? It was way too heavy to move up on the beach. Luckily, we alerted a passing boat and they were able to tow the trash away.

Contact Page

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We would love to hear from you, if you have any questions or just want to reach out let us know, we will be in touch shortly.

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**Board/Flag Bundle**

$315.00

The Bundle

Our most popular package is the board/flag bundle. Get the BanksBoard, fully accessorized with two mesh, zippered deck pockets to store your gear or catch, bow-eye bolt for towing, lashing hooks, bungees for attaching your gear, stainless steel hardware, secure side tie downs for your spear or gun, detachable back straps and dive flag with a fiberglass pole.

Available colors are red, blue, yellow, fluorescent green and olive green.

**Just the Board**

$299.00

Long description:

A “Banks Board” includes mesh/zipper deck cover, bow eye (eye-bolt for towing), stainless steel hardware for backpack attachment, bungee,  lashing hooks,  side handles, and  backpack straps.

Optional: Flag with fiberglass pole/base is sold separately for an additional $20.

Or choose the Banks Board Package for $315 (see alternate listing), which includes all of the above.

Available colors are red, yellow, and green.

Short description:

BanksBoard the first and only sea adventuring board. It was designed for sw+amping, freediving and spearfishing. We spent years testing and iterating so we could get it just right. Take one out for a spin, your life will be forever changed.

Just the Flag

$20.00

Long description:

Be safe in the water. A diver down flag, or scuba flag, is a flag used on the water to indicate that there is a diver below. Two styles of flag are in use. The purpose of the flags is to notify to any other boats to steer clear for the safety of the diver and to avert the possibility of a collision with the dive boat which may be unable to maneuver out of the way.

This is a great addition to the BanksBoard, it helps to keep you highly visible in the water. Stay safe and add a flag to your board.  The flag is mounted on a fiberglass pole, the base screws into one of the front mounts on the board.

Flag short description:

Stay safe and visible in the water with our flag. The flag is mounted on a fiberglass pole, the base screws into one of the front mounts on the board.