Being surrounded by one of Louisiana’s most distinctive environments make the DeFelice Marine Center ideal for marine research and education programs. Moving people and equipment to field sites ranging from the marsh to offshore locations is one of the most notable strengths of LUMCON vessel operations. LUMCON owns and operates 11 small vessels, ranging in length from of 16’ to 32’, all designed and outfitted for the best utilization of local areas. To operate a LUMCON small vessel you must obtain certification as a boat operator through the vessel operation department. Completing one of our small boat operations courses is one way to earn a LUMCON Operators classification. LUMCON owns sixteen -13 ft tandem kayaks, and two canoes for research and education use.