



## Telegram



PHOTO COURTESY OF TITO KAYAK

### THE GETAWAY VEHICLE

In the nine-year activist career of Alberto de Jesus Mercado—that's 'Tito Kayak'—the Puerto Rican has initiated a tense standoff in the top level of the Statue of Liberty, tried to replace the American flag hanging in the U.N. with Puerto Rico's, and in early November, he climbed 150 feet into the bucket of a crane, thereby halting progress on Paseo Caribe's beachside resort. After seven days, Tito Kayak rappelled into an awaiting sea kayak, cloaked by night and aided by dozens of supporters and body doubles, all who helped him escape the jet skis of Puerto Rico's police.

"This page is created for all those that were not able to return to work, missed business or vacation flights, who were not able to use their vehicles, thanks to the National Antihero "Tito Kayak."

—Translated from the Facebook manifesto for the 853-member club "Odio Tito Kayak" (Hatred of Tito Kayak)

"He kayaks for sustainability. It is a means of transportation, not consuming fuel. He wants to help people to use the muscle rather than fuels."

—Mario Forest, spokesman for Tito's movement Amig@s del M.A.R.

"They (authorities) try to take us in our kayaks all the time, but we have escaped from helicopters and motorboats in kayaks."

—Tito Kayak

—From Joe Jackson



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