



Sandbanks Style Owners Manual

2022 Inflatable Kayaks





Congratulations on the purchase of your new Sandbanks Style kayak. We pride ourselves on supplying you with a top quality product which will bring you years of enjoyable paddling. This manual includes all of the information you need to set up and maintain your kayak. Read it carefully and familiarise yourself with the inflatable kayak before taking it out on the water in order to ensure safe and trouble-free use.

CAUTION

It is the owner's responsibility to make sure that all users will carefully read and follow the manual for the safe operation of this product. We strongly recommend that you observe all local and national laws and **ALWAYS** wear an approved personal flotation device (PFD). Any activity on or near water carries with it inherent danger, Sandbanks Style and its employees are not and cannot in any way be responsible or held liable for your safety during the use of this product. It is the users responsibility to ensure that they wear a correctly fitted and approved PFD which is suitable for their weight. We strongly recommend that you always take appropriate advice on your chosen location to use the product, particularly with respect to tides, weather conditions and surrounding conditions.

Your kayak package includes:

1 x Kayak

1 x Kayak Bag

1 x Double Action Pump

Kayak Seat/s*

4 Piece Aluminum Paddle/s*

1 x Removable Fin

1 x Repair Kit

* Number dependant on single or double model



Inflation

Once all of the equipment is taken out of the box unroll the kayak and lay it out flat. Depending on the model the kayak will be equipped with 2 or 3 **high pressure valves** (one for each chamber). To inflate, open the cap by turning it anti-clockwise. You will see that the valve has a spring loaded pin. When the pin is in its upmost position the valve is closed and air is unable to escape. When the pin is depressed (this is achieved by pushing down on the pin and turning it clockwise) the valve is open and air can escape.

To begin pumping the board ensure that the pin in **not** depressed.



It makes no difference which chamber you pump up first.

Attach the pump hose to the inflation (rather than deflation) nozzle on the pump. To attach the pump to the valve push the fitting into the valve and turn clockwise to secure it. It is most efficient to begin pumping with the pump set on **double action**, if this gets too hard then you can switch the pump to **single action** until the kayak is fully pumped to the recommended PSI which will show on the pump gauge.

The recommended pressure for the kayaks are:

Optimal Kayak: **10 PSI**

Explorer Kayak: **10-12 PSI**

Once you have reached the recommended PSI remove the hose from the valve and secure the valve cap.

Securing the Fin:

To secure the fin on the bottom of the kayak place the end of the fin into the fin box and slide it to the back of the boat. Once the hole in the fin is lined up with the hole in the fin box slide the clip into the hole which will secure the fin into place. To remove the fin simply un-click the clip and slide the fin back out of the kayak.



Attaching the Seats:

The kayak seat attaches to the D-rings in the cockpit area of the boat. When you get the seat out of the box the larger of the two pieces is the back rest and the smaller is the seat. You will find 4 clips on the back section of the seat. The two clips at the **bottom of the back rest attach to the D-rings behind** the seat and the two clips at the **top of the back rest attach to the D-rings in front of the seat**. Once all of the clips are attached it is important to amend the straps so that the seat is in a comfortable position for you to paddle in.



Attaching the Foot Rests:

The explorer model comes with foot rests. There are pre-set holds for these to go in. Select the most comfortable position and slide each end into the holds on the base of the boat.



Paddle Assembly:

Each paddle is made up of 4-pieces. These simply clip together and no adjustment is necessary.

The kayak is now ready to take out on the water!



Deflating & Packing Away the Kayak

When you return from your adventure it is essential to wash down all of the kit with clean water. Firstly empty out any water in the boat by removing the drainage bungs in the bottom of the boat or by tipping it upside down. Then wash the equipment (including all 4 parts of the paddle and the seats) down with fresh water and leave to dry or use a towel to dry ensuring you get between the seams in the cockpit.

Unclip the seats and remove the fin.

To deflate each chamber remove the dust cap from the valve and push down on the spring loaded pin and turn it clockwise which will allow the air to escape. Once the majority of the air has escaped it may be necessary to use the deflation option on the pump to remove the remaining air which will enable you to pack it up tightly into the bag. Remove the pump hose from the inflation (INF) nozzle and reattach it to the deflation (DEF). Ensure the valve is **closed** and attach the other end of the hose to the valve to fully deflate the board. Once all of the air has been removed fold the kayak back up and pack away in the bag.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How should the kayak be stored?

Ensure that the kayak is dry before packing away into the bag and storing. The kayak can also be stored inflated if this is more convenient, ensure that it is in a shaded, dry location and that the pressure is reduced if the temperature increases (see below).

Can I leave the kayak inflated in the heat?

You should avoid leaving the kayak in direct sunlight on hot days. This is because high temperatures can cause the air inside the kayak to expand and affect the internal pressure. Our products have a large safety margin but the increase in pressure could result in the chamber bursting. If leaving the kayak outside in high temperatures check the pressure and deflate it by a few PSI to avoid the material become overstretched.

There is a blister on the bottom of the kayak, is this a fault?

On the underside of the boat you may notice what looks like a blister/bump. This is directly underneath the high pressure valve and occurs because it is not possible to put any drop stitch material here and is nothing to worry about.





What is the weight maximum capacity?

Single Explorer: 200kg (Max 1 person)
Double Explorer: 330kg (Max 2 people)
Single Optimal: 160 kg (max 1 person)
Double Optimal: 230 kg (max 2 people)

How do I tighten the valve?

On the rare occasion that a kayak is losing air pressure it is highly likely that one of the valves needs tightening rather than there being a leak in the boat. You can determine if this is the case (and identify which chamber) by pumping the kayak up and spraying some water around the valve. If bubbling occurs then the valve needs tightening. To tighten the valve the kayak must be **deflated**. Using the valve spanner in the repair kit add downward pressure on the valve and turn the spanner which will tighten up the valve

How do I repair a puncture?

**Punctures are very rare, if you have any questions please call us.
Punctures in the kayaks are very rare, only a blade or nail will pierce them.
Shells and rocks etc should not cause problems.**

You can repair small punctures with the repair kit which is included within the kayak package. Please note that for the repair to be successful the humidity level needs to be less than 60% and ideally the temperature should be between 18-25 C. Avoid carrying out repairs in the rain or in direct sunlight.

- 1: Draw the shape of the patch exactly where it will be applied.
- 2: Using the supplied material cut a round patch at least 5cm larger than the damaged area.
- 3: Clean the damaged area and the corresponding side of the patch with a grease remover and allow it to dry for 5 minutes.
- 4: Apply 3 thin layers of glue on both the patch and on the damaged area of the kayak allowing for the glue to dry for 5 minutes between each layer until the glue feels tacky.
- 5: When the third layer of glue is dry apply the patch without pressing too hard and adjust the positioning.
- 6: If required, smooth out any of the any air bubbles which may have formed under the patch using the back of a spoon starting at the centre of the patch and pushing it outwards. Clean away any excess glue
- 7: Allow to dry for 24 hours.

CAUTION

Ensure that all repairs are carried out in a well ventilated area. Avoid inhaling any glue vapors.
Avoid contact with the skin and eyes
Keep all repair materials out of the reach of children.



WARRANTY

The kayak is covered by a 3 year manufacturer warranty to be free from any manufacturing defects. Accessories are covered for 12 months. The warranty (legal warranty) is for the original purchaser and commences on the date of purchase (unless otherwise stated at the time of purchase). It covers any manufacturing defect which might prevent the kayak from being used. Blemishes, normal wear and tear or damage caused maliciously is not covered. The kayak is made from the strongest available materials and construction and is designed with a theoretical 15 year life span of normal use however lack of care and maintenance will naturally reduce this.

If any product is found to be defective, the owner may return it to Sandbanks Style, but only after telephoning or emailing first to get authorisation, shipping and packaging instructions and to discuss the defect. We will not repair or replaced boards if this procedure is not followed.

After inspection, if any product is found defective we will either repair or replace the defective part or item as deemed necessary. Sandbanks Style shall not be held liable for any incidental or consequential damages. There are no warranties which extend beyond this description. This warranty is inclusive in lieu of all other warranties. This warranty gives you specific legal rights but does not affect you normal rights, which vary from country to country.

The main limitations to the application of the warranty are the following:

- The product must not be modified or used in any activities outside normal recreational use (units purchased by rental companies and activity providers are covered for 2 years)
- Users must not exceed the manufacturers recommended maximum load capacity.
- Failure to follow manufacturers guidelines in relation to pressure recommendations, assembly/disassembly and handling procedures.
- The maintenance and storage procedures must not be neglected.
- This warranty does not cover part and accessories not supplied or recommended by the manufacturer or defects resulting from the installation of such equipment on their products.

All repairs covered by warranty must be performed by Sandbanks Style

Your product is designed in accordance with the standards for a specific use. Any modifications, transformation or use of a compressor could pose a serious risk to the user and will void the warranty.