



## Rescue Stirrup (30SK-30b)

This Rescue Stirrup assists you back into your sea/touring kayak after you have capsized. Essential for paddlers that do not know how to roll, that are tired, or who lack the upper body strength to lift themselves onto the deck of the boat. The 14 foot adjustable length provides a wide variety of attachment options for self rescue and assisted rescues. Once attached it creates a step to lift you into the re-entree position.

Built from high visibility nylon webbing, features include:

- Ladder lock adjustment buckle
- Neoprene wrap provides flotation
- Attachment clip
- Quick to roll up and store



### METHODS OF USE

#### **Paddle shaft stirrup rescue** (solo or assisted)

Place your paddle float on the end of your paddle and hitch the stirrup around the other end of the paddle shaft. Place the paddle over the top of your deck just behind the cockpit coaming and drop the stirrup into the water on the other side of the kayak. Now reach under the kayak, grab the stirrup, bring it out of the water and wrap it around the paddle shaft making sure to pass the last wrap underneath the one before to keep it from sliding down the paddle shaft. The end of the stirrup line now hangs down to create the step. Once it is in place you can adjust the length of the loop by pulling the webbing through the adjustment buckle. Place your foot into the loop and lift yourself onto the rear deck to re-enter your cockpit.

#### **Coaming loop** (solo or assisted)

After you have your paddle float in place, wrap the stirrup around your cockpit coaming. Once in place adjust the stirrup to your height by pulling the webbing through the adjustment buckle. You can now place your foot in the loop and lift yourself into the re-entry position.

#### **Paddle wedge** (assisted)

The paddle wedge method is used with two kayaks alongside one another. First loop the stirrup around the middle of the paddle shaft; the paddle is then submerged between two kayaks and turned so the paddle is perpendicular to the kayaks under the

water. The stirrup comes up between the two kayaks and is draped over the swamped kayak and hangs down to create the step for the swimmer. While the rescuer holds onto the cockpit coaming of the swamped boat to stabilize the two kayaks, the swimmer places their foot closest to the paddle shaft into the loop and they lift themselves onto the rear deck to re-enter the cockpit.

**Note:** The length of the stirrup will vary depending on the method used, size of the kayak and the size of the kayaker. Once familiar with the various lengths you can mark the webbing with a permanent marker for quick reference.

### **CARE INSTRUCTIONS**

Clean salt, sand, and grit after use with fresh water. Do not store the product in damp conditions. Inspect the product for damage both before and after use. Do not abuse or apply undue stress to the product. Do not expose the product to long hours of direct sunlight. Identify your name on the product in case of loss.

### **CAUTION**

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