

# SAFETY GUIDE

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## Safety Guide

Make sure you can be seen on the water. Even in bright, calm conditions, our kayak is nearly invisible. It can be especially difficult for power vessel operators riding high in the water to see this vessel. Use the bright color orange flotation device to be more visible in busy waterways. In addition, remember to keep signaling devices within hand's reach in case of emergency. Sea kayakers should always be aware of their environment (water temperatures, tides, currents, wind, and maritime traffic) at all times.

#### What to look for before you go

- Inspect Your Boat
  - Is your skeg securely fastened to the hull of the kayak?
  - Are the flotation devices secured, blown up and visible?
  - Are your paddles in good working order?
- Monitor the Weather
- Don't Cruise with Booze
- Lifejackets Wear Them!
  - Make sure they are in good condition
  - Check that they are properly sized to fit each person on board
- Keep in Mind the Maximum Weight Capacity (425lbs)
- Rope at least 15cm (49'3") long
- One (1) Bailer
- Whistle







**Repair Kit** 



Rope

Whistle

Paddle

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Life Jacket

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#### **Crystal Kayak Components**





Flotation Pouch with Crystal Kayak branded cover



Handy rear storage pocket keeps important items dry



Stainless steel knobs-quick release



Fully adjustable, quick-dry ergonomic seats



Marine grade brass spring clips allow for easy conversion between 1 or 2 paddler arrangements



Corrosion resistant, adjustable skeg for increased performance in the water

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#### Safety Guide Vision Board

- Locking Inflation Valve Closed Properly
- Paddle in Good Condition
- Life Jacket
- Repair Kit Available for Emergency

Make sure you can be seen on the water. Always paddle with a friend using the buddy system. If you do go out by yourself, make sure that someone on shore knows your planned route and when you expect to return. Never paddle farther from shore than you are prepared to swim if the worst happens and you lose your board. Always head upwind before you go downwind so it will be easier to get back to the launch site and NEVER go out in off-shore winds. The wind gets stronger the farther you travel from shore, and it's very easy to be fooled. If you fall off your board in waves, make sure you stay to seaward if possible so you won't be hit by your board.







Paddle

Repair Kit Life Jacket

