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CANVAS BELL TENT



USER GUIDE



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WELCOME

Thank you for choosing Bay Sports canvas bell tent. This tent was built in accordance with strict quality standards. We hope you thoroughly enjoy this product. Please take time to read the content in this manual in order to optimise your satisfaction of this product.

We wish you years of enjoyment and rewarding experiences with this Bay Sports canvas bell tent.

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UNPACKING

1. Open the box, being careful not to cut it open too deep, so as not to cut or puncture the contents.
2. Upon opening the carton, check contents to ensure the following are all inside:
 - 1 x Canvas Storage Bag
 - 1 x Canvas Bell Tent comprised of
 - Top Section with integrated mesh fly screen secondary entrance door
 - Waterproof Groundsheet
 - 1 x set of spring-loaded metal Centre Poles
 - 1 x set of spring-loaded metal A-Frame Entrance Poles
 - Guy Ropes with lightweight metal adjusters
 - Small Metal Pegs
 - Large Metal Pegs
3. Check all zippers prior to pitching your tent for the first time. Zippers are not covered by warranty if the tent has been pitched even once. New zippers may be a little stiff at first but should flow freely once moved.
4. Your tent can now be erected using the Pitching directions or contents stored in the included Canvas Storage Bag ahead of use.

Note - we recommend **Seasoning** your new tent prior to first use. Follow the **Pitching** directions and erect your new tent near to a running water supply such as a garden hose. Then read the directions for **Seasoning Your New Tent**.

PITCHING

1. Unpack the tent from the box or Canvas Storage Bag - **Figure 1**
2. Lay out the Canvas Bell Tent with the Waterproof Groundsheet on the ground. Ensure all zips are closed. Find the door and position this in the direction you wish your entrance to face - **Figure 2**



Figure 1



Figure 2

3. Fix the tent with pegs looped through both the metal eyelet on the Groundsheet and ropes on the Top Section. Ensure the seams overlap as water can breach any gaps - **Figure 3**
4. Take the spring-loaded metal Centre Poles and fully extend them to create one, rigid pole.
5. Unzip the entrance door.
6. Take the extended Centre Pole and match one of the black stoppers at the end of the Centre Pole with the inside top of the tent - **Figure 4**
7. Push the Centre Pole upwards to raise the roof of the tent and adjust so it stands securely in an upright position. This will now support the tent - **Figure 5**

8. Take the A-Frame Entrance Poles and, leaving them undone, step inside the tent
9. Extend the A-Frame Entrance Poles to create a solid A-Frame structure by ensuring they snap securely into place
10. Insert the centre spike at the top of the A-Frame into the corresponding eyelet at the top of the entrance - **Figure 6**



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6

11. Raise the entrance and insert either end of the A-Frame into the designated pockets at the base of the entrance - **Figure 7**
12. Step back outside your tent and fully zip the door shut.
13. Attach the Guy Ropes to the canvas loops at the bottom edge of the roof. You do not need to remove these when packing your tent down. They can be left in place for your next adventure.

14. Ensuring the entrance to your tent is zipped closed, use the Large Metal Pegs to secure the Guy Ropes around the whole tent. Start with the Ropes around the entrance then work your way around the tent. The Guy Ropes should follow the lines of the seams in the roof - **Figure 8**



Figure 7



Figure 8

15. Adjust the tension of the Guy Ropes using the sliders, you should have approximately 50cm of loop to the peg - **Figure 9**

16. The tent should be taut, with no creases and there should be no strain on any of the seams or zips - **Figure 10**



Figure 9



Figure 10

17. On warmer days you can unzip the Groundsheet from the Top Section, unhook the Top Section from the pegs and roll up the sides of your tent - **Figure 11**

18. The sides can be secured in place using the strings and toggles on the interior of the tent. This lets the air flow freely, keeping you cool - **Figure 12**



Figure 11



Figure 12

Note - it is important that the Canvas Bell Tent stays symmetrical and the tension is even throughout. We recommend checking the Guy Ropes at least daily while in use to maintain even tension and avoid the canvas stretching.

SEASONING YOUR NEW TENT

It is very important to season your new tent. During the manufacturing process, small holes are created whilst sewing the seams of canvas together. Seasoning involves fully soaking the tent to allow the thread to expand and seal these holes.

1. Erect your tent on a level surface, using all the included Guy Ropes and Pegs to ensure the tent is pitched evenly and correctly. During seasoning, your tent will expand and contract, you want to make sure that these processes are happening evenly to avoid any sagging or pulling in the canvas.
2. Once you have pitched your tent, go inside and spray the seams thoroughly with water using a spray bottle. Ensure they are fully soaked through .
3. Once the inside is done, exit out and close all the windows and doors.
4. Using a hose or sprinkler* soak your tent, paying particular attention again to the seams. Do not use a pressure hose or jet spray, this can damage the waterproofing treatment on the canvas. The idea here is to simulate rain falling on the tent.
5. Leave your tent pitched and allow to dry fully.
6. Repeat soaking and drying at least one more time to ensure the tent is well seasoned. Twice more is ideal.
7. Allow your tent to dry out fully before packing away

*If you do not have access to a hose or sprinkler you can pitch your tent when you know it is going to rain. Check your local weather forecast for a good, rainy day that will be followed by a dry spell to allow your tent to dry out.

LIFESPAN

The lifespan of your tent is dependent on many factors. Be sure to follow a careful cleaning and maintenance program to prolong the lifespan of your tent - see Care & Maintenance. The canvas of your tent should be good for 60 weeks of continuous outdoor use if cared for correctly.

In order to preserve the water-resistance of your tent, the outside of the canvas can be re-treated with specialised products such as BradProof. BradProof® is a water-based treatment that will restore a water repellent finish and inhibit mildew growth on used canvas goods. **DO NOT APPLY TO NEW CANVAS** - it is unnecessary and may lead to impairment of appearance.

Re-waterproofing your used tent

1. Pitch your tent and make sure it is 100% dry
2. Remove any dust and dirt with a hard brush
3. Apply the impregnating agent with a gentle brush, mop or cotton roller. The canvas needs to be soaked properly
4. Let your tent dry - preferably out of direct sunlight as UV radiation can impact the effectiveness of the agent

You can re-waterproof your tent any time after 8-12 weeks of continuous use to prolong its lifespan.

CARE & MAINTENANCE

When in use

Tents should be maintained whilst in use as well as before storage:

- Always ensure that your tent has been pitched correctly when seasoning, re-treating or camping
- Be aware of uneven forces that may pull on the canvas & lead to damage. Check Guy Ropes daily to alleviate any points of strain

- Dust and dirt are best removed once the canvas is dry. Brush down the canvas with a firm bristle floor brush or similar

Zips

Zips may endure extreme tension due to wind, incorrect pitching or pressures caused by people or objects leaning against the tent. In order to limit wear and tear on your zips:

Close all zips before pitching your tent

- Protect zips by treating with silicone
- Verify zips are functioning correctly BEFORE FIRST USE. Zips are not covered by warranty once the tent has been pitched

Cleaning & stain removal

- Remove stains when they are created where possible. Look out for both natural dirt (bird droppings, sand, saltwater...) and domestic dirt (cooking stains, soda, wine, sun cream etc.).
- Remove light stains with a soft bristle brush or sponge and freshwater. Chemical products not designed for natural canvas may impact the waterproofing treatment on your tent.
- Use only specialised tent canvas cleaning products such as Ultramar Shampoo or Ultramar Power Cleaner to remove tough stains. Be aware that your tent will need to be re-waterproofed after using any cleaning product on the canvas:
 1. Moisten the tent
 2. Apply cleaning agent and rub it in with a soft brush
 3. Let the canvas absorb the solution for about 10 min then rinse it using plenty of water. Prolong the absorption time if necessary.
 4. Allow the tent to air-dry completely before re-waterproofing with a specialised products such as BradProof

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PACKING AWAY & STORAGE

- Only store your tent once it is 100% dry
- If you are forced to pack your tent away when it is damp/wet then it must be set up again within 48 hours and allowed to dry fully before returning to longer-term storage
- Store your tent in a cool, dry area, off the ground and out of direct sunlight
- Do not store anything on top of the tent as this can distort the canvas or damage the components
- Keep the storage area clean. Rodents and insects can cause damage to stored tents and such damage will not be covered by warranty
- The tent should be taken out of storage at least once every 12 months to allow it to recover from its compacted & stored state.



WARRANTY

At Bay Sports, everything we do is underpinned by our commitment to quality. All Bay Sports Canvas Tents carry a 12 Month Warranty which starts immediately after delivery.

The Warranty only applies to production errors (for instance with respect to stitches and waterproofing) when using and maintaining the tent as directed in this guide. The Warranty does not cover or wear and tear and cannot be extended to the poles or zips after the tent has been pitched for the first time. Please check the zips and poles are functioning correctly prior to your first pitch.

The Warranty does not apply in the following cases:

If the product succumbs to environmental factors such as mould, mildew or UV deterioration

- If the product has been modified
- If the original receipt/invoice/proof of purchase cannot be presented
- If the product has been damaged intentionally, or as a consequence of negligence or bad maintenance
- If the product is being used for professional and/or long term shelter after 28 days of continuous use. After 28 days, the tent is classified as a permanent structure and is not being used for its intended purpose (i.e a tent for recreational camping)

Your consumer legal rights may still apply after the warranty expires.

Please immediately notify us by e-mail if problems arise with any of our products and our Customer Service Team will contact you within two working days.

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