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KAYAKS



USER GUIDE

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# WELCOME

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Thank you for choosing a Bay Sports kayak. This kayak 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 believe that a Bay Sports kayak offers incomparable value.

We wish you years of enjoyment and rewarding experiences with this Bay Sports kayak.

Visit our website at any time for more information.

[www.baysports.com.au](http://www.baysports.com.au)

# YOUR KAYAK

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Take some time to learn about the various components of your kayak in the next pages.

All Bay Sports kayaks are made of low & high-density polyethylene. If your kayak is three layers mean kayak is lighter and stronger.

Note: not all models include or come equipped with all parts shown.

# SIT-IN KAYAK



Please note: Not all features are available on all models

## How to setup rope and deck ball on kayaks with non-spring loaded rudder?

<http://tiny.cc/RudderandDeckBallInstall>

## How to replace SmartTrack Flow rudder blade (Dreamer, Dreamer XL & Hug XL models)?

<http://tiny.cc/RudderReplacement>

## How to setup SmartTrack Hybrid Foil rudder?

[https://youtu.be/\\_smt-lglJYE](https://youtu.be/_smt-lglJYE)

## How to insert and secure rudder?

<http://tiny.cc/zo8juz>

## How to learn to do Eskimo roll?

<http://tiny.cc/1p8juz>



# SIT-ON-TOP KAYAK



Please note: Not all features are available on all models

# PEDAL KAYAK



## How to assemble pedal drive system?

**Propeller Pedal Kayak Models:**  
<http://tiny.cc/7p8juz>

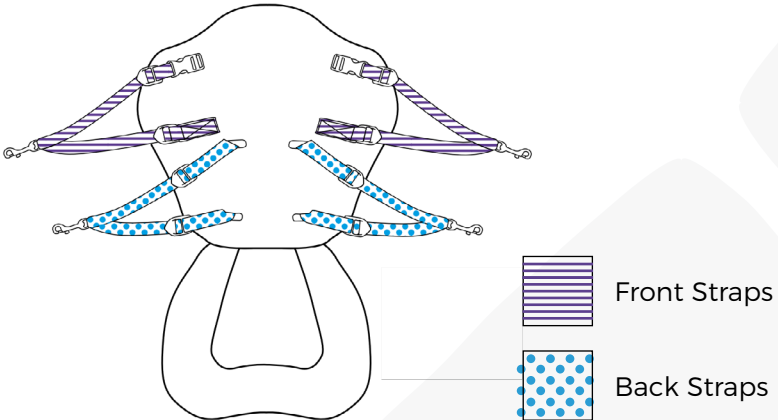
**Flap Pedal Kayak Models:**  
<http://tiny.cc/PedalFlapDriveAssembly>

# DELUXE COMFORT KAYAK SEAT

## How to attach your Deluxe Comfort Kayak Seat?

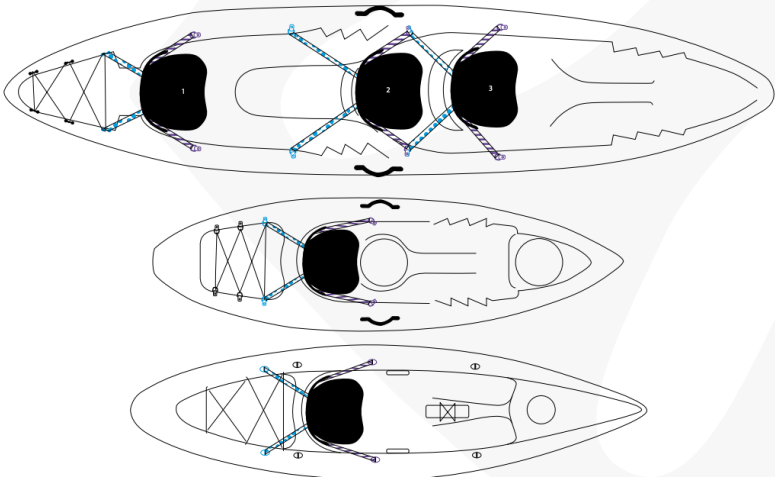
### 1. The Seat

The straps at the top of the seat will attach in front of the seat and the lower straps will attach behind the seat.



### 2. The Kayak

Locate where you want to attach the straps, below are some examples:

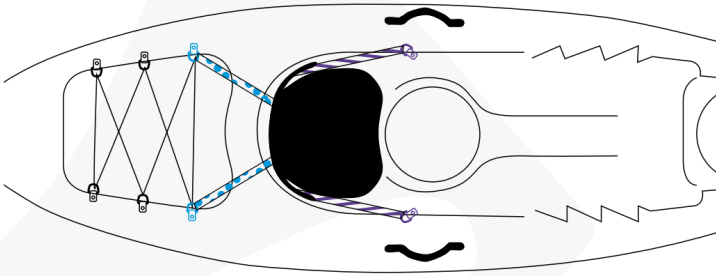




### 3. Place The Seat Into The Kayak

So that the fold if the seat is resting snugly against the back of the seat area.

### 4. Attach The Clips In The Correct Areas.



### 5. Tighten the straps

It is best to tighten the straps gradually until you are happy with the position of the seat. Make sure that you end up with the straps taunt so that the seat does not move while you are using the kayak. If installed correctly the back rest should end up slightly curved.

TIP: To get the most power out of your paddling make sure that the back rest as close to vertical as possible.



### 6. How To Remove The Seat

To remove the seat slightly loosen one of the straps so that you can unclip it. You should then be able to unclip the rest of the straps easily. The next time you put the seat in it will be a lot quicker as all the other straps will be correctly set up.

# ESSENTIALS CHECKLIST

Click on each title for more info

## Personal flotation device (pfd)

A USCG approved, comfortable and secure fitting PFD should be worn at all times. Shorter PFDs are available that are ideal for kayak paddling.

<https://www.baysports.com.au/collections/lifejackets-pfd>

## Paddle

Choosing a paddle is almost as important as your choice of boat. Blade shape, length, weight, and material all offer different experiences. On longer trips, it is strongly recommended that you have a spare paddle that can be easily stowed on your deck.

## Safety equipment

USCG regulations require an audible signal device (a horn or whistle) to be used in all watercraft. In addition, it is recommended that all paddlers carry a bilge pump (to drain water from the kayak), and a paddle float. Be sure to secure training in the operation of a paddlefloat.

## Personal gear

There are many items that you may wish to take with you on a paddling trip. Your location, length of journey, group size, weather, etc. will all play a part in this “essentials list.”

- Drinking water
- Snacks
- Extra clothes in a drybag
- Map or chart
- First- Aid
- Matches
- Sun protection

To help you learn about the logistics of a paddling trip and correct paddling technique we strongly recommend a good beginner-level paddling course from a certified instructor.

### Other accessories:

There are a wide variety of accessories designed for your kayak to enhance the performance and overall experience. Not all accessories are available for all models.

### Sprayskirt

For longer trips or rougher conditions, a sprayskirt is worn by the paddler to create a watertight seal, preventing the cockpit from filling up with water.

### Dry bag

Ultra-light and water-resistant storage for an extra level of protection and accessibility for gear.

### Angler accessories:

- Angler versions are customised for each model and include all or some of the following accessories.
- Flush Mount Rod Holders
- Scotty Bait Caster Rod Holder
- Molded-In Rod Holders
- Molded-In Ruler
- Stand-Up Assist Strap
- 3.5 lb / 1.5 kg Anchor Kit
- Anchor Trolley
- Anchor Cleat

### Touring & expedition accessories

- Smart Sail
- Lightweight 2-piece fibreglass paddle
- Mini Sit In Kayak trolley
- Bilge pump
- Paddle leash
- Spray skirt
- Kayak Cover
- Kayak Carrier Car Cradles

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# TRANSPORTATION

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The carrying handles at both ends help in the transportation of the kayak by hand. These handles should not be used to fasten the kayak onto a vehicle.

- Make sure the kayak is firmly tied down, whether on a vehicle or trailer.
- Before setting out, make sure all accessories have been removed and packed into the vehicle to avoid damaging or losing them.

[www.baysports.com.au/blogs/blog/how-to-transport-a-kayak](http://www.baysports.com.au/blogs/blog/how-to-transport-a-kayak)

## PRE-LAUNCH CHECKLIST

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- Make sure all those aboard are wearing approved lifejackets.
- Make sure you have basic emergency equipment on board (warning horn, first aid kit, whistle, etc.).

## LAUNCHING PROCEDURE

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- Make sure that all the material used to fasten the kayak during transportation is removed.
- Set your foot in the centre of the kayak when boarding to ensure it remains stable.

## MOORING / DOCKING

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- Always moor the kayak away from rocks and sharp objects.
- Always moor in sufficiently deep water to avoid damaging the hull.
- Never moor the kayak against a dock that is not equipped with hull-protecting bumpers.

## ATTENTION

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Please note that the storage hatches on your kayak are not waterproof. All water-sensitive items must be properly protected.

## TO READ

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For your own safety on the water, please take the time to read our blog article on Kayaking Safety,

[www.baysports.com.au/blogs/blog/a-beginners-guide-to-kayak-safety](http://www.baysports.com.au/blogs/blog/a-beginners-guide-to-kayak-safety)

# SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

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We suggest that you read the information below before using this kayak. Failure to follow the safety precautions below may lead to serious injury or death. Paddle sports such as kayaking can be dangerous and physically demanding.

Participating in paddle sports may put you at risk of serious injury or death. You should receive qualified instructions to learn proper paddling techniques, water safety, and first aid before going boating.

## **1. Weather & water conditions**

Check the weather and water conditions before you go boating. Your boat is designed to be used only in sheltered waters, lakes, and slow-moving streams. It is not designed for whitewater use. Never go paddling in severe winds, rain, thunderstorms, choppy waters, strong currents, flood waters or where tides will seriously affect your ability to steer the boat or return to shore.

## **2. Every passenger should always wear a local state marine legislation approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) when using this boat.**

Before going paddling, read the PFD manufacturer's information pamphlet regarding the PFD and thoroughly familiarise yourself with how the PFD is to be worn.

## **3. Never use or consume alcohol, drugs or any other substance that may affect your coordination, judgment or ability to safely operate the boat.**

## **4. Never stand up in the boat**

Standing up in the boat may cause it to capsize. If the boat should capsize, please note that, in most cases, it is far more dangerous to attempt to swim to shore than to stay with the boat.

## **5. Never exceed your ability**

Honestly assess your physical capability as to how far and how long you can paddle and swim.

## **6. Slippery when wet**

The full material is extremely slick when wet. Always wear slip-resistant shoes and stay in the centre of the boat.

## **7. Hypothermia**

Boating accidents in cold water are very dangerous. Hypothermia, the loss of body heat due to immersion in cold water, can be deadly. Survival time can be as short as 15 minutes in 35°F (2°C) water. Dress appropriately for weather conditions, wearing a wet or dry suit if necessary.

## **8. Never paddle alone**

It is best to have someone with you in case of an emergency or accident. Also, always tell someone your boating plans, including where you are going, how long you'll be gone, and how many people you'll be with.

Never allow minors to use this boat without adult supervision.

## **9. Always familiarise yourself with the body of water where you will be paddling.**

Learn what hours boating is permitted, whether there are any known hazardous conditions and where you can get help quickly in case of emergency or accident.

## **10. Always abide by all state/provincial and local laws, regulations, ordinances and rules concerning boating and boating safety.**

Check with the local authorities concerning proper boat handling and the proper boat handling and the proper equipment to be carried on board such as light devices.

## **11. Drain plugs**

Check that the drain plug the kayak (or certain models only) is securely in place before launching the kayak. You should drain the space between the deck and the hull of any water accumulated due to condensation or seepage.

Always check the drain bung plug is securely tightened before going out on the water, to ensure no water enters the hull. This can be a hazard as if enough water enters the hull, the kayak risks sinking. After you finish kayaking, you can unscrew the plug to allow hot air to escape so that the kayak hull will not deform, as well as drain out any water inside.

# CARE & MAINTENANCE

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The best way to clean your kayak is to wash it with lukewarm water and mild soap. Do not use harsh abrasives. Regular cleaning will keep your kayak looking like new. Never attempt to paint the kayak because it will not stick to the full.

## STORAGE

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- The best way to store your kayak is simply set it on a flat surface or you can store it on a set of kayak stands.
- If outdoors, cover it with a cockpit cover.
- Do not leave straps or ropes tightly wound around the hull for any extended period of time, especially in warmer weather.
- The hull surface, much as the exterior finish of a car, will better retain its appearance if not exposed to the sun while in long-term storage.

## CAUTION

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Water may accumulate in the hull as a result of paddling, rain or condensation. This is not a defect. To let the water escape, simply remove the drain plug and set the kayak on its stern in a vertical position.



# 5 YEAR WARRANTY

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Your kayak is built of superior materials and in accordance to stringent quality standards. With adequate maintenance, it will give you years of reliable use. But as with most products, it is subject to wear and tear, If you eventually need replacement parts, technical assistance or product/service information, please contact our dealer or our company.

Bay Sports kayaks 5 year warranty is valid only if the product is used for its intended purposed and for which it was designed.

Product component parts and accessories are warranted for a period of 1 year from the date of purchase against defects in workmanship and/or materials. The full and deck are warranted for a period of 5 years from the date of purchase against defects in workmanship and/or materials and suitable for its intended purpose.

## **This warranty does not cover:**

- Boats used for rental or other commercial use.
  - Products that have been damaged by negligence, misuse or accident, or wear due to owner's failure to provide reasonable and necessary maintenance.
  - Products which have been modified or repaired by unauthorised persons.
  - Change in appearance of boat due to wear, exposure or any other environmental condition.
  - Damage to hull caused by exposure to abrasive surfaces.
- During the warranty period Bay Sports is obliged only to

repair or replace, at its discretion, the above mentioned parts, at either its manufacturing plant, or at an authorised dealer store or service center, as decided by Bay Sports.

Transportation costs back to the appointed place of repair or replacement are at the expense of the consumer. Bay Sports is not responsible for any damages incurred in transport, for storing or transportation fees, nor for inconvenience or loss of time or money while repairs are being made.

Bay Sports reserves the right to determine whether the terms of the warranty have been properly complied with.



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