



**WAVE SPORT.**

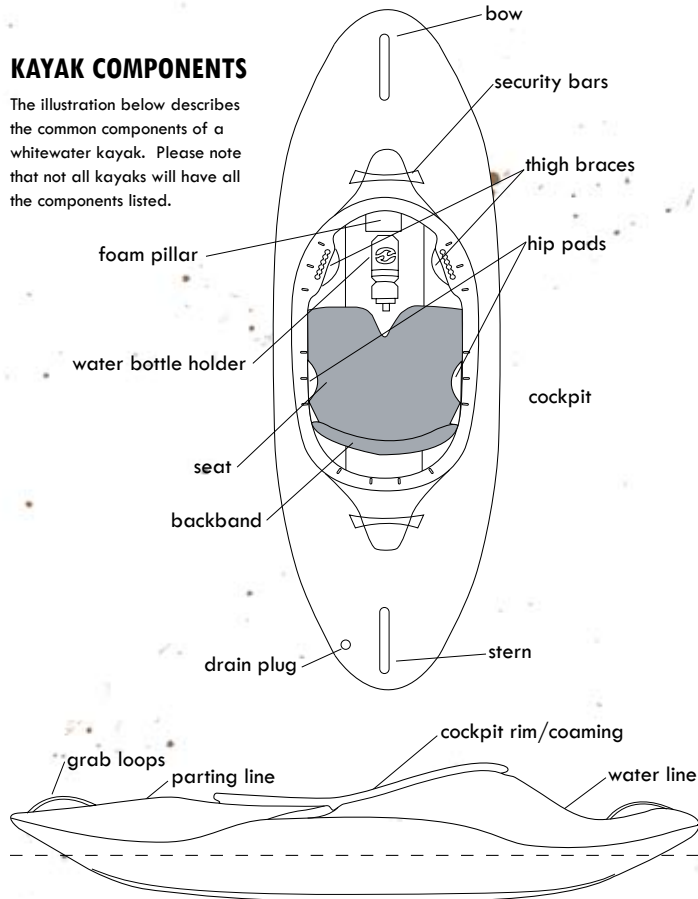
*Whitewater Kayaks. period*

**OWNER'S MANUAL**

For over 20 years Wave Sport has been synonymous with whitewater kayaking. As a company it's always been, and always will be, our only focus. Since day one the goal has been to create user friendly, comfortable, performance driven kayaks for every whitewater situation. Through a focused, passionate pursuit of this goal, Wave Sport has helped define and re-define not just what a kayak is, but what the whitewater lifestyle is all about. We're proud to make the best tools possible for pursuing the whitewater lifestyle. See you on the river!

## KAYAK COMPONENTS

The illustration below describes the common components of a whitewater kayak. Please note that not all kayaks will have all the components listed.



## **CARING FOR YOUR KAYAK**

Your kayak is made of durable polyethylene and can last many years with proper care and sensible use.

A certain amount of impact and abrasion damage is to be expected due to the nature of whitewater paddling. If you notice excessive wear or gouging on the hull you should consider altering your paddling technique to prolong the life of your kayak.

Next to damage during use, the greatest threat to the kayak is degradation due to UV exposure. The kayak

should be stored out of direct sunlight. You should also apply 303 Protectant (available from your local dealer) at least twice per year to further protect the polyethylene from degradation.

If the kayak is used in salt water you should rinse the kayak thoroughly with fresh water to prevent corrosion of metal components. Mild soap and water are all that are required for routine cleaning of the kayak.

## **STORAGE AND TRANSPORT**

Your kayak should be stored on its end or side out of direct sunlight. A cockpit cover is useful for keeping debris and critters out. Security bars are provided for securing your kayak by means of a lock and cable.

When transporting your kayak by car or truck it is imperative that the boat be secured to the vehicle so that no one point of failure would result in the kayak coming loose. Failure to do so endangers both you and other motorists. The kayak may be transported on the roof of a vehicle by using racks or foam blocks to support the boat. The kayak should be tied or strapped to the roof or racks

at the bow and stern and two more lines should be run to the front and rear vehicle bumpers from the bow and stern. If the kayak is transported in the bed of a pickup, lines should be run through the bow and stern security bars or grab handles and tied off to the vehicle. If the kayak is to be carried within a vehicle make sure that it will not shift during transit.

It is possible in some cases to transport your kayak with you when you travel by air. You should invest in a kayak travel bag and contact your air carrier well in advance to see if they allow you to check a whitewater kayak and how much they will charge.

## **SAFE PADDLING GUIDE**

*Important Note: The following information is provided as a general overview of safe paddling practices and is not a substitute for training by a certified instructor.*

### **REQUIRED EQUIPMENT**

The following equipment is required for safe use of your kayak:

#### **PADDLE**

Typically, a whitewater paddle will be shorter than the average touring paddle and have a larger blade face. Your local kayak dealer should be able to help you decide on a paddle to suit your needs. It is always a good idea to carry a backup paddle that can be broken down to fit in the stern of your kayak.

#### **PFD (PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE)**

Safe use of any kayak or canoe requires that you be wearing a personal flotation device at all times. If you have to exit your kayak the extra flotation a PFD provides can make the difference between life and death.

#### **HELMET**

You should always wear an appropriate helmet while paddling whitewater.

#### **SPRAY SKIRT**

You should always paddle with a spray skirt in place to facilitate rolling and prevent the kayak from getting swamped. Every time you fit the skirt to the cockpit rim double check that the skirt's grab loop is on the outside.

#### **FLOAT BAGS**

If you are forced to exit your kayak and it becomes swamped, recovery becomes more difficult. By installing inflatable float bags you can reduce the volume of water a swamped kayak will take on. Typical installation on a kayak will be two bags, one on either side of the stern pillar.

## **SAFETY WARNING**

Paddlesports can be very dangerous and physically demanding. The user of this product should understand that participating in paddlesports may involve serious injury or death. Observe the following safety standards whenever using this product.

- Get paddlesports instruction from a licensed or certified instructor.
- Obtain certified first-aid and rescue training and carry first-aid and rescue equipment.
- Always wear a nationally approved personal flotation device.
- Always wear a helmet where appropriate.
- Dress appropriately for weather conditions; cold water and/or weather can result in hypothermia.
- Check your equipment prior to each use for signs of wear or failure.
- Never paddle alone.
- Do not paddle in flood conditions.
- Be aware of appropriate river water levels, tidal changes, dangerous currents and weather changes.
- Scout unfamiliar waters; portage where appropriate.
- Consult your physician prior to beginning your paddlesports training.
- Do not use alcohol or mind-altering drugs prior to or during the use of this product.
- If additional outfitting is added to this craft use manufacturer-approved materials only; do not impair entry or exit access.
- Do not exceed your paddling ability; be honest with yourself.

**The use of this product acknowledges both an understanding and an assumption of the risk involved in paddlesports.**

## LIMITED MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY

Confluence Watersports (CWS) warrants to the original owner upon proof of purchase this boat to be free from any defects in material or workmanship and to conform to the product specifications set forth in the Owner's Manual if the product is used and cared for according to the instructions furnished for three years as outlined below from date of purchase. You may register your kayak on-line at [www.wavesport.com](http://www.wavesport.com)

- During the first 12 months of ownership we will, at our option, repair or replace any hull, seat, foot peg and thigh brace that fails to conform to this warranty free of charge.

- During the second 12 months of ownership we will, at our option, repair or replace any hull that fails to conform to this warranty at a cost to the owner of 20 percent of the current Suggested Retail Price, plus shipping and handling fees to and from manufacturing plant or some other place which CWS may designate.

- During the third 12 months of ownership we will, at our option, repair or replace any hull that fails to conform to this warranty at a cost to the owner of 40% of the current Suggested Retail Price, plus shipping and handling fees to and from manufacturing plant or some other place which CWS may designate.

- This warranty is void if the boat is used commercially, altered structurally or subjected to stress beyond the physical limitations of the boat material.

- This warranty does not cover abrasion or abnormal use.
- This warranty reserves the right to change products or designs without incurring any obligations to incorporate such changes in already completed products, or those in the hands of dealers and consumers.

The warranty contained herein is the exclusive warranty made by CWS and there are no other warranties, expressed or implied, including a warranty of fitness for a particular purpose or of merchantability made with respect to such boats.

CWS is not liable for any injury or mishaps sustained in the use of this product. The user of this product acknowledges assumed risks and waives any and all claims against Confluence Holdings, Inc. and any of its agents.

IN NO EVENT WILL CONFLUENCE HOLDINGS, INC. BE LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL OR SPECIAL DAMAGES. Some states do not allow the exclusion of incidental, consequential or special damages, so the preceding exclusion may not apply to you.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.





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