



WHITEWATER PERIOD



# WAVE SPORT

## OWNER'S MANUAL



Congratulations on your new Wave Sport whitewater kayak. You're getting the most insane performance technology available in whitewater, but your new kayak is much more than that. It's your boarding pass to the journey.

It's the same journey that those of us at Wave Sport started more than 20 years ago in a small Colorado factory. A couple of guys channeled their love for skateboarding, snowboarding, and whitewater kayaking into a revolution of performance on the water. The rest is history.

You're now ready to push your limits. Fortunately, a Wave Sport kayak doesn't have any. Whether you want to go faster, slice easier, carve smoother, or just turn more heads, your boat was uniquely designed by somebody who wanted to do the same thing.

So tie your kayak down and get your gear together, we'll be looking for you on the water.

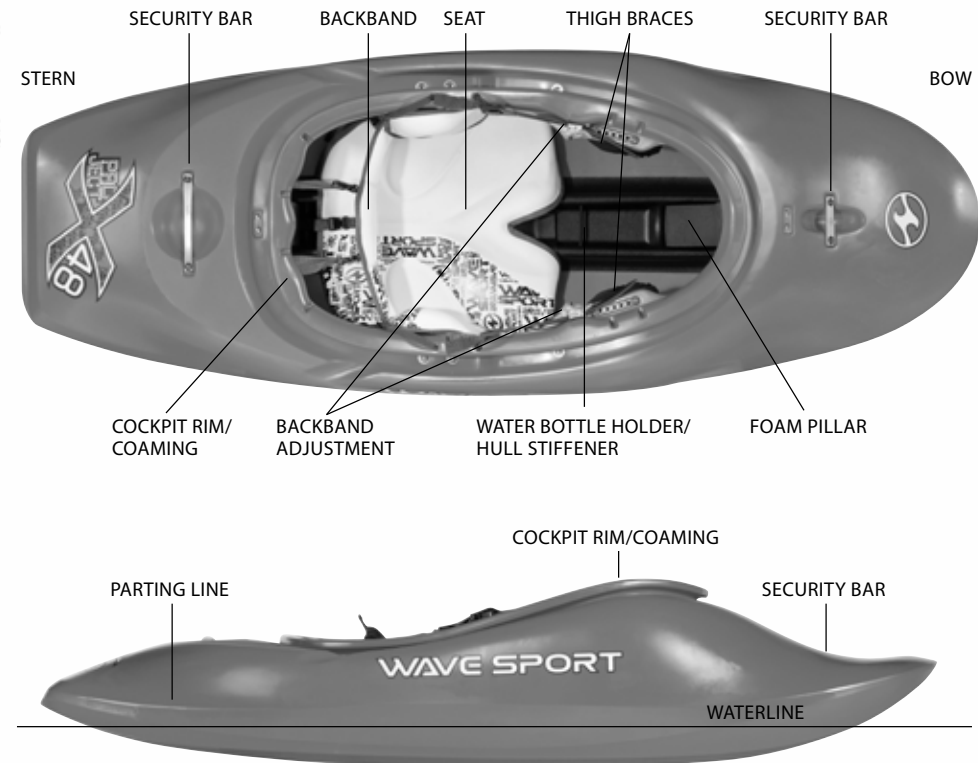
## JOIN THE JOURNEY

Camping out. Hanging out by the fire. Telling stories all night long. Running steep creeks. Gauley Fest. Enjoying the journey. Hook up with Team Wave Sport by joining our website at [www.wavesport.com](http://www.wavesport.com).

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This owner's manual and additional information is available at [www.wavesport.com](http://www.wavesport.com).



\*DRAIN PLUG: Not available on all models

## OUTFITTING

The WhiteOut F.A.T. (Fit Adjustment Technology) system is Wave Sport's innovative outfitting system designed for maximum comfort and control.

**For tips and useful information on getting the most from the WhiteOut F.A.T. outfitting system, check out our online user guide at [www.wavesport.com](http://www.wavesport.com).**

# KAYAK ANATOMY

## SAFETY WARNING

Any person using kayaks built and/or sold by Wave Sport is personally responsible for determining that their abilities are equal or superior to the conditions encountered and exercising proper judgment in choice of where and when to paddle.

**Any person using Wave Sport kayaks assumes all risks and takes complete responsibility for any and all damages, or injuries, including death, which may result from use or participation in Wave Sport kayaks.**

Whitewater kayaking can be the most exciting form of paddlesports, which also increases the potential risks. Safety and training are the most important part of getting the most out of your kayaking experience. Please read these safety tips carefully before hitting the water.

### WARNING:

Kayaking can be hazardous with potential risk of serious injury and even death.

### DO:

- Wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD).
- Always wear a helmet when paddling.
- Get paddlesports and rescue instruction from a licensed or certified instructor.
- When traveling with a group, ensure that everyone can handle the difficulty gradient of the river.
- 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. Recheck periodically throughout your trip.
- Scout unfamiliar waters. If necessary, paddle to shore and carry your boat past uncertain areas.
- Stay aware of appropriate river water levels, tidal changes, dangerous currents, and weather changes.
- Follow manufacturer's recommendations for use and outfitting of your kayak.
- Leave your paddling location and agenda with someone at home before departing.
- Always use supplemental flotation.

### DON'T:

- Never exceed your ability and assess how far and how long you can paddle or swim.
- Never paddle alone.
- Never consume alcohol, drugs, or any other substance that may affect your coordination, judgment, or ability when paddling.
- Never paddle in flood conditions.
- Never allow minors to use the boat without adult supervision.
- Avoid bracing yourself in the kayak in such a way that you have to release any outfitting to escape.

Improper transportation technique is one of the main causes of kayak damage. The following tips will help you safely transport your kayak and minimize potential hull damage.

It is possible for a kayak strapped tightly to a roof rack for a series of days to temporarily deform at the weight bearing points. Use a rigid bar sport rack in addition to a "kayak cradle" to disperse the weight.

It is also important to avoid keeping kayaks tied tightly to your vehicle in direct sunlight. This could cause deformation of the hull over time.

### ROOF RACK

A crossbar roof rack (or "sports rack") for your vehicle with the kayak positioned on its side is the best method of transporting a kayak. It should be lashed down at each crossbar, as well as at the bow and stern to each end of the vehicle. Kayaks can also be transported on their edge safely using kayak stackers.

Kayak cradles are recommended for boats being transported "flat" to lessen chances of deformation from being lashed too tightly to the bars. It is also recommended that the kayak be transported upside down as it is more aerodynamic and will prevent water from filling the cockpit during rain.

### USING FOAM BLOCK RACKS

Foam block racks can be used for short distances or lower speed transportation. They should be wide enough for adequate support, as well. Use extra caution with foam blocks as they are not as secure as cross-bar racks. Foam blocks also make it essential to tie off the bow and stern of the kayaks directly to the vehicle.

### AIR TRAVEL

Many airlines do not allow kayaks to be transported on the plane when you travel by air. Contact your air carrier well in advance of your trip to see if they allow you to check a whitewater kayak and how much they charge. You should invest in a kayak travel bag if you do transport a kayak by air.

### IMPORTANT:

It is recommended to always stop shortly after the start of your trip to make sure all fittings and connections are secure and that the kayak will not shift during travel.

### CAUTION:

#### TRAVELING IN INCLEMENT WEATHER:

Position kayak upside down if possible when inclement weather is threatening. A kayak can fill with water when it rains and become dangerous to your vehicle or others as it becomes heavy. Use a portage cover to seal the cockpit if a "bottom up" position is not possible. Be sure to periodically check your straps to make sure they have not stretched while wet.

# STORAGE

## SHORT TERM STORAGE

Be sure to empty the kayak of all water. The kayak may be stored on its side or in a vertical position temporarily. Storage in these positions for an extended period of time could cause flattening or deformation in the side of the hull.

## LONG TERM STORAGE

In addition to emptying all water out, you should clean the kayak by rinsing with freshwater. Store out of direct sunlight and indoors, if possible. UV exposure can shorten the lifespan of any kayak and can degrade its finish. Be sure to not leave straps or ropes tightly wound around the hull for extended periods of time as it may cause deformation. Your kayak should be stored hull up on parallel bars with weight supported evenly throughout its length.

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE

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.

Continual exposure to abrasion can roughen the hull surface. Scratching is often cosmetic or superficial and requires no repair.

It is important to be able to determine when damage is cosmetic or impacts the structure of the hull. Impacts are much more likely than scratches to result in structural damage. Inspect your hull after suffering a collision.

As durable as it is, polyethylene is not indestructible. However, should the worst happen, it is repairable; simply contact your local Wave Sport dealer.

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, as the polyethylene will become more flexible in warm conditions. To keep your kayak shining and minimize the long-term degradation caused by UV exposure, use an ultraviolet protectant such as 303 Aerospace Protectant, available at your local Wave Sport dealer.

### WARNING:

Avoid dragging kayak across the ground to prolong its life and maintain its look and performance.

### CAUTION:

Do not suspend your kayak by using the grab loops at either end of the boat. This can cause the hull to distort over time.

## CLEANING

Usually, a quick rinse of fresh water is all that is necessary to keep your hull clean and functioning in good order. This is very important after paddling in chlorinated water or salt water. Thoroughly rinse the kayak and remove all residue to prevent corrosion of metal components.

Superficial scratches may occur, but can be removed or reduced by use of a marine boat polish designed for polyethylene hulls. Sanding or use of an abrasive rubbing compound is not recommended.

## IF YOUR KAYAK NEEDS A REPAIR

Although it is unlikely that your kayak will need repair during its lifetime, it is possible that a hull crack or puncture might occur due to extreme impact or contact with a sharp object.

If this happens do the following:

1. Contact Wave Sport or your Wave Sport dealer to determine if the damage falls under the boat's warranty.
2. We will need the serial number of your kayak (located on the stern), a good description of the damage (a photograph is very helpful), and a description of the incident during which the damage occurred.
3. As an owner of a boat made from polyethylene plastic, one repair option which may be available to you is welding. Polyethylene is recyclable and repairable, unlike many other plastics.

Incidents necessitating welding happen to less than one percent of Wave Sport boats, but if for some reason you should get a crack or hole in your boat, contact us and we will send you the materials and instructions necessary to return your boat to peak condition.

You can reach us at:  
(p) 888-52-KAYAK (888-525-2925)  
(f) 888-373-1220

# HULL CARE

## EQUIPMENT & ACCESSORIES

While kayaking requires certain equipment, such as a paddle, helmet, and a Personal Flotation Device (PFD), you can increase both your trip enjoyment and safety with other essential accessories.

### PFD (PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE)

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

### HELMET

You should always wear an appropriate helmet while paddling whitewater.

### PADDLE

Typically, a whitewater paddle will be shorter than the average touring paddle and have a larger blade face. Your local Wave Sport 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.

### SAFETY EQUIPMENT

USCG regulations require an audible signal device (a horn or whistle) to be used in all watercraft.

### PERSONAL GEAR

Items you should keep with you on every trip include: Sunscreen, sunglasses, plenty of drinking water, insect repellent, compass, rescue knife, waterproof flashlight, matches or lighter, and first aid kit.

### SPRAYSKIRT

A sprayskirt is worn by the paddler to create a watertight seal, preventing the cockpit from filling up with water. You should always paddle with a sprayskirt in place to facilitate rolling and prevent the kayak from getting swamped.

### FLOTATION 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.

### THROW BAG

In the event of an emergency while on the water, a throw bag can help you reach a swimmer or help free your kayak. A throwbag should have a minimum of 50 feet of cord.

### GET MORE ACCESSORIES

To find out about many more accessories available for your Wave Sport kayak, visit [www.harmonygear.com](http://www.harmonygear.com).

### FINDING YOUR SERIAL NUMBER

The serial number is located near the stern (rear) of the boat, just below the line where the deck and side meet. On most boats it is engraved in an indentation on the right side of the boat.

### NOTICE: STATE REGULATIONS

Some states require that all kayaks be registered. To register your kayak you will need your Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO). This serves as the title to your kayak and should have been provided when you took delivery. If not, check with your retailer. If it has been lost, have your dealer contact Wave Sport and we will provide a replacement.

Note: Make sure the serial number on your MSO matches that on your hull.

### QUESTIONS?

Visit our **Frequently Asked Questions** section at [www.wavesport.com](http://www.wavesport.com) to answer these and many other commonly asked questions about our kayaks and accessories:

How do I adjust the seat?

How can I get replacement parts?

What other accessories are available for my kayak?

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Boat Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Purchase: \_\_\_\_\_

Dealer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### SERVICE & SUPPORT

If you have a problem with your kayak that you believe is covered under warranty, contact the nearest authorized Wave Sport dealer. You can find a listing of all dealers on our website.

**If you have additional questions about your kayak or accessories, please visit our online support webpage at [www.wavesport.com](http://www.wavesport.com) for resources or to find information on contacting a customer service representative.**

### CONTACT US

(p) 888-52-KAYAK (888-525-2925)

(f) 888-373-1220

Service and support hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST.

**All warranties and part orders need to be handled through an authorized dealer. We do not sell direct.**

## SERVICE & SUPPORT

# 3-YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

For the original retail purchaser ("Consumer"), Wave Sport kayaks by Confluence Watersports are warranted against material or manufacturing defects in the hull and deck for three (3) years from the date of original purchase of the kayak. Parts, accessories, and outfitting are warranted for a period of one (1) year against material or manufacturing defects from the date of purchase.

The following schedule details coverage levels during the term:

**During the first year of ownership** this warranty covers repair or replacement of the hull, deck, outfitting, and all parts and accessories at 100% of the original retail price.

**During the second year of ownership**, this warranty covers repair or replacement of the hull and deck up to 80% of the original retail price.

**During the third year of ownership**, this warranty covers repair or replacement of the hull and deck up to 60% of the original retail price.

Kayaks sold as "2nd quality" as indicated on the Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO) are covered under this limited warranty for one (1) year from the original purchase date for the hull, deck, outfitting, and all parts and accessories.

This limited warranty is only valid with the purchase of a Wave Sport kayak from an authorized Wave Sport dealer. This warranty is non-transferable.

## HOW TO REGISTER YOUR BOAT

**The warranty registration form should be completed online at [www.wavesport.com](http://www.wavesport.com) or your registration card mailed back within 30 days of original purchase to be activated.** It is suggested that you keep your sales receipt should it be required in the future for proof of purchase.

## OBTAINING WARRANTY SERVICE

If you have a problem with your kayak and you suspect that it may be due to defective materials or workmanship, contact the nearest authorized Wave Sport kayak dealer and arrange to have the problem inspected. Consumer is responsible for delivery to, and pickup from, the closest authorized dealer.

If the authorized Wave Sport dealer's inspection indicates a defect that is attributable to materials or workmanship, Confluence Watersports will repair or replace your Wave Sport kayak free of charge at the company's option, based on the time of ownership corresponding to the warranty coverage schedule detailed above. Proof of purchase such as a sales receipt may be required. If repairs or evaluation are required by Wave Sport at its manufacturing facility, the Consumer will be responsible for a \$50.00 shipping and handling fee.

If service is required in a country that is not the country of purchase, Consumer will comply with

all applicable export laws and regulations and be responsible for all customs duties, value add tax (VAT), and other associated taxes and charges. For international service, the Wave Sport Distributor may repair or exchange defective products and parts with comparable products and parts that comply with local standards.

Confluence Watersports retains the right to satisfy warranty via repair or replacement of products or of components deemed defective. In addition, Wave Sport reserves the right to replace original kayaks or equipment with comparable current products.

## LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

This limited warranty does not apply to:

- Normal wear and tear and aging of product.
- Kayaks damaged by extreme weather or environmental conditions.
- Kayaks damaged while in possession of a freight carrier, a dealer, Consumer, or any party other than Wave Sport.
- Kayaks damaged by accident, neglect, improper use or handling.
- Kayaks that have been towed by power or sail boats.
- Kayaks designated as Prototypes.
- Kayaks sold as "demos" or in "as is" condition.
- Kayaks determined to have been used for any activity other than an activity which is customary for the product.

- Kayaks that have been structurally or dimensionally altered or modified.
- Kayaks used for commercial or rental purposes.

This limited warranty excludes all other warranties, expressed or implied, including implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, with regard to Wave Sport kayaks. Some state, country, or provincial laws do not allow the exclusion of certain implied warranties, so the above exclusion may not apply to you.

This limited warranty excludes any incidental or consequential damages or expenses resulting from any defects. Confluence Watersport's aggregate liability shall be limited to an amount equal to Consumer's original purchase price paid for the defective product. Some state, country, or provincial laws do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above exclusion may not apply to you.

To the extent any limitation or exclusion contained herein is contrary to any country, state, or provincial law, such limitation or exclusion shall be severable and all other terms herein shall remain in full force and effect and are valid and enforceable.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights. For Consumers who are covered by state, country or provincial consumer protection laws or regulations, the benefits from this warranty are in addition to all rights conveyed by such consumer protection laws and regulations.

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