

WAVE SPORT

OWNER'S MANUAL

THIS IS WAVE SPORT

JOIN THE JOURNEY

Camping out. Hanging out by the fire. Telling stories all night long. Running rivers. Catching waves. Enjoying the journey. Connect with the Wave Sport family on our website at www.WaveSport.com.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW WAVE SPORT KAYAK.

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

It's the same journey that the pioneers at Wave Sport started 40 years ago in a small Colorado factory. A couple of guys channelled 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. Whether you want to go faster, explore further, carve smoother, or just turn more heads, your boat was uniquely designed by somebody who wanted to do the same thing.

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

This owner's manual and additional information are available at www.WaveSport.com

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SAFETY

READ BEFORE USE

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 or participating in paddlesport assumes all risks and takes complete responsibility for any and all damages, or injuries, including death, which may result.

Consult your physician prior to beginning your paddlesport training.

DO:

- Wear an approved personal flotation device (PFD).
- Wear a helmet when paddling whitewater or in the ocean if over shallow water or where there is the potential to hit rock.
- Get paddlesports instruction from a licensed or certified instructor.
- 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.
- 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.
- Obtain certified first aid and rescue training and carry first aid and rescue equipment.

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.
- Do not impair entry or exit access to the kayak when installing additional outfitting.

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

WHERE SHOULD YOU TAKE YOUR KAYAK?

There are many different places and types of water you can take your Wave Sport kayak. Paddling adventures are a great way to travel and see the World, visit new places, meet new people and create new stories. It's all about the Journey...

..although you don't need to travel far to find water to enjoy - many places have options for getting on the water close by.

Your best place for advice on locations to kayak, any ticket/licence needed, for safety or kit advice etc, is always your local kayak retailer. Check our dealer locator on our website to find your closest Wave Sport dealer: *www.WaveSport.com/find-a-dealer*

ONLINE RESOURCES:

There are also many online resources giving advice for safety on the water as well as recommendations for places to kayak. The following are a selection of well known resources from national bodies around the world:

AUSTRALIA	***Paddle Australia***
AUSTRIA	***Austria Tourism***
CANADA	***Paddle Canada***
FINLAND	***Visit Finland***
FRANCE	***FFCK***
FRANCE	***Canoe France***
GERMANY	***KANU***
SWITZERLAND	***Swiss Canoe***
UK	***Go Paddling***
UK	***RNLI***
USA	***ACA***
USA	***American Whitewater***

IMPORTANT:
Always consult the resources from the national body of the countries you plan to kayak in.

RESOURCES

KAYAK ANATOMY

MATERIAL

We have used the latest and most advanced high-density SuperLinear polyethylenes for decades across all our kayaks. Our material has been specifically formulated for our purpose to deliver the robustness needed for the rigours of activities like whitewater paddling, at a weight which is highly competitive. UV stabilisers and colour fixers preserve your kayak and its good looks for longer, as well as remaining fully recyclable.

CONSTRUCTION

Our single-layer construction is most suitable for the majority of paddlers across all our model options. For everyday performance and the highest levels of robustness our single-layer construction is stiffer than most competitors, delivering a higher hull performance.

For a select number of touring models we offer the choice of construction using our TriFuse Technology. This employs our SuperLinear polyethylene to form both the outer and inner layers of the kayak. Sandwiched between these layers is a foamed polyethylene layer that further increases the stiffness of the kayaks hull. While giving up some robustness compared to our single layer version, the extra stiffness of TriFuse helps retain the on water hull shape and performance in the pushiest of conditions.

COMPONENTS

We select only the finest components for a Wave Sport kayak. All components are purpose-specified, with many bespoke to Wave Sport and designed to be highly functional, robust and styled to our Wave Sport aesthetics. We use the highest quality alloys, including A4 stainless steel throughout.

OUTFITTING

There are a number of Outfitting Systems available in Wave Sport kayaks: CORE WhiteOut, WhiteOut, BlackOut, CLUB and RENTAL. The CORE WhiteOut Outfitting system is Wave Sport's innovative outfitting system designed for maximum comfort, performance, and safety.

For tips and useful information on getting the most out of the outfitting system on your kayak, including seat and footrest adjustment - visit our website: *www.WaveSport.com.*

SEAT POSITION

All Wave Sport cockpit kayaks come with the seat fitted in the central position. This is the optimum position for most paddlers, therefore footrest and thigh grip adjustment should be looked at first in order to get the best fit in your kayak. If you wish to move your seat, loosen rather than remove all seat bolts, then adjust and re-tighten.

SIT-ON TOP SEATS

Our 'S.O.T Seat' is a detachable outfitting system designed specifically for sit-on top kayaks. With padded seat and high backrest giving a positive and supportive paddling position. Remove before transporting the kayak.

SIT-ON TOP SCUPPER HOLES

Scuppers are self-draining holes located through the deck of a sit-on top kayak. These add structural strength to the kayak and drain excess water. This key safety feature ensures you'll stay drier and keep afloat.

PUSH-ON HATCH COVERS

Durable push-on hatch covers make gear access easy while offering a true-fitting seal. Sealed bulkheads create the compartments in our kayaks with deck hatches. To remove the covers, find the tab and peel off. To replace the cover, hook it over the hatch rim and press it on firmly the entire way around.

RETRACTABLE SKEG

Some Wave Sport kayaks have a retractable skeg to aid in boat control. The deployment of the skeg helps balance the boat to the specific conditions by adding more tracking at the stern of the boat. Experiment with skeg deployment to find your preferred position for the conditions.

There are two skeg systems across our models. Both utilise the same skeg blade that is spring-loaded to help it to deploy.

Rope Skeg: Find the rope on the right side of the deck just behind the cockpit. Lift the ball and release the rope from the cleat to drop the skeg down. Pull the ball forward to raise the skeg and re-cleat after adjustment is made.

Slider Skeg: Find the slider control on the left side of the kayak just below the cockpit. Press and slide the control button backwards to drop the skeg down. Slide the control button forward to raise the skeg fully or to the desired position.

IMPORTANT:
Check skeg box is free from debris and can operate freely before getting on the water.

FOOTREST SYSTEMS

There are a number of different footrest systems across our models:

Safety Foot Brace: This bulkhead system is a key safety feature and must be adjusted properly to suit your fit. Please see additional outfitting instructions for your kayak on how to achieve this.

Pedal Footrest: The adjustment lever is located on the backside of the foot pedal. To adjust, squeeze the lever so that the footpeg becomes free to slide to the desired position. Release the lever to lock the footpeg in place.

Tip-Toes Pedal Control: As with the 'Pedal Footrests', use the lever on the back of the bracing footpeg to adjust the position. A pivot pedal is fitted to the top of both bracing footpegs to control a rudder. To maintain a straight position, both pivot pedals should be even with each other. To steer the kayak right, push the right pivot pedal away from you. To steer the kayak left, push the left pivot pedal away from you. Allow the pedal that is not in use to automatically move towards you when the other pedal is pushed.

Moulded-in: Get a grip in our sit-on tops without pedals getting in the way. Hop on and off... they're always ready to go!

RUDDER SYSTEM:

Take control and gain paddling efficiency in choppy conditions, fast currents or for easy control in tandems. As an option, certain models can have our Rudder System pre-installed. Also available as an aftermarket rudder system to fit to *'rudder capable'* models.

Please contact an authorised dealer for any questions regarding setup or installation, or visit *www.WaveSport.com* for fitting instructions.

Using the rudder is simple. Unhook the transport retainer, then once afloat in deep enough water, pull the lift line toggle forward to deploy the rudder. To operate the rudder, use the Tip-Toes footrest pedal system as noted above. Always lift the rudder by pulling the lift line toggle forward before paddling in shallow water.

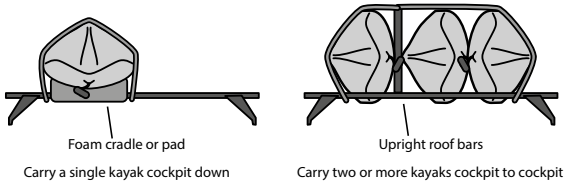
TRANSPORT

TRANSPORTING YOUR KAYAK

Because of their light weight and shape, kayaks are ideally suited for car topping. Your primary consideration in carrying your kayak is that it stays securely attached to the vehicle.

We recommend that car-topping the kayak be undertaken only with a quality roof rack specifically designed for the vehicle and suitable for carrying kayaks. In addition to securing it to the rack, the boat should be tied to the vehicle by an appropriate means, such as the grab handles on longer kayaks.

As with storage, be aware that overtightening or leaving your kayak on the rack may cause short-term distortion. (see Aftercare Section for how to remedy distortion)



Carry a single kayak cockpit down

Carry two or more kayaks cockpit to cockpit

USING INFLATABLE RACKS

Inflatable racks can be used for short distances or lower speed transportation. They should be wide enough for adequate support. Use extra caution with this type of rack, as they are not as secure as cross-bar racks. If using an inflatable rack it is also essential to tie off the bow and stern of the kayaks directly to the vehicle.

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.

KAYAK TROLLEYS

Using a kayak trolley can help to transport all your kit to the beach or put-in. But be aware, some types of trolley can damage your kayak:

Cradle Trolley: Suitable for all styles of kayak including touring and sit-on top kayaks. The width of the trolley should match the width of your kayak so that it sits comfortably on the trolley. The kayak is then secured to the trolley via a strap.

Scupper Hole Trolley: We strongly advise against the use of any trolley utilising the scupper holes of a sit-on top kayak. These use vertical poles to insert through a sit-on top kayaks scupper holes (self-drainage holes). They cause excessive stress to the kayak and have been known to cause significant damage.

Warning: Damage caused to a kayak through the use of a trolley is not covered by warranty!

WARNING:
Always check for any applicable road transportation laws in the country you are travelling to. For example; EU marked roof straps or marking long loads protruding over 1m etc.

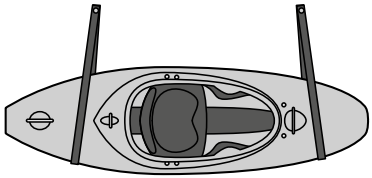
IMPORTANT:
It is recommended to always stop shortly after the start of your trip to make sure all fittings and connections are secure and that the kayak will not shift during travel.

STORAGE

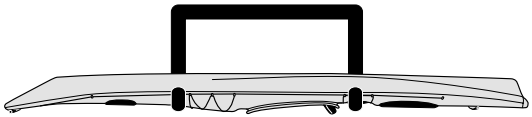
STORING YOUR KAYAK

Boats made from polyethylene plastic are strong, rigid and highly impact resistant, but due to the nature of plastic in general, it is important to store your boat properly. It is always best to store your kayak indoors, out of direct sunlight and protected from inclement weather. If indoors is not possible then wrap or cover with a tarp.

Preferably, you should stand your boat on end or hang it suspended by slings. Hanging your boat from its grab loops or handles increases the chance of warpage.



Use slings or webbing straps suspended from the ceiling or wall.
Use foam to pad the areas where the kayak comes into contact with the wall.



You can also store your boat on a wall mounted rack or placed on the floor, upside down. When storing upside down, it is recommended that the load is spread evenly along the length of the boat.

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 especially if the kayak has been used in salt water or becomes muddy. Store out of direct sunlight and indoors, if possible. UV exposure can shorten the lifespan of any kayak and can degrade its finish.

Kayaks can be stored slung on their sides via web straps, positioned along the hull (as shown). 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 can also be stored hull up (as shown) on parallel bars with weight supported evenly throughout its length. For large cockpit (recreational) boats, position the bars so that the cockpit coaming rests on the bars. For smaller cockpit kayaks, position bars so that they contact the deck between the cockpit and any hatches.

SIT-ON TOP STACKING

Our sit-on tops are designed to be easy to handle both on and off the water. Storage is made simple with the easy to stack hull shape allowing for several to be stacked on top of each other, as well as saving space.

WARNING:
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.

AFTERCARE

CARE

Our rotomoulded kayaks are made of high-density superlinear polyethylene, which is virtually maintenance free. A minimal amount of care in storage and transporting will help the kayak maintain a like-new condition for many years.

However, a certain amount of impact and abrasion damage is to be expected due to the nature of paddling.

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 extends to affecting 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 strong and durable as it is, polyethylene is not indestructible. However, should the worst happen, it is usually repairable depending on the kayak's age – simply contact your local Wave Sport dealer for advice.

CLEANING

Usually, a quick rinse of fresh water is all that is necessary to keep your kayak clean and functioning in good order. This is very important after paddling in salt water. Be sure to rinse the skeg, cables, and foot braces with fresh water to remove salt residue. To minimize long-term degradation caused by UV exposure, use an ultraviolet protectant.

REPAIR OPTIONS

Although it is unlikely that your Wave Sport kayak will need any repairs during its lifetime, it is possible that a hull crack or puncture may occur due to extreme impact or contact with a sharp object. If this happens, contact your local Wave Sport dealer to determine if the damage falls under the boat's warranty (see warranty section).

We will need the serial number of your kayak, a good description of the damage (a photograph is required) and a description of the incident during which the damage occurred. All of this information will help us determine the best course of action.

HULL DISTORTION

Polyethylene will become more flexible in warm conditions such as a hot, sunny day. Improper storage or transportation of a plastic boat, especially in the heat, can potentially distort the shape of the hull on your boat.

If your kayak does become the victim of slight distortion, correction is a simple process. Brief exposure to the heat of the sun is often all it takes to restore the hull to its original shape. If that doesn't work, the hull can usually be restored by applying heat to the outside of the boat with a hair dryer. Take care – high, focused heat could cause damage.

When the hull is pliable enough, it can be pushed back into shape by hand. A weight can be placed inside the boat to maintain the shape of the hull as it cools. Allow 24 hours to ensure the process is completed.

WARNING:
Avoid dragging your kayak across the ground to prolong its life and maintain its look and performance. Two people, using the carrying handles, is the best way to transport a longer kayak.

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE (PFD)

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

HELMET

A helmet should be used in any situation in which capsizing could result in your head hitting a jagged or hard surface. This includes rivers that feature rapids above Class I, very shallow waters, or coastlines where waves could push you onto rocks. You should always wear an approved helmet while paddling whitewater or in rockgardens.

FLOTATION BAGS

If you are forced to exit your kayak and it becomes swamped, recovery becomes more difficult. By installing inflatable flotation bags in kayaks that don't have dry storage compartments, you can reduce the volume of water a swamped kayak will take on. Recommended installation on a whitewater 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 throw bag should have a minimum of 15 metres (50 feet) of cord.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

We recommend you carry safety equipment appropriate to your intended activity.

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 dry bag
- Map or chart
- First-Aid Kit
- Sun protection

To help you learn about the logistics of a paddling trip and correct paddling technique, we strongly recommend taking an appropriate paddling course with a certified instructor.

DRY BAG

An ultra-light and water-resistant dry bag is a good idea for storage and an extra level of protection and accessibility for gear.

PADDLE

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

SPRAYSKIRT / SPRAYDECK

For cockpit kayaks (not sit-on tops), a spray skirt/deck is worn by the paddler to create a watertight seal, preventing the cockpit from filling up with water. You should always paddle with a spray skirt/deck in place to facilitate rolling and prevent the kayak from getting swamped.

WARRANTY

LIMITED WARRANTY

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Wave Sport by Gaybo Limited ("Wave Sport") provides this manufacturer's warranty against inherent defects in materials and manufacturing workmanship when products are used normally in accordance with our published user guidelines. This warranty applies solely to the original retail purchaser ("Consumer") who bought the product new from an authorised retailer or authorised regional distributor, and is non-transferable.

WARRANTY DURATION & ACTIVATION

This manufacturer's warranty is a commercial benefit provided free of charge by Wave Sport, strictly conditional upon completing the official online registration form at wavesport.com within sixty (60) days of the original retail purchase. Failure to register within this 60-day window means no manufacturer's warranty is activated; in such cases, the Consumer must rely entirely on their statutory legal rights against the retailer or independent dealer from whom the product was purchased.

Upon successful online registration, coverage spans the following timelines from the original date of purchase:

Touring, Crossover, and Recreational Models: Covered against manufacturing defects for a total period of three (3) years.

Whitewater Models: Covered against manufacturing defects for a total period of two (2) years.

Parts, Accessories, & Outfitting: Covered against manufacturing defects for a fixed period of one (1) year across all registered models.

WHAT WE COVER (MANUFACTURING DEFECTS)

This warranty strictly covers spontaneous structural failures of the kayak hull or deck caused by factory moulding defects or faulty raw materials. It does not cover structural failures caused by external force, pressure, or impact.

WHAT WE DO NOT COVER (EXCLUSIONS)

This limited warranty does not apply to:

- Normal wear and tear, including but not limited to hull thinning from dragging, gravel scraping, and natural cosmetic ageing.
- Punctures, cracks, fractures, or splits caused by external impact with rocks, riverbeds, trees, debris, or other external objects.
- Hull warping, indentation, or distortion caused by improper storage (such as storing the product flat on its hull) or over-tightening vehicle roof-rack transport straps.
- Damage from accidents, neglect, improper handling, alterations, towing by motorised or sailing vessels, or extreme weather (including UV sun degradation).
- Kayaks designated as "Prototype" or sold by the retailer as "demo", "2nd quality", or "as is". For items sold explicitly as cosmetic "blem(ishes)", this warranty excludes those pre-existing cosmetic flaws but covers core manufacturing structural defects.
- Kayaks used for commercial, instructional, or rental purposes.
- Slight variations in colour or unique factory colour combinations. Because of the rotational moulding process, the layup of plastic powder in the mould shifts uniquely for every boat produced, meaning no two kayaks will have identical colour patterns. Furthermore, actual product colours may vary slightly from representations shown on websites, digital screens, or printed marketing materials.

SERVICE & INTERNATIONAL CLAIMS

If you suspect a defect, contact your nearest authorised Wave Sport dealer to arrange an inspection. If a manufacturing defect is confirmed, Wave Sport will, at its option, either repair or replace the product or component. All claims must be processed through an authorised dealer; Wave Sport does not process direct retail consumer claims.

Transport Costs: The Consumer is responsible for all local transportation, delivery, and pickup costs to and from the authorised dealer. If service is requested in a country other than the country of purchase, the Consumer is responsible for all international shipping costs, freight fees, customs duties, VAT, and local taxes.

Replacement Limits: The repair or replacement of a product or component under this warranty does not extend or restart the original warranty period.

LEGAL RIGHTS & COUNTRY-SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

Global Liability Limits: TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LOCAL LAW, THIS WARRANTY EXCLUDES ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED. WAVE SPORT IS NOT LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES. LIABILITY IS STRICTLY LIMITED TO THE ORIGINAL PURCHASE PRICE OF THE PRODUCT.

General Global Statutory Rights: This free manufacturer warranty is a commercial benefit provided by Wave Sport by Gaybo Limited and runs parallel to, and does not replace, diminish, or affect the Consumer's statutory legal rights against the independent retailer or local distributor from whom the product was purchased. Consumer protection laws vary significantly by country, state, or province. In many jurisdictions (including the United Kingdom under the Consumer Rights Act, the European Union, the United States, and Canada), consumers possess automatic, non-excludable legal rights against the seller regarding faulty goods.

For Consumers in Australia: Our goods come with guarantees that cannot be excluded under the Australian Consumer Law. You are entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and compensation for any other reasonably foreseeable loss or damage. You are also entitled to have the goods repaired or replaced if the goods fail to be of acceptable quality and the failure does not amount to a major failure. The benefits provided by this voluntary warranty are in addition to other rights and remedies available to you under the Australian Consumer Law.

Severability: If any term herein is found to be contrary to local law, it shall be severed, and all remaining terms shall remain in full force and effect.

WARRANTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BOAT MODEL: _____

SERIAL NUMBER: _____

DATE OF PURCHASE: _____

DEALER NAME: _____

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 models, it is engraved within an indentation on the right (starboard) side of the hull.

QUESTIONS & SUPPORT?

Visit the Frequently Asked Questions section at www.WaveSport.com for comprehensive resources regarding your kayak and outfitting, including:

- Seat adjustments and moving footrests
- Skeg deployment and operation
- Sourcing replacement parts and original accessories

For technical assistance or warranty claims, contact your nearest authorised Wave Sport dealer. Wave Sport does not handle claims or parts orders directly with consumers; a complete global directory of stockists and distribution networks is available using the online Wave Sport Find a Dealer tool at: ***www.WaveSport.com/find-a-dealer***

SERVICE & SUPPORT

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