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## **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 30 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.

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

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# KAYAK ANATOMY

## OUTFITTING

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

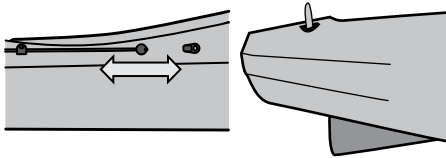
**For tips and useful information on getting the most out of your outfitting visit our website: [www.WaveSport.com](http://www.WaveSport.com).**

## RETRACTABLE SKEG

Some Wave Sport kayaks have a retractable skeg to help 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 different skeg positions to find the best balance point.

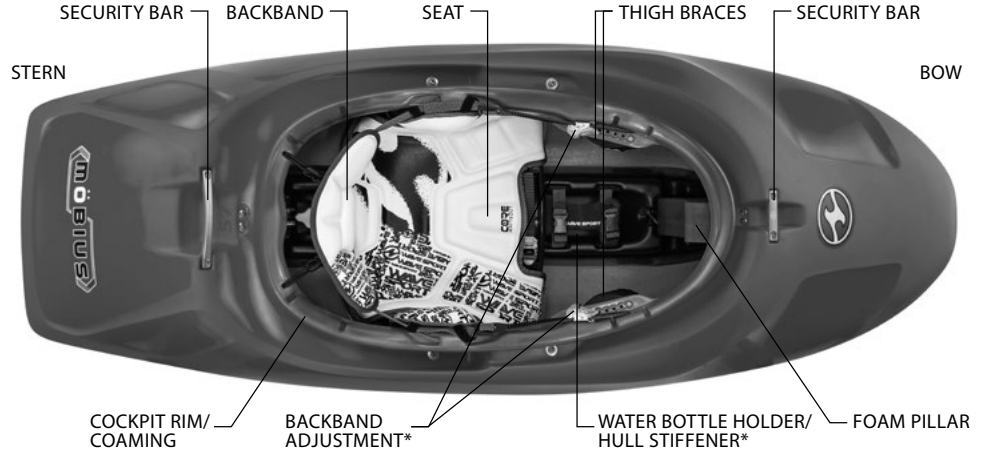
## RETRACTABLE SKEG OPERATION

Rope skeg- Find the rope on the right side of the deck just behind the cockpit. Lift and release the ball out of the cleat to drop the skeg down. The skeg blade is spring loaded to help it to deploy. Pull the ball forward to raise the skeg and re-cleat after adjustment is made.



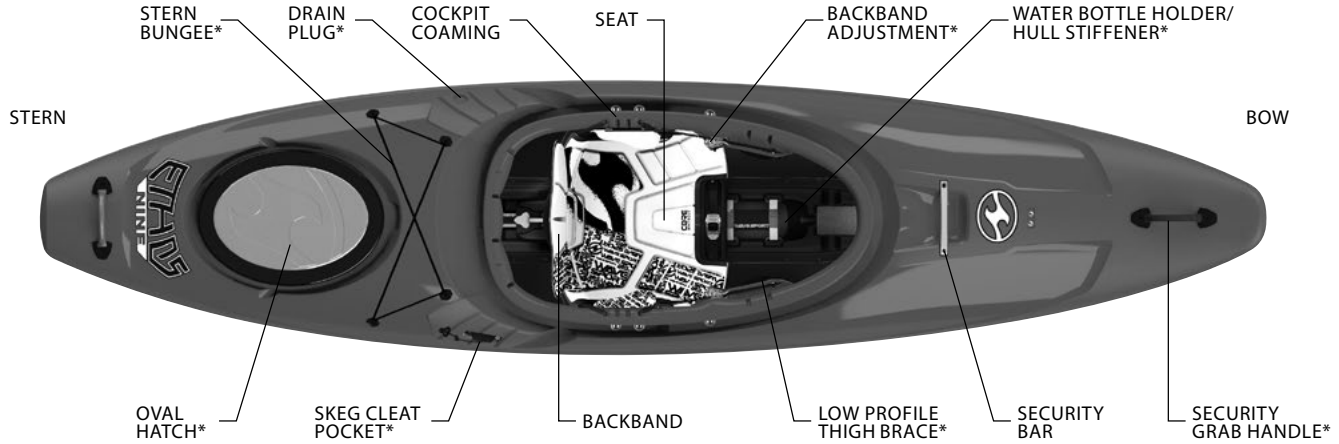
Skeg system design may vary from image above

# WHITEWATER



\*Not available on all models

# CROSSOVER



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# SAFETY

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.
- 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:

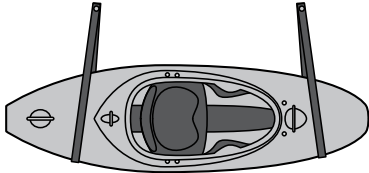
Kayaking can be hazardous with potential risk of serious injury and even death.

# STORAGE / TRANSPORT

## 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.

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



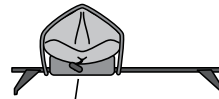
Use slings or webbing straps suspended from the ceiling or wall.

Use foam to pad the areas where the kayak comes into contact with the wall.

## TRANSPORTING YOUR KAYAK

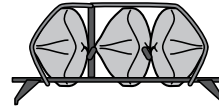
Because of their light weight and shape, kayakers are ideally suited for car topping. Your primary concern in carrying your kayak is that it stays securely tied to the vehicle. As with storage, another concern should be potential distortion of the hull.

Car-topping the kayak is best done with a quality roof rack specifically designed for attaching kayakers. Foam blocks/cradles attached to the rack are another option. The boat should be tied to the vehicle as well as the rack by its grab handles.



Foam cradle or pad

Carry a single kayak cockpit down



Carry two or more kayakers cockpit to cockpit - use upright roof bars

## 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 kayakers directly to the vehicle.

## AIR TRAVEL

Many airlines do not allow kayakers 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.

## 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.

## 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.

# CARE / MAINTENANCE

## CARE

Our rotomolded 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 whitewater 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 impacting 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 repairable – simply contact your local Wave Sport dealer.

## 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 when 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.



# ACCESSORIES

## ESSENTIALS CHECKLIST:

### 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 rivers that are very shallow or that feature rapids above Class I and any other situation in which capsizing could result in your head hitting a jagged or hard surface. You should always wear an appropriate helmet while paddling whitewater.

### 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 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 drybag
- 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 a good beginner-level paddling course from 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.

### 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.

### 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 spray skirt in place to facilitate rolling and prevent the kayak from getting swamped.

### GET MORE 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.

# LIMITED WARRANTY

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

For the original retail purchaser ("Consumer"), Wave Sport kayaks by Gaybo Limited are warranted against material or manufacturing defects in the hull and deck for three (3) years from 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 and deck, outfitting, and all parts and accessories free of charge.

**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.

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

## ACTIVATING YOUR WARRANTY

To activate this limited warranty you must complete the online warranty registration form at: [www.WaveSport.com](http://www.WaveSport.com) within **30 days of original purchase**. Please retain your original purchase receipt for presentation in the unlikely event of a warranty claim and contact your dealer or an authorised distributor should a claim be necessary.

## 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 authorised Wave Sport kayak dealer and arrange

to have the problem inspected. Consumer is responsible for delivery to, and pickup from, the closest authorised dealer.

If the authorised Wave Sport dealer's inspection indicates a defect that is attributable to materials or workmanship, Gaybo Limited will repair or replace your Wave Sport kayak at the company's option, based on the time of ownership corresponding to the warranty coverage schedule detailed above. For a covered warranty repair or replacement, the Consumer will be responsible for paying the applicable percentage of the original retail price, as detailed in the warranty coverage schedule detailed above, as well as all shipping and handling fees. 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 all shipping and handling fees.

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.

Gaybo Limited 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", "2nd quality" 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.
- Kayak colours may vary slightly from those shown. Colour combinations will vary from those shown and are unique for each boat produced. Variations in colour are not covered by warranty.

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 country, state, 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. Gaybo Limited's aggregate liability shall be limited to an amount equal to Consumer's original purchase price paid for the defective product. Some country, state, 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 country, state, 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. For Consumers, this warranty is in addition to and does not affect your statutory rights.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

## 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 do I move the footbraces?

How do I use the skeg?

How can I get replacement parts?

What other accessories are available for my kayak?

## 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.

## SERVICE AND SUPPORT

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

## CONTACT US

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Service and support hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. GMT.

All warranties and part orders need to be handled through an authorised dealer, we do not sell direct.

