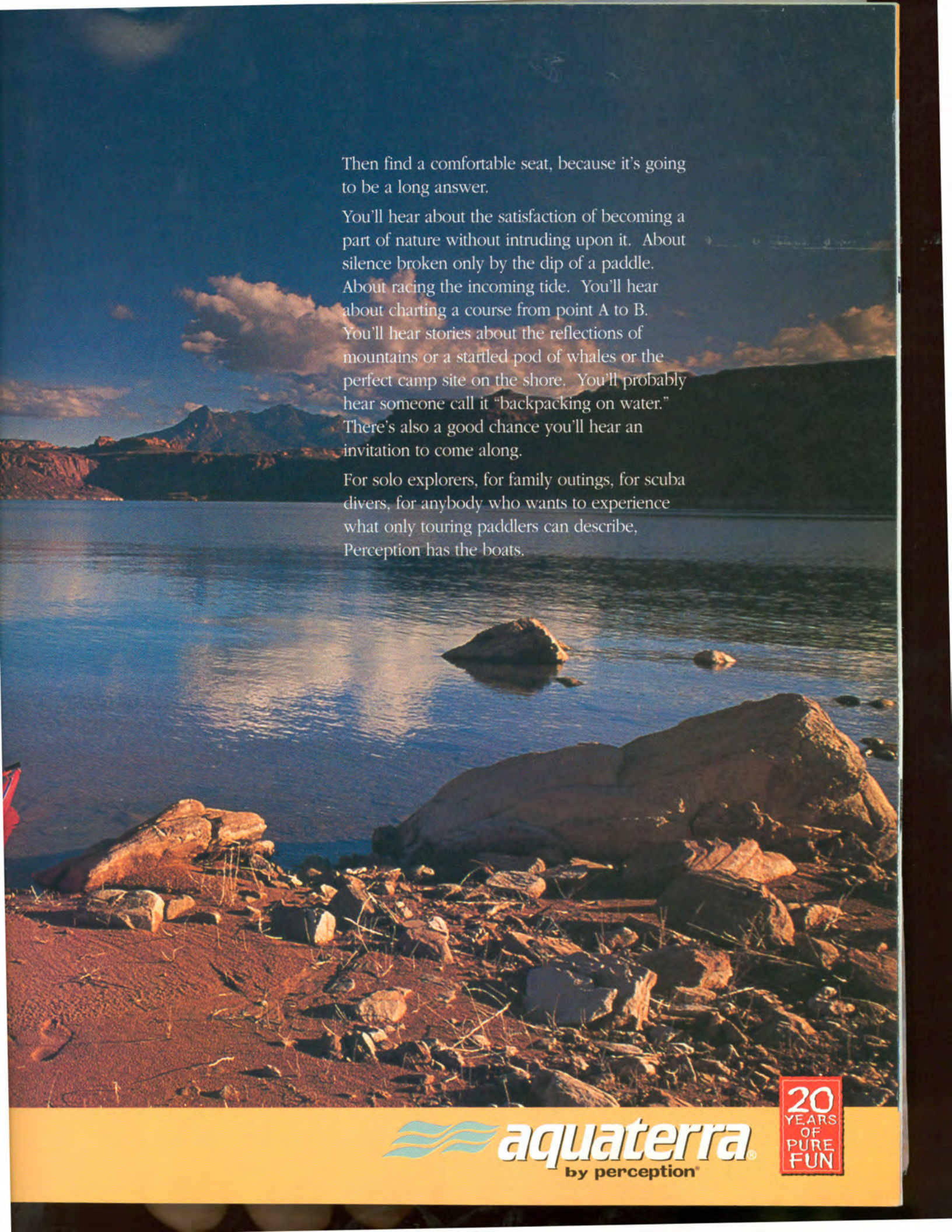


# Ask touring paddlers why they do it...



Lake Powell, UT  
Photo by Tom Hicks





Then find a comfortable seat, because it's going to be a long answer.

You'll hear about the satisfaction of becoming a part of nature without intruding upon it. About silence broken only by the dip of a paddle. About racing the incoming tide. You'll hear about charting a course from point A to B. You'll hear stories about the reflections of mountains or a startled pod of whales or the perfect camp site on the shore. You'll probably hear someone call it "backpacking on water." There's also a good chance you'll hear an invitation to come along.

For solo explorers, for family outings, for scuba divers, for anybody who wants to experience what only touring paddlers can describe, Perception has the boats.

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## Keowee™

*Our most popular sport kayak. Use this boat if: You're a kid. You're an adult. You can paddle a kayak. You can't paddle a kayak. You fish. You bird-watch. You hunt. You explore. You picnic. It's that easy. It's that much fun.*

Length: 9'-2"  
Width: 29"  
Weight: 38 lbs.  
Cockpit Size: L: 39½" x W: 17½"

Performance Characteristics: Quick; Nimble; Stable  
Features: Compact; Roomy cockpit; Seat with cupholders; Grab loops; Molded Flotation; Reflective striping  
Child seat; Adjustable Keepers™ footpegs  
Color Shown: Canoe Green  
**Limited quantities available in recycled material**



NEW!



## Caspia™

*Fun to paddle and easy to master, the new Caspia is a sophisticated version of our popular Keowee. It's designed to carry a larger paddler efficiently and at a surprisingly fast cruising speed. It features a comfortable drop-molded seat and stiffening channels in the hull.*

Length: 10'-4"  
Width: 29"  
Weight: 40 lbs.  
Cockpit Size: L: 39½" x W: 18"

Performance Characteristics: Quick; Nimble; Stable  
Features: Roomy cockpit; Weight-saving integral seat; Stiffening channels; Adjustable seat back; Integral flotation; Adjustable Keepers™ footpegs; Deck rail; Drain plug; Reflective striping  
Color Shown: Yellow



## Keowee 2™

*The same kind of fun as the original Keowee, but big enough for two paddlers. Remember that canoe you used to paddle around the lake arguing about who's paddling on which side? Well, it's back, minus the arguments. More versatile, a*

*lot faster and a lot more stable this time around.*

Length: 12'-10"  
Width: 32½"  
Weight: 61 lbs.  
Cockpit Size: L: 7' x W: 26"

Performance Characteristics: Very stable; Tracks well  
Features: Roomy tandem cockpit; Adjustable bow seat (can be removed for solo paddling) with Keepers™ footpegs; Cupholders; Carrying toggles; Molded flotation; Reflective striping  
Color Shown: Light Blue

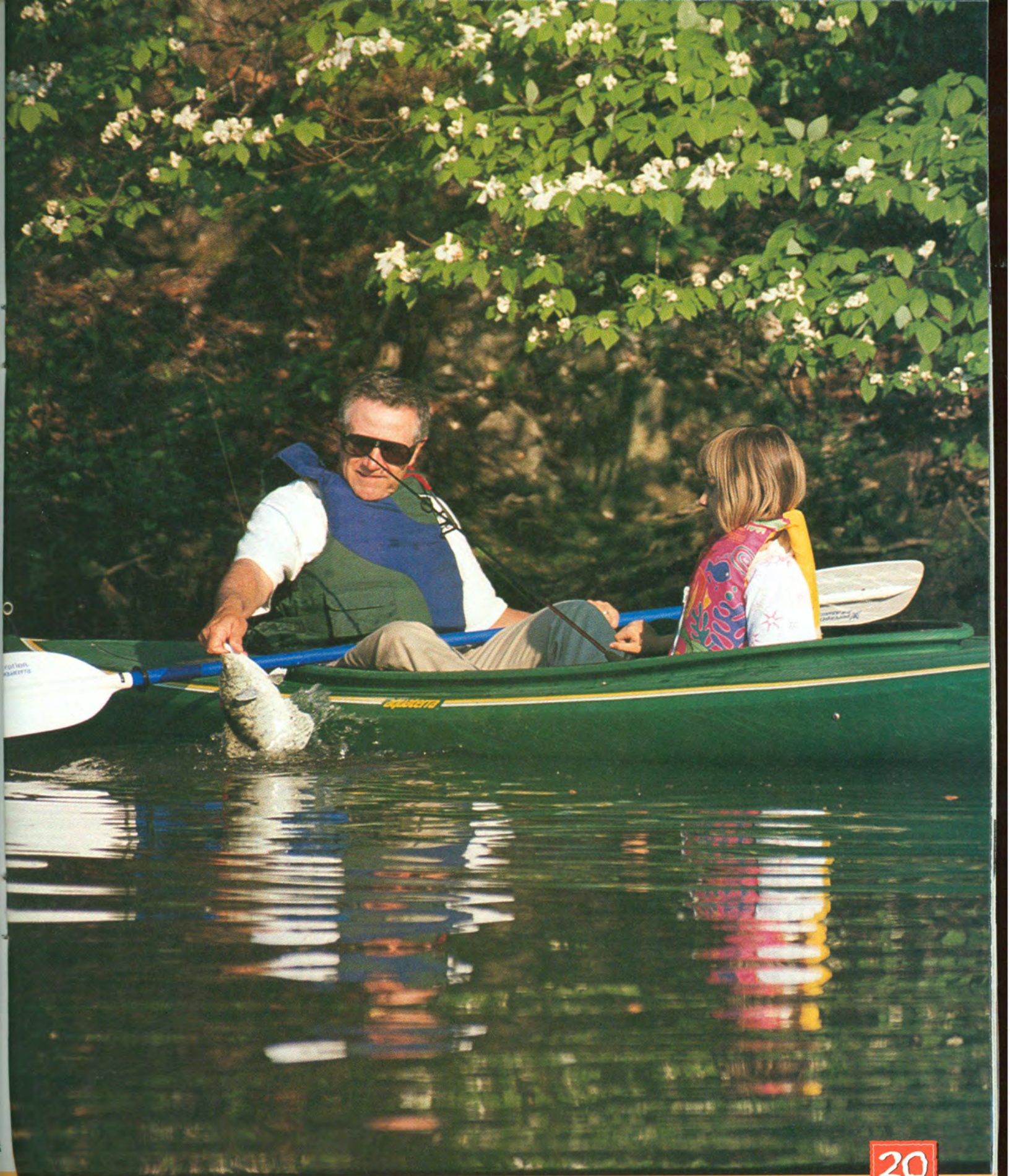


**SPORT**

Lots of different backsides sit in our Aquaterra Sport boats. Bird-watchers. Photographers. Fishermen. Fisherwomen. Kids. Grandkids. You see, these boats

are made for stability, comfort and ease of paddling you're paddling and doing something else on the water. Our Sport line is your ticket.





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## Jocassee™

*Jocassee... a stable, easy handling boat for outdoorsmen, families, beginning paddlers – for everybody! Bow seat adjusts for solo paddling. Plenty of room for gear and kids, when you need more room than a Keowee 2 offers.*

Length: 16'-6"  
Width: 32½"  
Weight: 80 lbs.  
Cockpit Size: L: 7' x W: 26"

Performance Characteristics: Quick; Stable; Tracks well  
Features: Seats adjustable fore and aft for optimal cockpit use; Kid's jump seat; Cupholders; Deck rigging; Carrying toggles; Reflective striping  
Color Shown: Yellow



## The Story on Materials

A lot of "stuff" goes into our boats. We spend a great deal of time and energy on design, development, testing, (more testing), advice, suggestions, recommendations, etc. But the real stuff, the actual material we use during the manufacturing process is linear polyethylene resin, derived, like all polyethylenes, from natural gas. It's a sturdy, consistent, durable, and importantly, recyclable material used in all of our plastic boats, and it's formulated specifically for Perception.

There was a time when we used cross-linked polyethylene in some designs. Cross-linked polyethylene is **thermo-set** plastic. Once it cools and sets, it cannot be easily repaired and

certainly not recycled. On the other hand, linear polyethylene is **thermo-plastic**. Once it has set, you can reheat it if need be for repairs or recycling. So that's why we use it.

We are offering some limited edition "composite" models in cooperation with the Upstream Edge, who supplies most of the kayaks used by the U.S. and Canadian whitewater slalom racers. These top-of-the-line boats are constructed with materials like carbon and Kevlar™ to achieve superb weight and strength characteristics. (Composites are super light and their stiffness means great performance.) They're beautiful, high-quality, hand-crafted boats.

As for linear polyethylene, it's sturdy, low-maintenance and relatively inexpensive, and the

resins change all the time. We're always researching and testing new materials. When we find a formulation that surpasses our current linear resin in consistency, durability, and recyclability, we'll go with it.

A note about recycling... We recycle scrap plastic and boats that don't measure up in quality. And we use it in seats, thigh-braces, reinforcing ribs. Plus, we have a limited edition Keowee made from recycled plastic. (Limited means you gotta get 'em now... 'cause they're hot!)

We'll help you recycle your linear polyethylene boat when it comes to the end of the line. Doesn't matter who made it, either – we'll even pay the freight! Ask your local Perception dealer about instructions for returning your boat.





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**NEW!**



**Swing™**

*The new Swing intensifies the fun factor! Its high performance hull is quick and maneuverable, with a remarkably nice glide, lots of storage, and plenty of bow flare for cutting through waves and chop.*

*Its ergonomically designed cockpit is comfortable, and bailers drain the cockpit efficiently. The Swing is the perfect boat for fishing, swimming, and snorkeling.*

Length: 13'-3"  
Width: 31"  
Weight: 60 lbs.



Performance Characteristics: Quick; Nimble; Stable  
Features: Scuba tank and cooler cradles; Bow and stern hatch; Carrying toggles; Accessory clips; Multiple bailers; Integral kid's seat; Drain plug; Reflective striping  
Color Shown: Turquoise  
Options Shown: Expedition package  
*\* The boat shown here is a prototype*

**NEW!**



**Synchro™**

*Big, big fun! The Synchro has high volume for increased stability and great tracking. It features an ergonomically styled cockpit for roomy tandem comfort. (Not to mention plenty of storage space, including scuba*

*tank and cooler cradles.) This is a great family boat!*

Length: 15'-7"  
Width: 34"  
Weight: 75 lbs.  
Performance Characteristics: Fast; Stable; Tracks well



Features: Scuba tank and cooler cradles; Bow and stern hatch; Integral kid's seat; Carrying toggles; Accessory clips; Multiple bailers; Drain plug; Reflective striping  
Color Shown: Hot Red  
Options: Expedition package; Surf rudder  
*\* The boat shown here is a prototype*

**RECREATION**

These boats have only one purpose in life. FUN. Whether it's swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving, or sunning. They're designed to put a grin on your

face and keep you on the water longer than you planned. Just think of them as great toys.



## PATTI REID

When Patti started with Aquaterra nine years ago, it wasn't a very crowded operation. "There were only three of us in a three-story building in downtown Easley. Things have sure changed," she recalls.

That's an understatement. Today, the popularity of touring kayaks continues to grow. But when Aquaterra first opened shop, people were convinced it wouldn't last. "That gave us this sort of street-fighter attitude," Patti says. "We told people, 'We're gonna make it.' And we

did." Thanks to boats like the comfortable, affordable Chinook, the popularity of touring took off. And it hasn't slowed down yet.

Today, Patti handles sales and customer service calls from around the world, for both whitewater and touring boats. "I talk with dealers from everywhere – the U.S., Great Britain, New Zealand. I get feedback from them on the boats we make. They let me know what works and what doesn't. That's how we make better and better boats. That's our job."



### Kahuna™

*This open-top is short enough for outrageous fun in the waves, but long enough for skin diving or hauling picnic gear (with space for a cooler). Its nimbleness will turn you into a surfing fool. Multiple drains get the water out fast when blasting through the*

*breakers. Add a backrest and thighstraps for day-long comfort and control!*

Length: 12'  
Width: 27½"  
Weight: 49 lbs.



Performance Characteristics: Nimble; Quick  
Features: High performance design; Center Hatch with gear loop; Adjustable Keepers™ footpegs; Carrying toggles; Accessory clips; Paddle raft slot; Multiple bailers; Drain plug; Reflective striping  
Color Shown: Hot Red



### Big Kahuna™

*The Big Kahuna is designed for big fun on the water. Highly versatile, it can be a platform for fishing, snorkeling, fitness paddling... even scuba diving. Plenty of carrying capacity for you and your gear, so hop on and go!*

Length: 13'  
Width: 30"  
Weight: 61 lbs.  
Performance Characteristics: Stable; Tracks well; Buoyant



Features: Scuba tank and cooler cradles; Center hatch; Adjustable Keepers™ footpegs; Carrying toggles; Accessory clips; Paddle raft slots; Multiple bailers; Drain plug; Reflective striping  
Color Shown: Purple  
Options Shown: Opentop seat





## Prism™

*The Prism is super easy to handle. You can climb on or hop off— even while out on the water. It's the logical choice when swimming is part of your plan. A stable open-top, it features two huge hatches for lots of gear.*

Length: 14'-2"  
Width: 27"  
Weight: 51 lbs.

Performance Characteristics: Stable; Tracks well  
Features: Bow and stern hatches; Cupholder; Adjustable Keepers™ footpegs; Carrying toggles; Accessory clips; Multiple bailers; Drain plug; Reflective striping  
Color Shown: Magenta

# Paddlingo

## Design Terms

- arch** hull shape in cross section
- bow = fore** front of the boat
- bulkhead (touring)** foam support between the deck and the hull that runs across the boat, forming a dry storage compartment
- chine** line formed where the hull and the side of the boat meet
- creeker** short, buoyant, tight-turning boat
- dry storage capacity** the volume of cargo hatches in cubic inches
- hull** bottom of the boat
- keel** a ridge running down the length of the hull
- paddle rescue system** lets you use your paddle as an outrigger (for increased stability) if you're trying to get back onboard when in the water
- pillar = wall** foam support between the deck and the hull running along the length of the boat
- rail** line formed where the deck and the side of the boat meet
- rocker** the banana shape of the boat, when viewed from the side. More rocker means it turns easily and surfaces quickly over drops.
- rudder** a fin on the stern with an adjustable angle that can keep you on course in wind and current

- skag** a fin on the stern of the boat that enhances its ability to track
- stability, initial** how steady the boat feels when you're sitting upright on the water
- stability, secondary** how steady the boat feels, braced on its side, just before the point of no return when the boat goes all the way over
- stern = aft** back of the boat
- tracking** a boat's ability to go in a straight line
- vee** hull shape in cross section
- volume** the space within a boat

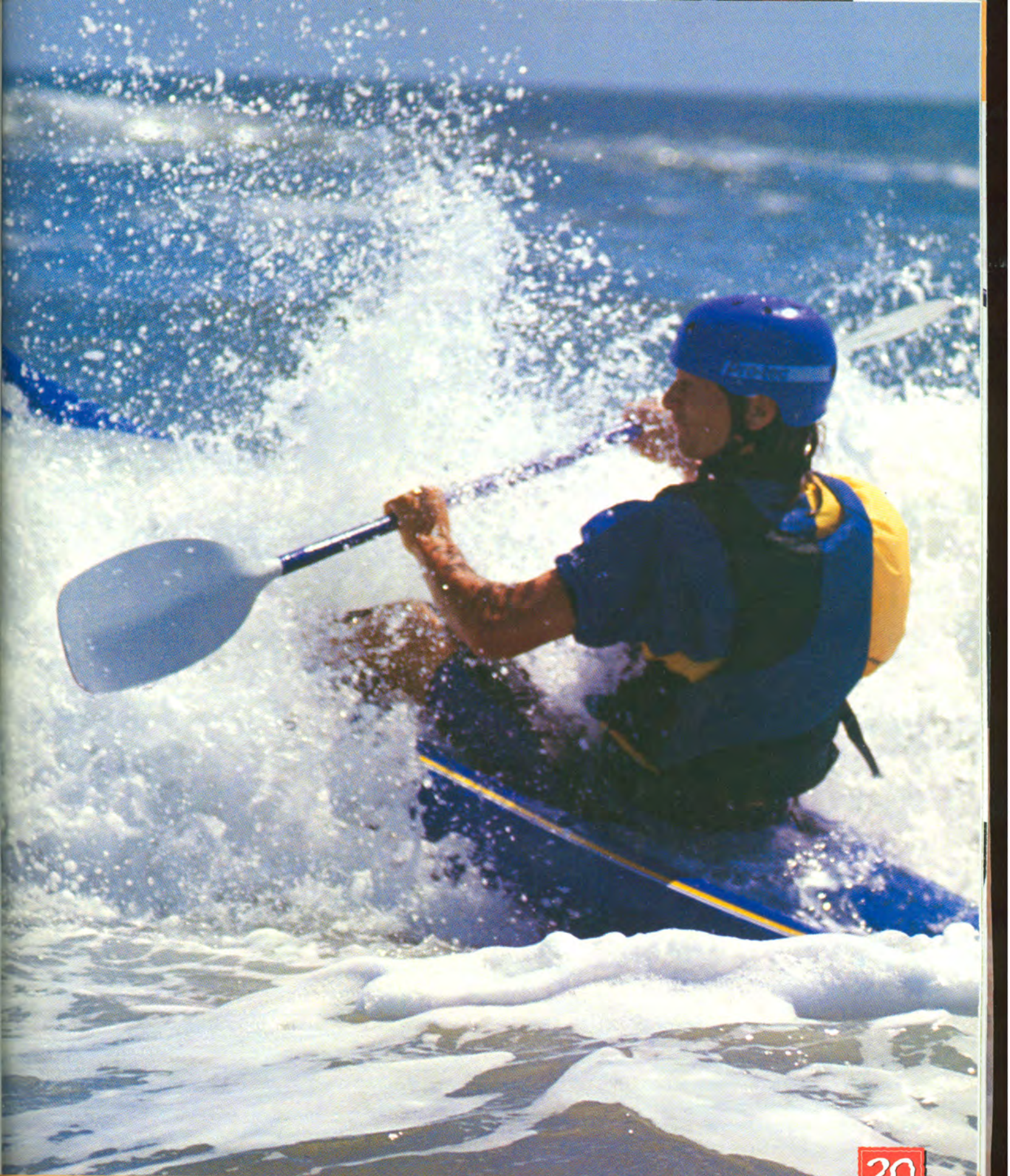
## River Terms

- class II, III, etc.** international scale of river difficulty. Class I is gently moving water and class VI is unrunnable.
- drop** any feature resulting from the downhill grade of the river bed. Any move over said feature.
- eddy** calm water (to park in) behind an obstacle in moving water
- eddyline** where calm water and moving current meet
- hole = hydraulic** where water spills over a rock or ledge and circulates back on itself

## Moves

- airtime** any pop-up, ender or pirouette that is really vertical and looks great
- boof** a safety move off of a drop, landing nearly flat behind a rock in calm water
- ender = endo = pop-up** using a hydraulic to stand your boat up vertically
- ferry** paddling across a river, without being swept downstream
- mctwist** angled spin, using water pressure on your deck to spin you around
- pirouette** using a hydraulic to get vertical and pivot the boat so you land right side up (**backender** pirouette same thing on the stern end)
- retentive ender = retendo** an ender that lands you back in the hole
- squirt** moves that use underwater currents for 3-dimensional whitewater play
- surfing** riding a hydraulic like an ocean wave - only on the river you and the wave are stationary
- whippet** a vertical 180, side to side, like a cartwheel
- 360** a flat spin with your deck out of water





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## RICK DOBSON

"I'm here because I want to be here. I feel good about what I do. If you don't feel good about what you're doing, you won't stick with the job." That's sort of been Rick Dobson's philosophy during his seventeen years at Perception. He began as a high school kid who commuted to work on his ten-speed bike. Today, he handles a variety of responsibilities, including repair and upgrades on the rotomolding machines, as well as building and grounds supervision.

Over the years, Rick has seen both Perception and paddling go through a number of changes.

"When I started, kayaking was in its infancy. Only renegade individuals were on the river. Now, it's a family sport." As for Perception? "Well, I can't juggle as many balls as I used to. But a lot of us who've been here awhile have found niches, things we're proud to do."

For Rick, the most important things are the boats. "We're not building widgets and passing them down the line. I see our boats on top of cars or floating on the lake. It's something that gives people some pleasure. That makes me feel good. Keeps me going."



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### Umiak™

*This sleek, seaworthy kayak is ideal for paddlers up to 110 lbs. It's surprisingly lightweight, so you won't find yourself pushing more boat than you need. An integral seat and foam pillars keep the weight down. Plus, the Greenland-style hull with Integral Skeg makes for sure tracking.*

Length: 12'  
Width: 21"  
Weight: 35 lbs.  
Cockpit Size: L: 26¾" x W: 15¼"



Performance Characteristics: Stable; Nimble  
Features: Integral skeg, Drop-molded seat; Keepers™ footpegs; Bungee deck rigging fore and aft; Foam walls; Grab loops; Reflective striping  
Color Shown: Purple

### Acadia™

*One cool day cruiser! In addition to the classic styling, the Acadia offers great performance — quick acceleration and excellent tracking. The roomy cockpit ups the comfort level, and weight-saving design features make it easy to handle out of the water as well.*

Length: 12'-4"  
Width: 27"  
Weight: 45 lbs.  
Cockpit Size: L: 32½" x W: 17½"



Performance Characteristics: Quick; Nimble; Stable  
Features: Compact size; Roomy cockpit; Weight-saving integral seat and stiffening channels; Adjustable seat back; Molded flotation; Adjustable Keepers™ footpegs; Deck rigging; Drain plug; Reflective striping  
Color Shown: Yellow  
Option Shown: Expedition package

## TOURING

Aquaterra kayakers have paddled the Amazon, the coast of Chile, the length of the Mississippi. They are easy to spot on coastal waters from Maine to

Florida, from Baja to Alaska. Durable. Seaworthy. Aquaterra touring kayakers are dependable paddling companions.



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## Spectrum S™

*Nimble and stable, the Spectrum S is designed specifically for smaller adults. It's the boat of choice for coastal waters, inland waterways, or rivers to Class II. An easy-tracking day cruiser, it offers great overnight potential.*

Length: 13'-5"  
Width: 25¼"  
Weight: 50 lbs.  
Cockpit Size: L: 33¾" x W: 19¾"  
Dry Storage Capacity: 4850 cu. in.

Performance Characteristics: Stable; Tracks well  
Features: Adjustable seat with cupholder; Keepers™ footpegs; Grab loops; Reflective striping  
Color Shown: Yellow  
Options Shown: Expedition package; Surf rudder



## Spectrum™

*A compact package, the Spectrum combines a roomy cockpit and a stable hull in a boat that's at home on lakes, coastal waters and Class II rivers. Beginner tested, it's a snap to control. Nimble and quick, the Spectrum packs plenty of gear for a comfortable weekend.*

Length: 14'-4"  
Width: 24¼"  
Weight: 52 lbs.  
Cockpit Size: L: 32½" x W: 17½"  
Dry Storage Capacity: 6600 cu. in.

Performance Characteristics: Stable; Roomy  
Features: Adjustable seat with cupholder; Keepers™ footpegs; Grab loops; Reflective striping  
Color Shown: Light Blue  
Options Shown: Expedition package; Surf rudder

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## LEON WIDEMAN

Twelve years ago, Leon and Aquaterra were just beginning with Perception. "I was in sales," he says. "And I was looking for something new. I started working with this new company building boats. Only problem was I didn't know a thing about working with my hands. First couple of weeks, I went home with my hands bandaged up like a mummy."

Leon and Aquaterra have both come a long way since then. In fact, he's even helped

design some of the outfitting hardware. He is, in a word, an expert when it comes to getting a boat ready for the water. It's a position he takes seriously.

"I've been out there and talked to people who paddle. I've seen how intense they are about their sport. That's why maintaining the integrity of our product is the most important thing to me. We don't compromise. I won't let our boats take a back seat to anybody else's."



### Scimitar™

*One word. Sleek. Scimitar delivers the speed and agility of a performance sea kayak, in a scale tailored for day cruising and overnight trips. Confident secondary stability allows for secure bracing. Flush-mounted bow and stern hatches give you easy access to gear. Comes complete with safety deck lines and integral paddle rescue system.*

Length: 15'-2"  
Width: 23"  
Weight: 50 lbs.  
Cockpit Size: L: 32" x W: 17½"  
Dry Storage Capacity: 7650 cu. in.

Performance Characteristics: Secondary stability; Quick; Easy to turn  
Features: Adjustable seat with cupholder; Thighbrace; Keepers™ adjustable footpegs; Flush mounted bow and stern hatches; Bow & stern bulkheads; Integral paddle rescue system; Safety deck lines; Deck rigging; Carrying toggles; Reflective striping  
Color Shown: Hot Red  
Option Shown: Surf rudder



### Chinook NW™

*The low profile, the stability and the large-load capacity of our original Chinook. But with the NW, you have even greater volume in the bow and stern. You'll also find easy access to a large hatch up front.*

Length: 16' -1"  
Width: 24"  
Weight: 57 lbs.  
Cockpit Size: L: 31½" x W: 17"  
Dry Storage Capacity: 10,050 cu. in.

Performance Characteristics: Stable; Tracks well  
Features: Lots of storage; Adjustable seat with cupholder; Thighbraces; Keepers™ adjustable footpegs; Bow and stern hatches; Bow and stern bulkheads; Deck rigging; Carrying toggles; Reflective striping  
Color Shown: Yellow  
Option Shown: Surf rudder







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## Sea Lion™

*If performance and capacity sit atop your list of priorities, this is the ideal choice. The upswept hull is fast and quick-turning. The handling is smooth and predictable. The round hull and flared sides allow you to brace with confidence. Two generous*

*hatches offer easy access to a week's worth of gear.*

Length: 17'-2"  
Width: 22½"  
Weight: 57 lbs.  
Cockpit Size: L: 32¾" x W: 16¼"  
Dry Storage Capacity: 8650 cu. in.

Performance Characteristics: Secondary stability; Tracks well; Good rough water performance  
Features: Lots of storage; Adjustable seat with cupholder; Thighbraces; Keepers™ adjustable footpegs; Bow and stern hatches; Bow and stern bulkheads; Deck rigging; Carrying toggles; Reflective striping  
Color Shown: Granite  
Option Shown: Surf rudder



## Composite Sea Lion™ and the new Composite Sea Lion S™

*Our ultimate touring boat in two sizes! Composite layup is lightweight and strong. The new "S" is perfect for paddlers who feel more attuned in a smaller craft. Ask about our two different composite versions, Standard and Carbon/ Kevlar™/Spheretex™ layups.*

**Sea Lion**  
Length: 17'-2"  
Width: 22½"  
Weight: Standard 55 lbs.  
Carbon 45 lbs.  
Cockpit Size: L: 33" x W: 16"  
Dry Storage Capacity: 8650 cu. in.

**Sea Lion S**  
Length: 16'-8"  
Width: 22"  
Weight: Standard 54 lbs.  
Carbon 44 lbs.  
Cockpit Size: L: 32¾" x W: 16"  
Dry Storage Capacity: 8050 cu. in.

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Purple

Magenta

Canoe Green

Hunter Green

Granite

Deep Blue

Yellow

Turquoise

Tangerine

Light Blue

Hot Red



Performance Characteristics

Intended Use

Skill Level

Specifications

Features

	Sport				Recreation	
	Keowee	Caspia	Keowee 2	Jocassee	Kahuna	Big Kahuna
Initial Stability	•	•	•	•		•
Secondary Stability		•		•	•	•
Tracking	•	•	•	•		•
Easy to Turn	•	•			•	
Solo	•*	•	•	•	•	•
Tandem			•	•		
Distance						
Openwater						•
Surf					•	
Class II Rivers	•	•	•	•	•	
Protected Waters	•	•	•	•		•
Multiday						
Weekend				•		
Day Trip	•	•	•	•	•	•
Snorkel/Swim/Dive					•	•
Fish/Hunt	•	•	•	•		
Non-Tech	•	•	•	•	•	•
Intermediate					•	
Advanced						
Length	9'-2" 2.79m	10'-4" 3.15m	12'-10" 3.91m	16'-6" 5.03m	12' 3.66m	13' 3.96m
Width	29" 74cm	29" 74cm	32½" 83cm	32½" 83cm	27½" 70cm	30" 76cm
Weight	38 lbs 17.27 kg	40 lbs 18.18kg	61 lbs 27.72 kg	80 lbs 36.36 kg	49 lbs 22.27 kg	61 lbs 27.72 kg
Cockpit Size	L:39½" x W:17½" 1m x 44cm	L:39½" x W:18" 1m x 46cm	L:7' x W:26" 2.13m x 66cm	L:7' x W:26" 2.13m x 66cm	NA	NA
Dry Storage Capacity						
Seat	•	•	B	B	•	•
Backrest	•	A	•	•	K	K
Cup Holder	•		•	•		
Thighbrace					T	T
Keypers Footpegs	•	•	•		•	•
Bow Hatch						
Stern Hatch					H	H
Tank/Gear Cradles					•	•
Self Rescue Device						
Molded Paddle Holder					•	•
Bow Bulkhead						
Stern Bulkhead						
Stiffening Shaft	•	I	•	•		
Deck Rigging	K	Bow	K	•	O	O
Safety Deck Lines						
Carrying Toggles	G	G	•	•	•	•
Reflective Striping	•	•	•	•	•	•
Bailers					•	•
Drain Plug		•			•	•
Surf Rudder			K	K	K	K

Consult your local dealer for color availability.

\* Keowee carries paddler and a small passenger

**CHOOSE YOUR COLOR...**

**CHOOSE YOUR AQUATERRA BOAT...**

- A Adjustable
- B Adjusts for tandem/solo paddling
- D Reinforcing "donut" standard equipment
- E Option/Expedition package
- F Foam pillar



