



# [perception]

ONE WITH WATER



2000



LUNCH BREAK ON THE  
BEACH OF SAN JUAN  
RIVER IN SOUTHERN UTAH.  
PHOTO: JAMES KAY.



*And the journey begins.*



**[life's a trip.]** SO MUCH OF WHAT IT IS TO BE HERE, TO BE ALIVE, IS ABOUT ONE KIND OF JOURNEY OR ANOTHER. CRADLE TO GRAVE. WONDERING TO KNOWING. BEGINNER TO EXPERT. PUT-IN TO TAKE-OUT. FOR PADDLERS, THE MAJORITY OF THOSE EXPERIENCES TAKE PLACE SITTING IN A KAYAK. AND AT TIMES LIKE THIS — A NEW YEAR, A NEW DECADE, A NEW CENTURY, A NEW MILLENNIUM — IT'S HARD NOT TO GET A LITTLE REFLECTIVE. ABOUT PLACES WE'VE BEEN AND WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED. AND, ABOUT WHERE WE STILL WANT TO GO — NEW EXPERIENCES, NEW SKILLS, NEW DESTINATIONS. THOSE REFLECTIONS ARE WHAT THIS YEAR'S CATALOG IS ABOUT. THE JOURNEY, OVER THE YEARS, AROUND THE PLANET. ON THE WATER. AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, INTO THE FUTURE.



## [ Where does your soul sleep? ] A QUESTION AND

A STATEMENT THAT SEEMS TO CAPTURE THE VERY ESSENCE OF WHITEWATER PADDLING. THE JOURNEY HERE IS TO FOLLOW YOUR QUEST FOR RUNNING NEW RIVERS, LEARNING NEW MOVES AND PADDLING BEYOND YOUR CAPABILITIES AND BACK AGAIN. IF YOU'RE LIKE US, YOUR SOUL TRAVELS MANY MILES. PORTAGES AND MANY TRAILS, AND SLEEPS PEACEFULLY BESIDE MANY RIVERS. THIS YEAR OUR TRAVELS IN THE TEAM PERCEPTION R.V. BROUGHT US MANY NEW DISCOVERIES. DISCOVERIES LIKE WOODY'S COFFEE. WHAT EXACTLY A 'CHALUPA' IS. AND PERHAPS MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, WE DISCOVERED MORE ABOUT OURSELVES AND OUR COMPANIONS THAN WE HAD KNOWN BEFORE. WE MET LOADS OF NEW PEOPLE, PADDLED WITH OUTRAGEOUS NEW TALENT. AND, ALONG THE WAY, WE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT WHAT WE ALL HAVE IN COMMON AS PADDLERS IS THAT WE NEED TO BE ON THE WATER AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. NO MATTER WHAT THE ACCOMMODATIONS, WHETHER IT'S IN THE BACK BED OF A PICKUP TRUCK OR ON THE LUSCIOUS VELOUR SEATS OF A CROWDED 80'S RV, REGARDLESS OF SHIRKED HOUSEHOLD RESPONSIBILITIES. IF YOU'RE LIKE US, YOU NOT ONLY LIVE TO PADDLE, YOU KNOW THAT YOUR SOUL SLEEPS MORE PEACEFULLY ALONGSIDE A RIVER THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE UNIVERSE.



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ANDY  
ANDERSON

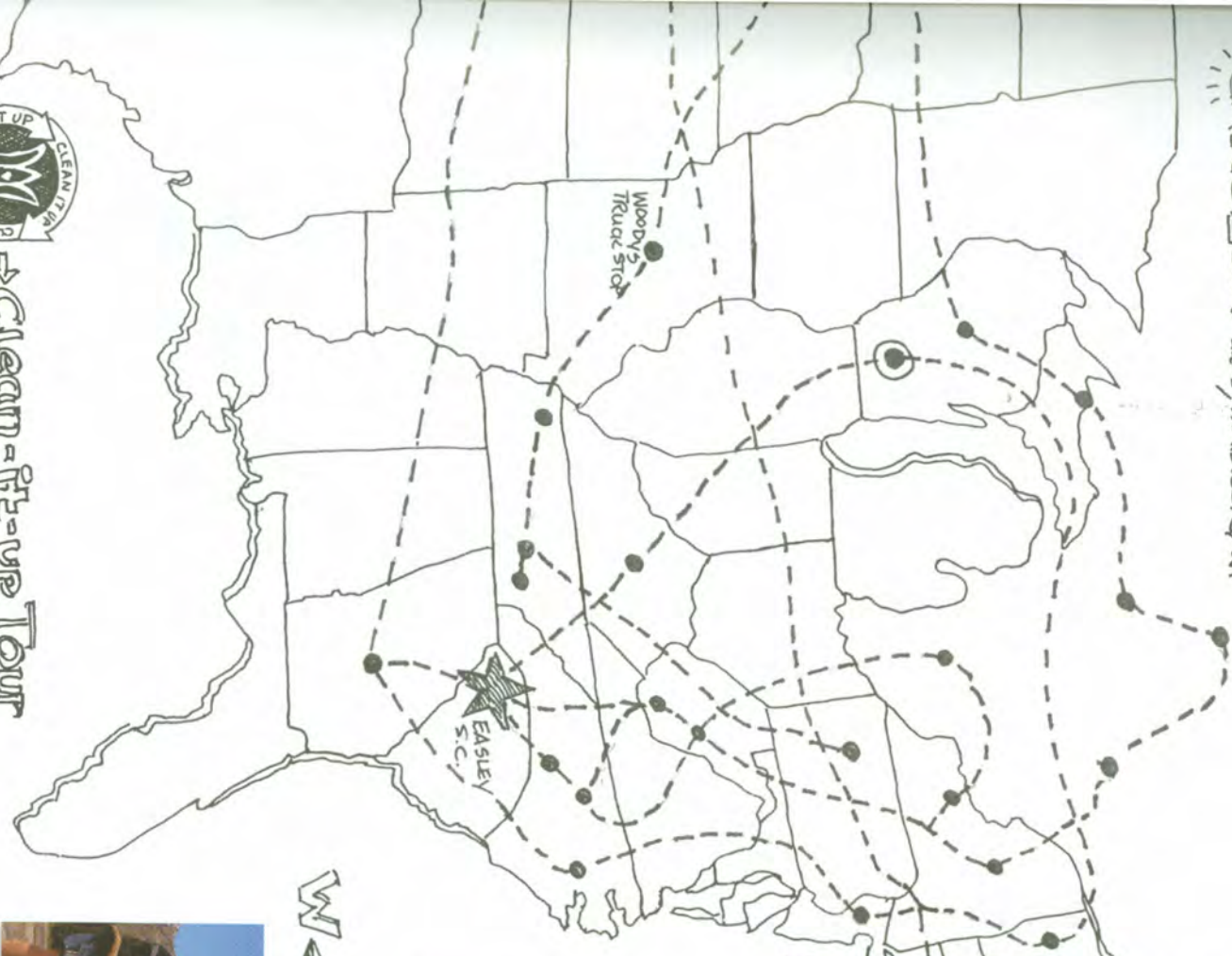


JULY 1999						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 R.S.	5 R.S.	6 R.S.	7 R.S.	8 Cavalier	9 C.T.	10 Spartan
11 R.S.	12 R.S.	13 R.S.	14 R.S.	15 R.S.	16 R.S.	17 R.S.
18 R.S.	19 R.S.	20 R.S.	21 R.S.	22 R.S.	23 R.S.	24 R.S.
25 R.S.	26 R.S.	27 R.S.	28 R.S.	29 R.S.	30 R.S.	31 R.S.

Halloween Paddle,  
Ocoee River TN



CANOECOPIA, MADISON, WI



Clean = It = Up Tour



JERSEY PADDLER



POTS OF COFFEE: 732 (WE THINK)

Waterfalls: (DROPS OVER 20 FEET.)

- SPIRIT, PUNCHBOWL, LEFT FANTASY FALLS,
- SILVER FORK, GORILLA, BLACK TAQUAMENON FALLS,
- EAGLE CREEK, BIG BROTHER,
- NORTH SKYKOMISH (3),
- MIDLMID SNO DRY MEADOW,



MARY BURHAM, AVEN BRASSWELL, KELLY ULES SNOWMELT SWITIN, COLORADO. PHOTO: CLAY WRIGHT

★ DAYS ON THE WATER 150 (APRIL 1ST - NOVEMBER 1ST)

RIVERS PADDLED: 71

~ MILES TRAVELED: 43,000 FMS



CLAY WRIGHT HITCHES A RIDE ON A STEAM SHUTTLE, DURANGO, CO.

1,600 CHALUPAS (REALLY!)



- OCEANA, CRAZY WOMAN (2),
- LIME, SOUTH MINERAL,
- ROCK ISLAND, SOUTH MERCED
- BIG SLIDE.

GRAND TOTAL: 22 WATERFALLS!

BOTH THE AMP AND SHOCK  
FEATURE SCALLOPED GILLS IN  
THE HULL WHICH CRUMBLES  
SURFACE TENSION.



## amp™

**SPECS:** AMP **new**

LENGTH	7'10" / 239 cm
WIDTH	24 1/2" / 62 cm
VOLUME	48 gallons / 182 liters
WEIGHT	36 lbs / 16 kg
COCKPIT	33 1/2" L x 19" W 85 cm L x 48 cm W
PADDLER LEVEL	int.-adv.
SUGG. PADDLER WT	120 - 200 lbs 54 - 91 kg.

**STANDARD FEATURES:**

MT-2000 - SUPER-LINEAR  
POLYETHYLENE  
DOUBLE-LAMINATED WALLS  
FOR STRENGTH AND SAFETY  
ADJUSTABLE SEAT WITH  
FOAM BACK SUPPORT

H<sub>2</sub>O BOTTLE

DRAIN PLUG

AVAILABLE AS C-1

**SPECIAL FEATURES:**

BOW AND STERN BULL-  
DAWG™ SECURITY BARS

**Thigh Master™** —  
ADJUSTABLE COMFORT-  
CONTROL THIGHBRACES  
ADJUSTABLE BULKHEAD  
FOOT SYSTEM

ADJUSTABLE PLEASURE POD

PLUG INTO THE DIRECT CURRENT OF THE RIVER AND FLIP THE SWITCH ON YOUR PADDLING POTENTIAL WITH THE AMP. INTRODUCING THE CUBICALLY LIBERATED FREESTYLE MACHINE FROM PERCEPTION'S WORLD-TRAVELING DESIGNER, SHANE BENEDICT, AND THE ARTISTS IN R&D. THE AMP (ANOTHER MOVE PERFECTED) LUBRICATES THE BOUNDARIES OF LOOSENESS WHILE PROVIDING THE SPEED NECESSARY FOR ELECTRIC MOVES. THIS PIECE OF ART WAS SCULPTED WITH SCALLOPED GILLS IN THE HULL TO CRUMBLE SURFACE TENSION. AND A SMOOTH VOLUME TRANSITION ALLOWS YOU TO CRANK UP LEVELS OF VERTICALITY PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN WITH A PLANING HULL. CLEAN CARTWHEELS, VERTICAL BLUNTS AND BOUNGING SPINS COME EASY. AND WITH ITS ERGONOMIC COCKPIT, YOU CAN PULL THEM OFF IN COMFORT AND STYLE. SO PLUG INTO THE AMP. THE POWER IS ON.

## [ Shock™ ]

IS YOUR BIG BOAT GIVING YOU STATIC? THEN SNAP OUT OF THAT DEAD-END DINOSAUR AND CLIMB INTO THIS SLEEK NEW ARRIVAL ON THE PLAYBOATING SCENE. THE SHOCK TAKES THE UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE AMP AND COMPACTS THEM INTO A SIZE MORE PROPORTIONAL TO STRENGTH-TO-WEIGHT RATIOS OF SMALLER-FRAMED PADDLERS. IF YOU'RE BETWEEN 80 AND 160 POUNDS, THIS BOAT GIVES YOU THE POWER TO TAKE CHARGE IN THE HOLE, ON A WAVE OR EVEN JUST AN EDDY LINE. SHOCK AND ELECTRIFY THE RIVER RUBBERNECKERS WITH WAVEWHEELS, BLUNTS AND VERTICAL STALLS. THIS IS ONE FREESTYLE MACHINE DRIVEN BY COORDINATION, BALANCE AND ABILITY. NOT WEIGHT. SO GO OUT AND GET YOURSELF SOME SHOCK TREATMENT.

BOTH THE AMP AND SHOCK ARE OFFERED IN THE FOLLOWING COLOR CHOICES:

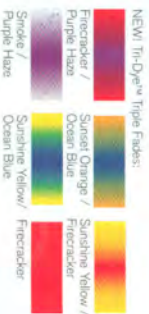


PHOTO:  
CHRISTOPHER SMITH





**SPECS: SHOCK new**

LENGTH	7'5" / 226 cm
WIDTH	23 1/2" / 60 cm
VOLUME	42 gallons / 159 liters
WEIGHT	34 lbs / 15 kg
COCKPIT	33 1/2" L x 19" W 85 cm L x 48 cm W
PADDLER LEVEL	Int. - adv.
SUGG. PADDLER WT	80 - 160 lbs 36 - 68 kg

**STANDARD FEATURES:**

- MT-2000™ SUPER-LINEAR POLYETHYLENE
- DOUBLE-LAMINATED WALLS FOR STRENGTH AND SAFETY
- ADJUSTABLE SEAT WITH FOAM BACK SUPPORT
- H<sub>2</sub>O BOTTLE
- DRAIN PLUG
- AVAILABLE AS C-1
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- ADJUSTABLE BULKHEAD FOOT SYSTEM
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TEAM PERCEPTION PADDLER ETHAN WINGER, 3RD PLACE JUNIOR K-1, 1999 WORLDS.



< December 3, 1999 >

< Veronica Griner reporting via the perception webcast of the 1999 worlds rodeo championship, in new zealand.

>> There was magic on the water today as junior paddler Ethan Winger (USA) took his four rides in the perception AMP prototype. He had a plan, stuck to it, and managed to finish at the top of his category with 533.725 points. One of his best rides logged in at 376.9219. The thing about Ethan is that he truly understands the way the water moves and how to efficiently use it. I asked him to give me a play-by-play of his routine since he was so good at executing it over and over again. This is what he had to say:

>> "First, I listen to the music and do a little dance in the eddy as part of my mental plan — I want to stay amped and get the crowd behind me. That always helps. When I get the go ahead, I come out of the eddy with a shuvit entry move and go straight into a left-hand spin. I use the momentum from the spin for a left-hand blunt at the corner — spin into a clean 360° in the middle of the pile — use the momentum from that to throw a left-hand round-house — or blunt — whatever I can pull off. At about that time, the ten-second buzzer should be going off so I go for left-hand cartwheels and if I'm set up right, I'll split to the right and go for right-hand cartwheels." > Ethan Winger, Worlds Rodeo Chamionship.





**SPECS: ULTRA CLEAN**

LENGTH	8'0" / 244 cm
WIDTH	25 1/2" / 65 cm
VOLUME	55 gallons/208 liters
WEIGHT	39 lbs / 18 kg
COCKPIT	33 1/2" L x 19" W 85 cm L x 48 cm W
PADDLER LEVEL	Int.-adv.
SUGG. PADDLER WT	160-240 lbs. 72 - 109 kg.

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- FOAM BULKHEAD FOOTBRACES (KEEPERS™ FOOTBRACES OPTIONAL)
- ADJUSTABLE PLEASURE POD

**NEW! Tri-Dye™ Tripe Fades:**

Smoke / Purple Haze	Sunshine Yellow / Ocean Blue	Firescacker

↔ **[ ultra clean™ ]** ↔

WELCOME TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF PLAYBOATING. NOW SIT BACK AND WATCH AS IT EVOLVES BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES. THE ULTRA CLEAN BORROWS THE BEST FEATURES FROM THE MR. CLEAN, BUT DELVES DEEP INTO OUR NEWEST BAG OF TRICKS. IT HAS A SHARP TRANSITION FROM A FLAT TO A ROCKER HULL. ITS RELEASE CHINES ARE MORE EFFICIENT, AND IT HAS A SMOOTH RUMP HUMP TO DECK TRANSITION. THESE COMBINE FOR A LOOSER HULL, SLICIER ENDS AND A BALANCED VOLUME DISTRIBUTION. IT'S A BOAT FOR ALL YOU PADDLE COWBOYS THAT REFUSE TO GET OUT OF A HOLE AND YOU RODEOERS WHOSE RIDES ARE NEVER FINISHED.

**[ mr. clean™ ]** ↔

EVERYONE KNOWS THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE A MOVE WITH AUTHORITY IS TO CLEAN IT. AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT MR. CLEAN WILL HELP YOU DO. DESIGNED BY RENOWNED RODEO ARTIST AND BOAT DESIGNER SHANE BENEDICT, MR. CLEAN CAPTURES HIS EXTREME QUEST FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE. AT A BRIEF 7'9", THERE'S NO EXTRA PLASTIC TO BOSS. AND ITS SQUIRT-SIZED ENDS MAKE CARTWHEELING SECOND NATURE. SO IF YOU'RE BOLD ENOUGH TO PULL THE TRIGGER ON THIS BAD BOY, YOU'LL HAVE A WHOLE NEW WORLD OF MOVES TO PLAY WITH.

TEAM PERCEPTION'S  
CLAY WRIGHT.  
PHOTO: DAN GAVERE







**SPECS: MR. CLEAN**

LENGTH	7'9" / 236 cm
WIDTH	25" / 64 cm
VOLUME	54 gallons / 204 liters
WEIGHT	38 lbs / 17 kg
COCKPIT	32" L x 19" W
PADDLER LEVEL	81cm L x 48 cm W
SUGG. PADDLER WT	inter.-adv. 54 - 91 kg

**STANDARD FEATURES:**

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- ADJUSTABLE SEAT W/FOAM BACK SUPPORT
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MR. CLEAN HIMSELF, PERCEPTION'S WOODY CALLOWAY.



PHOTOS TOP RIGHT AND LEFT: DAN GAVERE



On paper, it had the makings of a great TV show. Buy an old RV, fix it up, and put a couple of your best athletes in it for a year-long road tour. We agreed to pay for most of their expenses as long as they promised to be Perception's ambassadors by preaching the good word — to "Clean-Up" the environment. Easy enough, right?

As the days ticked away to the start of the tour, I was a nervous wreck. My biggest concern was trying to figure out if these athletes would get along. Much to my surprise, they not only got along but they gelled as if they were a family. There was Papa Al aka "The Devil", Clay the witty/wise-cracking brother, Kelly the sister who got all of the abuse but also all of the protection of her older brothers, and Macy the grinning little brother who had questions for everything. They all brought a certain dynamic to the mix. And along the way they picked up new family members — Buffy, Jason, Brenda, Andrew, Benny, and even me.

One by one they all took the Clean-It-Up Tour to a level that we never thought possible. First and foremost, they made people more aware of the importance of cleaning up our environment and the role that each of us as individuals play in this struggle to keep our rivers pristine. They also gave free playboating clinics to hundreds of kayakers around the country in trade for a promise from kayakers to uphold the Clean-It-Up message long after the team left their region.

All in all, it was a great year and the Tour was really successful.

Veronica Griner, aka "Yama V"  
Team Perception Manager



PHOTO:  
CHRISTOPHER SMITH

# Jib™



FUN COMES IN ALL SIZES, AND NOW RODEO INNOVATION IS AVAILABLE IN A BOAT THAT'S CUSTOM-TAILORED FOR PADDLERS UNDER 140 POUNDS. THE JIB IS A HIP-HOP FREESTYLER THAT GIVES NEW MEANING TO THE WORLD OF PLAYBOATING FOR THE SMALLER PADDLER. AARON PHILLIPS, ALONG WITH THE PERCEPTION R&D TEAM, DESIGNED THIS BOAT TO BE AMAZINGLY RESPONSIVE AND AGGRESSIVELY AGILE. WHICH MEANS YOU CAN SURF, SPIN AND SWAP ENDS WITH EASE. IN FACT, PHILLIPS' DESIGN AND TRADEMARK GROOVY STYLING MAKE THE JIB A VERITABLE PLAYGROUND OF PLASTIC.



### SPECS: JIB

LENGTH	6'8" / 203 cm
WIDTH	24" / 61 cm
VOLUME	32 gallons / 121 liters
WEIGHT	28 lbs / 13 kg
COCKPIT	28 1/4" L x 18 1/4" W 72 cm L x 46 cm W
PADDLER LEVEL	beg. - adv.
SUGG. PADDLER WT	50 - 140 lbs 23 - 64 kg

### STANDARD FEATURES:

- MT-2000™ SUPER-LINEAR POLYETHYLENE
- DOUBLE-LAMINATED WALLS FOR STRENGTH AND SAFETY
- ADJUSTABLE SEAT
- H<sub>2</sub>O BOTTLE

### SPECIAL FEATURES:

- BULL-DAWG™ SECURITY BAR
- MOLD-IN THIGHBRACES
- FOAM BULKHEAD FOOTBRACES
- ADJUSTABLE PLEASURE POD

### NEW! Tri-Dye™ Triple Fades:

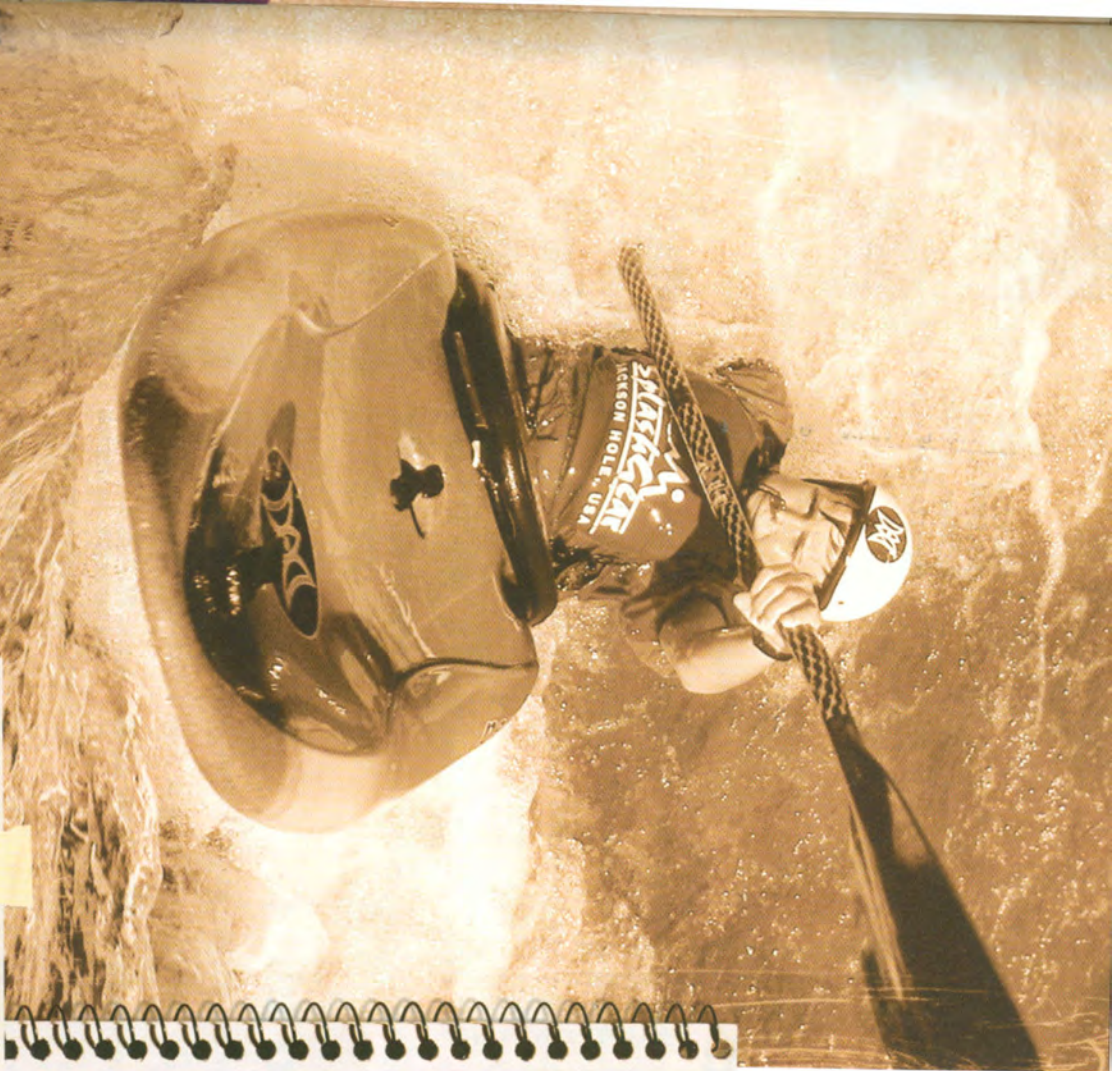
- Firecracker / Purple Hair
- Sunset Orange / Ocean Blue
- Sunshine Yellow / Firecracker
- Sunset Yellow / Ocean Blue
- Smiles / Purple Hair
- Firecracker

NEW! TRI-DYE TRIPLE FADES —  
INSPIRED BY MANY ROAD TRIPS IN SHIRTS LIKE THESE.



TEAM PERCEPTION PADDLER PATRICK KELLER, "THE MASTER JIBBER". PHOTO: ROBERT HARRISON.





My job as principal of Adventure Quest? I love it. It is the perfect combination for me, I get to teach Spanish, work with kids, paddle great rivers, train rodeo and visit amazing places. The only drawback is there is not an abundance of personal time and I live out of a backpack 11 months out of the year, but the benefits far outweigh the hardships — Whitney Lonsdale, Principal, Adventure Quest Academy

IT'S AMAZING HOW THE SPORT, PASSION AND PASTIME OF PADDLING JUST KEEPS GROWING AND GROWING. AND IT'S NOT JUST ADULTS TAKING TO THE WATER. IT'S KIDS, TOO. TEN-, 11- AND 12-YEAR OLDS ARE PICKING UP PADDLES IN GREATER AND GREATER NUMBERS EVERY YEAR. WE THINK THAT'S REALLY EXCITING. WHICH IS WHY WE'RE SO COMMITTED TO PADDLING EDUCATION, SAFETY PROGRAMS AND AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES LIKE THE ACADEMY AT ADVENTURE QUEST.

SHANE BENEDICT  
PHOTO: DAN GAVERE



THE ACADEMY AT ADVENTURE QUEST STARTED ITS FIRST TUTORIAL SEMESTER IN THE SPRING OF 1995. WE PACKED UP A COUPLE OF VANS WITH A HANDFUL OF KIDS IN VERMONT AND DROVE (THAT'S RIGHT DROVE) TO HONDURAS. THE KIDS BROUGHT THEIR SCHOOLWORK FROM THEIR LOCAL SCHOOLS AND WE TUTORED THEM AND COACHED THEM ALONG THE DRIVE. WE HAD A GROUP THAT WAS FOCUSED ON SLALOM KAYAKING AND A COUPLE STUDENTS THAT WERE INTERESTED IN RODEO PADDLING AT THE TIME. WE HAD MANY SMALL ERICS, BUT THE WHOLE TIME WE WERE PRETTY SURE THAT WE WERE DOING SOMETHING THAT NO ONE HAD DONE BEFORE. WE TOOK SIDE TRIPS TO RUINS, WATERFALLS AND BEACHES. WE WERE ESCORTED THROUGH GUATEMALA BY THE POLICE. WE SHOPPED IN SMALL VILLAGES FOR EACH DAY'S LUNCH. AND THE KIDS MADE ALL THE DINNER RESERVATIONS, ORDERED THE MEALS AND ASKED DIRECTIONS AS PART OF SPANISH CLASS. IT WAS AWESOME. THE KIDS CAME BACK WITH SOME SERIOUS REAL-WORLD LEARNING. THEY ALL COOKED FOR THE GROUP, CLEANED WITH THE GROUP, AND PADDLED WITH THE GROUP. THEY LEARNED HOW TO WORK WELL THAT WAY AND IT SHOWS TO THIS DAY IN HOW THEY WATCH OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER, AND HELP OTHER FOLKS ON THE RIVER, AND AT HOME, OR AT COLLEGE WHERE MOST OF THEM ARE NOW. THE LAST FOUR YEARS WE HAVE GROWN TO A COMPLETE PRIVATE SCHOOL WITH OUR CURRICULUM. WE HAVE TRAVELED TO NEW ZEALAND, ECUADOR, SOUTH AFRICA, AND NEPAL. ADVENTURE QUEST HAS REALLY COME A LONG WAY AND THE KIDS ARE DOING GREAT THINGS WITH THE EXPERIENCE.

— SHANE

WHITNEY LONSDALE  
PHOTO: DAN GAVERE



ANDREW HOLCOMBE,  
GOLDEN HOLE,  
RIGGINS, IDAHO.  
PHOTO: DAN GAVERE



## [method™]

**SPECS: METHOD new**

LENGTH 7'2" / 218 cm

WIDTH 24" / 61 cm

VOLUME 45 gallons / 170 liters

WEIGHT 35 lbs / 16 kg

COCKPIT 33 1/2" L x 19" W

PADDLER LEVEL 85 cm L x 48 cm W  
beg. - adv.

SUGG. PADDLER WT 80 - 170 lbs  
36 - 77 kg.

\*Specs are based on prototype boats and are subject to change.

**STANDARD FEATURES:**

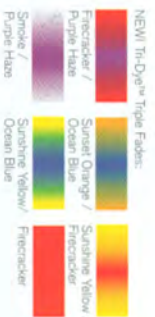
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- DRAIN PLUG
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IS THERE A METHOD TO YOUR MADNESS? THERE SHOULD BE. OUR R&D TEAM APPLIED A METHOD OF COLLECTIVE INSANITY WHEN THEY CAME UP WITH THIS BEAUTY OF A BOAT. IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR STABILITY, IT'S HERE. SPEED? ABSOLUTELY. FORGIVENESS? NO PROBLEM. COMFORT? THIS BOAT'S CUSHY GALORE. IN FACT, THE BODY AREA WAS DESIGNED FOR MAXIMUM ERGONOMICS. AND MAXIMUM PERFORMANCE. THE FLAT SPINNING HULL AND RELEASE CHINES LOOK SLEEK, BUT ACT EVEN SLEEKER. THE METHOD IS FOR BEGINNING TO EXPERT PADDLERS CRAVING FULL-THROTTLE FUN. SO WHEN THE GOING GETS WEIRD AND THE WILD GETS WET, THIS IS YOUR WAY. THIS IS YOUR STYLE. THIS IS YOUR METHOD.

## [method air™]

IF YOUR MADNESS CAN'T BE CONTAINED BY OUR METHOD, THEN BRIEFLY STOP THE INSANITY AND CLIMB INTO THE METHOD AIR. IT'S VIRTUALLY THE SAME BOAT AS THE METHOD, BUT WITH MORE VOLUME, LENGTH AND WIDTH. SO YOU CAN THROW YOUR WEIGHT AROUND WITHOUT SACRIFICING AN OUNCE OF FINESSE. AND THE SOPHISTICATED PLANING HULL LETS YOU GO FOR THE THROAT OF ANY MOVE. SO IF YOU'RE A BEGINNING TO ADVANCED PADDLER BEGGING FORGIVENESS IN HARSH ENVIRONS, THIS BOAT'S FOR YOU. YOU'LL DEVELOP AND HONE YOUR SKILLS QUICKLY WITH MINIMAL HANDICAPS. IN FACT, YOU'LL FEEL LIKE YOU'RE PADDLING ON AIR.

BOTH METHOD AND METHOD AIR ARE OFFERED IN THE FOLLOWING COLORS:



ROB LESSER  
PADDLING ON THE  
SOUTH FORK OF THE  
PAYETTE RIVER, IDAHO.  
PHOTO: DAN GAVERE



**SPECS: METHOD AIR new**

LENGTH	7'9" / 236 cm
WIDTH	24 1/2" / 63 cm
VOLUME	56 gallons / 212 liters
WEIGHT	38 lbs / 17 kg
COCKPIT	33 1/2" L x 19" W 85 cm L x 48 cm W
PADDLER LEVEL	beg - adv.
SUGG. PADDLER WT	130 - 220 lbs 59 - 100 kg.

**STANDARD FEATURES:**

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TOP LEFT, PHOTO: CHARLEY MUNSEY  
TOP RIGHT/BOTTOM PHOTOS: DAN GAVERE  
ALL TAKEN ON THE SOUTH FORK OF THE PAYETTE RIVER, IDAHO.



Every year it is my job to organize a kayaking trip in some amazing western location. I know — tough job. But when you're responsible for planning a trip for a group as important as the one that we take — it's pretty tough. This past year our travels took us to the South Fork of the Payette river. We invited magazine editors from Paddler, Canoe & Kayak, River Sports Affair, Blue, Hooked on the Outdoors and Outdoor Retailer. It was a pretty eclectic group because some of our guests were advanced kayakers, some were beginners, and a few were being exposed to whitewater for the very first time. We wanted everyone to enjoy themselves. Because of this, we invited Team Perception along to co-host the trip. They gave expert kayak instruction to the beginners and newbies, shared tips on how to make the latest tricks easier with the advanced paddlers, and best of all — opened their home (the Team Perception RV) to the entire group. For four days, we felt like we were the life-stylers! Eating like kings out of the dutch oven, sleeping like logs in the great wide open, and telling stories that typically only come out around a campfire. Imagine being surrounded by people who earn their living being storytellers — the tales were legendary! This was probably one of my most favorite trips not just because of the location — but for the people.

— Veronica Griner, Perception Kayaks





## [3-D™]

### SPECS: 3-D

LENGTH	8'2" / 249 cm
WIDTH	25" / 64 cm
VOLUME	56 gallons / 212 liters
WEIGHT	38 lbs / 17 kg
COCKPIT	32" L x 19" W 81 cm L x 48 cm W
PADDLER LEVEL	Inter. - adv.
SUGG. PADDLER WT	120 - 240 lbs 54 - 109 kg

### STANDARD FEATURES:

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- DOUBLE-LAMINATED WALLS FOR ADDED STRENGTH AND SAFETY
- ADJUSTABLE SEAT W/FOAM BACK SUPPORT
- H<sub>2</sub>O BOTTLE
- DRAIN PLUG
- AVAILABLE AS C-1
- SPECIAL FEATURES:**
- BOW & STERN BULL-DAWG™ SECURITY BARS
- TOP CONTROL LONG THIGHBRACES
- KEEPERS™ FOOTRACES
- ADJUSTABLE PLEASURE POD

UNTIL THE 3-D, PADDLERS HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN PEAK PERFORMANCE AND COMFORT. BUT THIS BOAT IS A PROVEN, WORLD-CHAMPION RODEO BOAT THAT HAS ENOUGH ROOM FOR JUST ABOUT ANY BOATER. THE SUBDUED ROCKER LETS YOU SPIN FREELY. THE HULL IS SPECIALLY TUNED FOR SURFING. AND THE BOAT'S HIGH-VOLUME CENTER LETS YOU STAY STABLE WHILE YOUR ENDS TAG EVERY POINT ON THE COMPASS. SO WHEN YOU WANT AUTHENTIC, 3-D ACTION THAT NEVER STOPS COMING AT YOU, PUT DOWN THOSE SILLY GLASSES. THEN GRAB THIS BOAT.



FRISBEE ANYONE?  
PHOTO: WILEY/MALES



CHAD LONG, PAYETTE RIVER SURF, IDAHO. PHOTO: CHARLIE MUNSEY



# Larc™/sparc™ ]

THE ARC (ALL RIVER CRAFT) AND SPARC (SMALL PERSONS ALL RIVER CRAFT) ARE MEANT FOR JUST THAT: RIVERS. BIG OR SMALL. SLOW OR SURF-LADEN. THE ARC AND SPARC WILL TAKE IT. THESE BOATS ARE SHORT, MANEUVERABLE AND STABLE. THEY MAKE ROLLING EASY, AND THEY FEAST ON WAVES LIKE A SMORGASBORD NO MATTER HOW BIG THE SURF. THEY LET YOU SAMPLE ALL ASPECTS OF THE SPORT WITHOUT SACRIFICING SUPERIOR SURFING TO ALL-AROUND VERSATILITY. AVERAGE-SIZED BOATERS SHOULD GO WITH THE ARC, WHILE SMALLER PADDLERS SHOULD STICK TO THE SPARC.

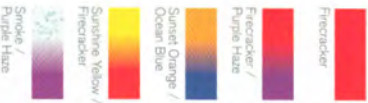
## SPECS: ARC

LENGTH	9'3" / 282 cm
WIDTH	24 1/2" / 62 cm
VOLUME	56 gallons / 212 liters
WEIGHT	42 lbs / 19 kg
COCKPIT	35 1/2" L x 19 1/2" W 90 cm L x 50 cm W
PADDLER LEVEL	beg. - adv.
SUGG. PADDLER WT	160 - 250 lbs 73 - 113 kg



## STANDARD FEATURES:

- MT-2000™ SUPER-LINEAR POLYETHYLENE
- DOUBLE-LAMINATED WALLS FOR ADDED STRENGTH AND SAFETY
- ADJUSTABLE SEAT W/FOAM BACK SUPPORT
- H<sub>2</sub>O BOTTLE DRAIN PLUG AVAILABLE AS C-1
- SPECIAL FEATURES:**
- BOW & STERN BULL-DAWG™ SECURITY BARS
- TOP CONTROL LONG THIGHBRACES
- MOLDED BULKHEAD FOOTBRACES
- MOLD-THROUGH GRAB LOOPS
- ADJUSTABLE PLEASURE POD



## SPECS: SPARC

LENGTH	9'2" / 279 cm
WIDTH	24" / 61 cm
VOLUME	48 gallons / 182 liters
WEIGHT	39 lbs / 18 kg
COCKPIT	33" L x 19 1/2" W 84 cm L x 49 cm W
PADDLER LEVEL	beg. - adv.
SUGG. PADDLER WT	80 - 170 lbs 36 - 77 kg



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- H<sub>2</sub>O BOTTLE DRAIN PLUG AVAILABLE AS C-1
- SPECIAL FEATURES:**
- BOW & STERN BULL-DAWG™ SECURITY BARS
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- MOLD-THROUGH GRAB LOOPS
- ADJUSTABLE PLEASURE POD



TALK ABOUT A JOURNEY—ALEX STANUL HAS BEEN A DESIGNER WITH PERCEPTION FOR OVER 20 YEARS!



"Back in the '70s and early '80s most whitewater boats were cut-down touring boats. They were huge, with straight-bottoms and volumes up around 80-gallons. After paddling those big boats all day, we'd sit around campfires at night drinking a beer or whiskey and get to talking about what we wished we could do in a boat. I knew a shorter kayak with a narrower hull would maneuver and turn better, so I sketched one. That model eventually became the Dancer. It was more than a foot and a half shorter than the 13'2" standard of the day, and had a curved, narrower hull. People thought it was crazy. They said it was too short and that it wouldn't paddle straight. But when they saw what you could do in it, all of a sudden all they cared about was where they could get one."

— Alex Stanul, Designer of the Dancer.  
The kayak created with changing the way whitewater is paddled

KAYAKING THROUGH THE GRAND CANYON OF THE  
STRIKINE OFFERS ONE OF THE WORLD'S ULTIMATE  
EXPEDITION KAYAKING EXPERIENCES. HERE I HAVE  
FOUND MYSELF NOT ONLY TOTALLY COMMITTED TO THREE  
DAYS OF KAYAKING THE MOST CHALLENGING AND  
INTHICATING BIG-WATER I WILL EVER EXPERIENCE,  
BUT I AM OFFERED A RARE Glimpse INTO A HIDDEN  
CORRIDOR THAT HAS BEEN UNTOUCHED SINCE IT'S  
ORIGIN. THIS IS A PLACE THAT BELONGS TO THE  
GRIZZLY BEAR, THE MOUNTAIN GOAT, AND THE  
MANY OTHER CREATURES THAT TAKE REFUGE  
WITHIN ITS DOMIN. THIS JOURNEY WILL LEAVE  
LASTING IMPRESSIONS THAT ARE PROFOUND  
AND LIFE-CHANGING. — CHARLIE HUNSEY









## [Overflow X™]



YOU'D BE HARD-PRESSED TO FIND A HARDER WORKING KAYAK THAN THE OVERFLOW X. IT'S STABLE AND PREDICTABLE, AND IT PROVIDES PILLOW-SOFT LANDINGS FOR ALL YOU CREEKERS. THERE'S ALSO PLENTY OF VOLUME FOR BUOYANCY AND EXTRA STORAGE. AND THE OVERSIZE COCKPIT MAKES FOR EASY IN-AND-OUTS REGARDLESS OF YOUR SIZE. NO MATTER WHERE YOUR ADVENTURE LIES — WHETHER BIG WATER OR INTENSE CREEKS — THE OVERFLOW X WILL PULL YOU THROUGH. AFTER ALL, THEY DON'T CALL IT 'THE OX' FOR NOTHING.



**SPECS: OVERFLOW X**

LENGTH	10'1" / 307 cm
WIDTH	25 1/2" / 65 cm
VOLUME	80 gallons / 303 liters
WEIGHT	48 lbs / 22 kg
COCKPIT	34 1/2" L x 20" W 88 cm L x 51 cm W
PADDLER LEVEL	beg. - adv.
SUGG. PADDLER WT	170 - 250 lbs 77 - 113 kg

**STANDARD FEATURES:**

- MT-2000™ SUPER-LINEAR POLYETHYLENE
  - DOUBLE-LAMINATED WALLS FOR ADDED STRENGTH AND SAFETY
  - ADJUSTABLE SEAT W/FOAM BACK SUPPORT
  - H<sub>2</sub>O BOTTLE
  - DRAIN PLUG
  - AVAILABLE AS C-1
- SPECIAL FEATURES:**
- OVERSIZED COCKPIT
  - BOW & STERN SECURITY LOOPS
  - MOLD-THROUGH GRAB LOOPS
  - TOP CONTROL LONG THIGHBRACES
  - MOLDED BULKHEAD FOOTBRACES

TIBET REMAINS THE WILD FRONTIER, WHERE HEROIC, DYNAMIC LANDSCAPES, AND THUNDERING RIVERS DOMINATE ANY SMALL RESTORE THAT HUMANS MAKE. IT'S A PLACE THAT ECHOES THE ANCIENT, MYSTIC, THUNDERBOLT-WARLERS, TRIDENT-WELDERS, AND DRUM-SHAKERS. IT IS PURSUING THE SECRETS OF UNEXPLORED RIVERS IN PLACES SUCH AS TIBET THAT MAKES EXPEDITION KAYAKING THOROUGHLY SATISFYING.

CHARLEY MUNSEY



GERRY MOFFATT &  
TIBETAN FRIEND.  
THULE BHERI EXPEDI-  
TION, NEPAL. PHOTO:  
CHARLEY MUNSEY



# [phat™]

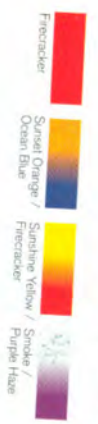
## SPECS: PHAT

LENGTH	86" / 259 cm
WIDTH	25" / 64 cm
VOLUME	67 gallons / 254 liters
WEIGHT	43 lbs / 20 kg
COCKPIT	32 1/2" L x 19 1/2" W 83 cm L x 50 cm W
PADDLER LEVEL	beg. - adv.
SUGG. PADDLER WT	110 - 230 lbs 50 - 104 kg

## STANDARD FEATURES:

- MT-2000™ SUPER-LINEAR POLYETHYLENE
- DOUBLE-LAMINATED WALLS FOR ADDED STRENGTH AND SAFETY
- ADJUSTABLE SEAT W/FOAM BACK SUPPORT
- H<sub>2</sub>O BOTTLE DRAIN PLUG
- AVAILABLE AS C-1
- SPECIAL FEATURES:**
- BOW & STERN BULL-DAWG™ SECURITY BARS
- TOP CONTROL LONG THIGHBRACES
- MOLDED BULKHEAD FOOTBRACES
- ADJUSTABLE PLEASURE POD

PHAT PHUN PHOUND HERE. WHETHER YOU'RE CRUISING OR CREEKING, THIS BOAT'S FOR YOU. THE STERN'S UPSWEPT, BUT-CONSISTENT ROCKER LETS YOU SCOOT BOOFS AND NESTLE INTO SWEET SPOTS ON FICKLE WAVES. AND THE HULL'S HIGH ROCKER KEEPS THE BOW DRIVING UPWARD WHILE PUNCHING HOLES AND SMOOTHES LANDINGS FROM STEEP DROPS. THE PHAT REDEFINES HAIR-TRIGGER STEERING AND SUBMITS TO YOUR EVERY DESIRE WHEN IT COMES TO TECHNICAL WORK. SO NEXT TIME YOU'RE UP A CREEK, DON'T FREAK. JUST GET A LITTLE PHREAKY WITH YOUR PHAT.



ALLEN BRASWELL, TAHQUAMENON FALLS, MI. PHOTO: DAN GAVERE



THERE IS A LOT OF HIGHWAY BETWEEN WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN AND THE OTTAWA RIVER. WHILE PERUSING THE POSTCARD RACK AT ONE OF OUR MANY GAS STOPS I CAME ACROSS A SHOT OF THE PERFECT WATERFALL. TAHQUAMENON FALLS 42 FEET OF VERTICAL AND ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR SCENIC ATTRACTIONS IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN. THE NEXT MORNING WE WERE HEADED DOWN THE HIGHWAY. DODGING TOURISTS' HEADS WITH OUR KAYAKS AND GETTING GUF-FAWS WHEN WE ANSWERED "YES" TO THEIR QUESTION "ARE YOU GONNA RUN THE FALLS?" AFTER A THOROUGH INSPECTION OF THE DEPTH AND EXPERIMENTING WITH VARIOUS CAMERA ANGLES, WE WERE READY. ONE BY ONE WE DRIFTED UP TO THE EDGE AND PLUNGED INTO THE MIST BELOW. SOME HIKED UP FOR A SECOND SERVING OF GRAVITY-FREE EUPHORIA. SOME FOR THIRDS. BACK UP ON THE OVERLOOK WE POSED FOR SNAP-SHOTS WITH TOURISTS AND ANSWERED THE USUAL QUESTIONS — ENJOYING THE AFTERGLOW OF YET ANOTHER CHALLENGE MET AND THE THRILL OF NAILING ANOTHER FIRST DESCENT. EVERYONE WAS ALL SMILES AS WE DRIED OFF IN THE PARKING LOT AND WAVED TO RANGERS ON OUR WAY OUT TO CANADA. ANOTHER GROUP OF KAYAKERS ARRIVED JUST HOURS LATER AND WERE FLAGGED DOWN BY RANGERS INSISTING "THERE WILL BE NO KAYAKING AT TAHQUAMENON FALLS!" I GUESS THERE ARE NUMEROUS REASONS WHY IT IS ALWAYS GOOD TO BE FIRST! — CLAY WRIGHT, TEAM P

**SPECS: AXESS**

LENGTH	9'3" / 282 cm
WIDTH	29" / 74 cm
VOLUME	87 gallons / 329 liters
WEIGHT	47 lbs / 21 kg
COCKPIT	43" L x 22" W 109 cm L x 56 cm W
PADDLER LEVEL	beg.- int.
SUGG. PADDLER WT	150 - 280 lbs 68 - 127 kg

**STANDARD FEATURES:**

MT-2000™ SUPER-LINEAR  
POLYETHYLENE

DOUBLE-LAMINATED WALLS FOR  
ADDED STRENGTH AND SAFETY

H<sub>2</sub>O BOTTLE

DRAIN PLUG

**SPECIAL FEATURES:**

OVERSIZED COCKPIT

STERN BULL-DAWG™  
SECURITY BAR

ADJUSTABLE SEAT BACK WITH  
COMFY NEOPRENE COVER

INTEGRAL SEAT & THIGHBRACES

KEEPERS™ FOOTBRACES

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**[axess™]**

IF YOU WANT TO ACCESS WILDERNESS THAT  
INCLUDES WHITEWATER, WE'VE GOT THE BOAT FOR  
YOU. JIMMY SNYDER'S PERCEPTION PREMIER IS AN  
EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR KAYAK CAMPING  
IN CRUISING SITUATIONS WHERE SPEED ISN'T  
AN ISSUE BUT STABILITY IS. THE AXESS IS HIGHLY  
MANEUVERABLE AND EASILY RISES OVER WAVES.  
ITS INTEGRAL SEAT COMFORTABLY ACCOMMODATES  
EVEN THE LARGEST BOATERS. AND ITS HUGE  
COCKPIT MAKES THE AXESS THE BOAT OF CHOICE  
FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO PACK LOADS OF  
GEAR AND GOODIES INTO GOD'S GREEN COUNTRY.

SHANE BENEDICT, OUTER BANKS, NC. PHOTO: BRIAN GOMSAK.



TEAM PERCEPTION'S TRACY THAYER, TRAINING ON LAKE FONTANA, NC. PHOTO: CHRISTOPHER SMITH



## [ torrent™ ]

WHITewater. OCEAN SURF. LAKE CHOP. THIS BOAT DOES IT ALL. WITH A HULL DESIGNED FOR THE SPEED AND CHALLENGES OF SWIFT RIVERS, THE TORRENT HAS AN OPEN-TOP DESIGN THAT LETS YOU GET OUT AND PLAY WHETHER YOU'RE STAYING IN A BEACH HOUSE OR IN A BACKWOODS CABIN. IT'S A GREAT WHITewater TRAINER FOR RIVERS UP TO CLASS IV, AND IT'S A BLAST IN MODERATE SEA SWELLS. PLUS, BECAUSE IT'S A SIT-ON-TOP, THE ONLY ROLLS YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE ARE THE BISCUITS BACK HOME.



**SPECS:** TORRENT  
 LENGTH 10'1" / 307 cm  
 WIDTH 31" / 79 cm  
 WEIGHT 53 lbs / 24 kg  
 PADDLER LEVEL beg. - adv.  
 SUGG. PADDLER WT 100 - 250 lbs  
 45 - 113 kg



### STANDARD FEATURES:

MT-2000™ SUPER-LINEAR POLYETHYLENE  
 ERGONOMIC MOULDED-IN SEAT SELF-BAILING DRAIN HOLES  
 BOW AND STERN GRAB HANDLES  
 H<sub>2</sub>O BOTTLE  
 DRAIN PLUG

### SPECIAL FEATURES:

PADDED THIGH STRAPS  
 KEEPERS™ FOOTBRACES  
 STORAGE HATCH W/MESH BAG



## [ wavehopper™ ]

A BOAT AS UNIQUE AS ITS LOOK. THIS INNOVATIVE WILDwater RACING KAYAK HAS A RADICAL FRENCH DESIGN THAT MARRIES OPTIMUM DURABILITY WITH RELIABLE PERFORMANCE. WITHOUT SACRIFICING SPEED, THIS BOAT DELIVERS ON-THE-EDGE ACTION AND THE STRENGTH TO STAND UP TO THE PUNISHMENT OF DAY-IN AND DAY-OUT TRAINING ON ADVANCED WHITewater. VIVA LA FRANCE!



**SPECS:** WAVEHOPPER  
 LENGTH 13'6" / 411 cm  
 WIDTH 24" / 61 cm  
 VOLUME 90 gallons / 341 liters  
 WEIGHT 44 lbs / 20 kg  
 COCKPIT 30" L x 18 1/2" W  
 76 cm L x 47 cm W  
 PADDLER LEVEL Inter. - adv.  
 SUGG. PADDLER WT 100 - 210 lbs  
 45 - 95 kg

### STANDARD FEATURES:

MT-2000™ SUPER-LINEAR POLYETHYLENE

### SPECIAL FEATURES:

FOAM WALLS  
 MOLDED SEAT WITH BACK BAND  
 KEEPERS™ FOOTBRACES

