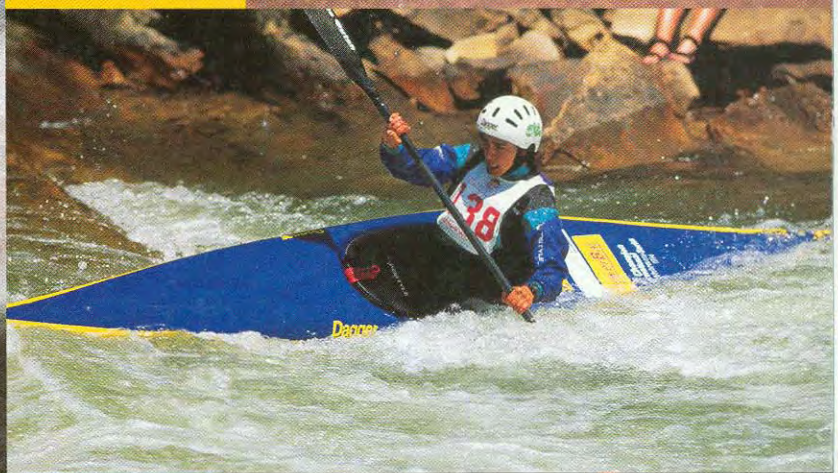




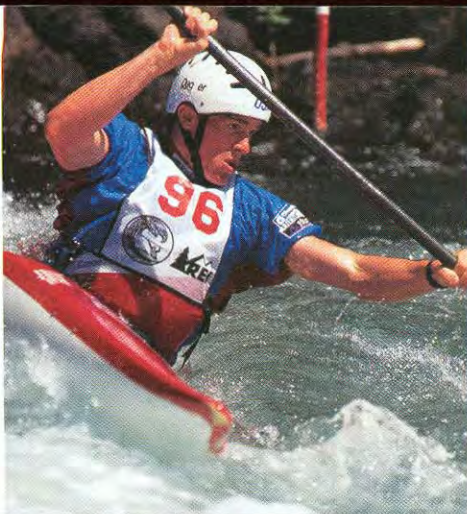
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The tradition continues as 1995 World Cup Champion Scott Shipley maneuvers through a gate while racing in a small regional race on the White Salmon River in southern Washington. Members of the Shipley family (Scott's dad, Dick, his brother, Paul, and/or Scott) have been racing since 1957. PHOTO BY ED MICHAEL

Scott Shipley appears with the permission of the USCKT.



Dagger Canoes, Kayaks & Sit-On-Tops

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ight years ago Dagger was the new face on the river. We knew our designs were radical. We believed they were great. We also knew that timing was everything. If the paddling world wasn't ready for our boats, we might never get the chance to prove ourselves.



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Well, we're still here and we're still pushing the edge. Sometimes it's hard even for us to believe the number of new boat designs (well over 30) we've introduced in only eight years: from canoes that make it easy to paddle to a Sunday-afternoon picnic and sit-on-top kayaks that you feel totally comfortable letting the kids take out in the summer surf at the beach, to kayaks that take you to all the extremes and home again. Dagger's influence on modern canoe and kayak design is obvious.

Our sources of innovation are exciting too. Led by our in-house gurus Steve Scarborough and Andy Bridge, we're fortunate to count among our consultants world class paddlers like Olympians Jon Lugbill and Scott Shipley. It is very exciting that the best of the best – paddlers who have their choice of any boat in the world – choose Dagger. And all are generous enough to share their thoughts, ideas and experiences to help shape the future of all Dagger designs.

Why does it matter to you that all these racers and hot shots are paddling Dagger boats? Because they are research and design in action. Out there every day pushing the edge of the envelope. What we learn from them pushing the limits affects every boat we build. Dagger boats consistently win world championships and gold medals. We know we're doing something right: something that translates into a better canoe or kayak for every paddler.

We attentively listen to the comments, calls and letters we get from paddlers around the world: men and women who care about paddle sports as much as they care about preserving the wild places on our planet, who know that passion goes beyond design to the moment of glassy calm on an early morning lake, or the challenge of whitewater tumbling through a gorge.

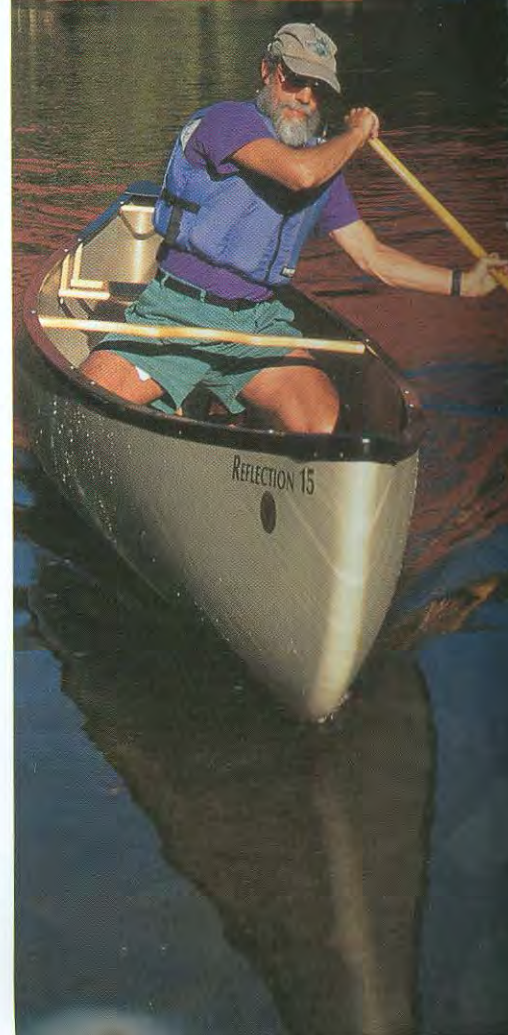
Dagger people make the difference; they are everything. *Dagger isn't just a company that manufactures canoes, kayaks and sit-on-tops. We are boaters who make boats.*

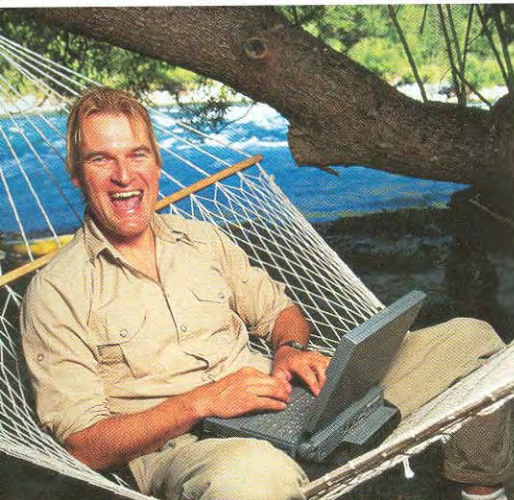
We listen carefully to what our staff and customers say: so much so that this year, we decided to do something really different. *Instead of having our marketing department write our boat descriptions for this catalog we decided to let our staff and Team D paddlers tell you themselves.*

Joe Pulliam, *President*

Don Otey takes his Reflection 15 out for a spin on the Battenkill River in Vermont.

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Center left: Andy Bridge and Marc Lyle discuss the RPM's chines during R&D.

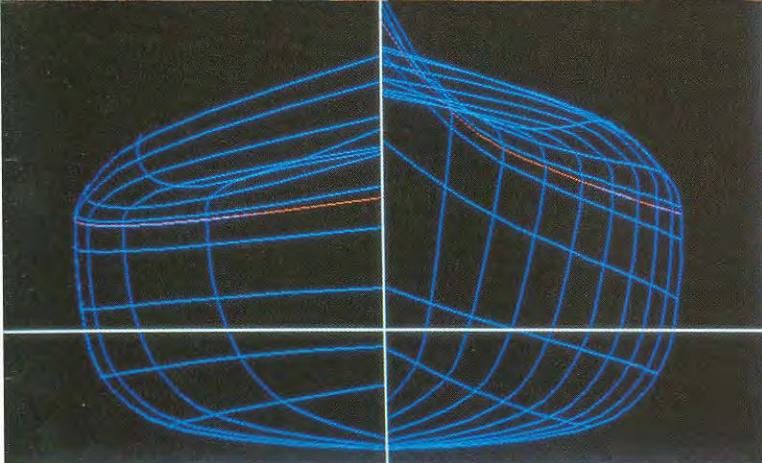
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Left: Chris Spelius hard at it in his "office" on the banks of the Rio Futaleufu in Chile.

PHOTO BY SKIP BROWN

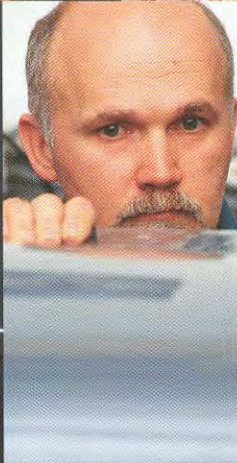
Below: Just out of the mold. Rick Brannon inspects the Sojourn's hull.

PHOTO BY ROBERT REYNOLDS



Above left: A computer-generated view of the Meridian. Dagger designs are extensively researched before final wood prototypes are crafted. PHOTO BY TOM WINDHAM

Above center: Ben Wolever checks the finishing details on Dagger's latest slalom racing kayak, the Profile. PHOTO BY ROBERT REYNOLDS



Oliver Grau (5' 8" and 187 lbs.), in a Blast, on his way to a first-place finish at the 1995 World Whitewater Rodeo Championships in Germany. PHOTO BY MICHAEL NEUMANN (SUPPLIED BY SCHLEGEL)

Guides Excellent ★ Good ● Fair ● Not Sulted ○

	Solo	Tandem	Lakes	Rivers	Open Water	Family Paddling	Easy Whitewater	Difficult Whitewater	Wilderness Tripping	Camping	Fishing	Performance	Stability	Cruising Efficiency	Quick Turning	Tracking
Apostle	★	○	★	●	★	★	●	○	★	★	●	●	★	★	●	★
Edisto	★	○	★	★	★	★	○	○	●	★	●	●	★	★	★	★
Meridian	★	○	★	●	★	●	○	○	●	★	●	●	★	★	★	●
Seeker	★	○	★	●	★	★	○	○	●	★	●	●	★	★	★	★
Vesper	★	○	★	★	●	★	○	○	●	●	●	●	★	★	★	●

Touring Kayaks

We've been listening in on lots of conversations about our touring kayaks. *What we are hearing tells us we are*

on the right track! Our plastic roto-molded kayaks continue as the backbone of our touring kayak line, offering affordable, easy-to-use, high performance designs. And our recent offering, the composite Meridian, has received rave reviews. Unimpressed with the stiffness and strength of many competitors' composite touring kayaks, we knew we could make better boats. We incorporated many of the materials and techniques used to create Dagger Composites' high-performance world-class racing boats to create the Meridian. And with the introduction of a new, roomy plastic boat, the Edisto, our line covers even more seas.

Impressive tests and reviews from national and international magazines illustrate the strength of our touring line. If you've got anything to tell us about our boats, give us a call: we'll be happy to listen!

Gerald Eldridge, *Dagger Customer Service*

Upper right: Joe Pulliam and Tommy Vandergriff examine the foredeck coaming on a Meridian under construction at Dagger Composites. PHOTO BY ROBERT REYNOLDS

Lower right: Amy Wiley chills out after winter's first storm of the season during a relaxing cruise along the snowy banks of Mono Lake. PHOTO BY WILEY/WALES

Apostle

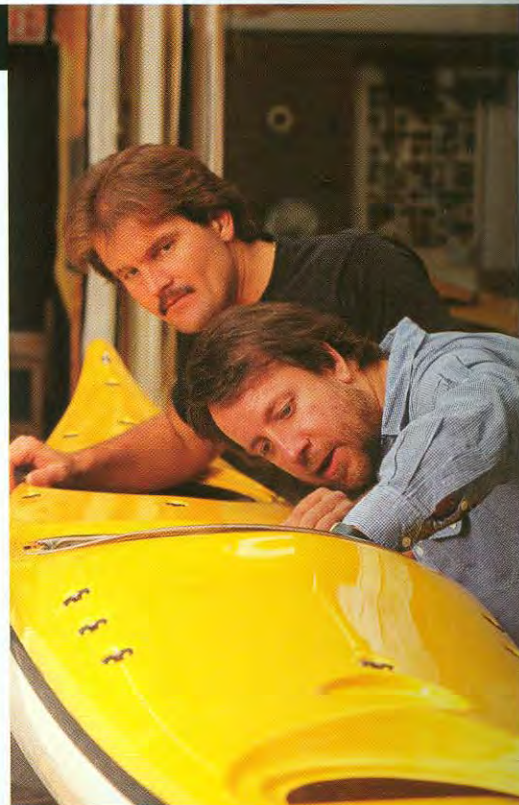
The Apostle is perfect for extended trips! Stable and maneuverable for anyone to paddle, it holds my food, water, and camping gear, and still cruises and surfs with as much speed and stability as when I paddle it empty. It has three roomy hatches which help organize my excess gear. I stuff my food, tent, and sleeping bag into the ends and keep water, rain gear and my camera in the easily accessible day hatch. During the week, when time is tight, I enjoy taking my Apostle out on the lake for afternoon workouts. The upturned bow and hull design allow it to break through the nastiest chop.

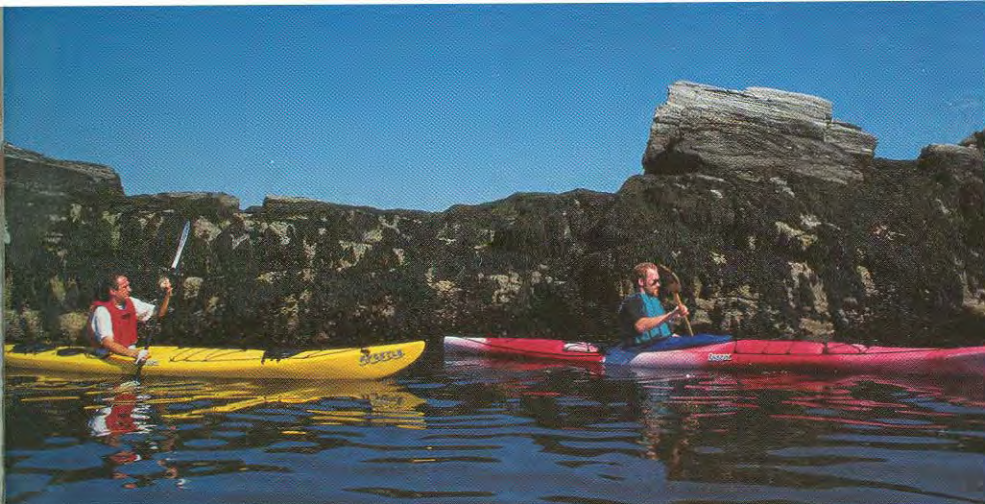
Tom Windham, *Marketing*

Length: 17' (518 cm)
Width: 23.5" (60 cm)
Weight: Exp. 69 lbs. (31.5 kg)
Cockpit: Length 34" (86 cm)
 Width 18" (46 cm)
Recommended maximum load: 320 lbs. (145 kg)

Standard outfitting includes:
 Bow and stern access hatch with neoprene covers and hard hatches, easily accessible day hatch, deck lines and shock cord deck rigging, seat with adjustable foam backrest, padded neoprene thigh pads, three minicell bulkheads, static lines, easy adjustable foot braces, carrying toggles, molded-in graphics

Other Accessory Options:
 Newly designed retractable rudder
Colors: Blue, purple, red, teal, yellow, multi-color

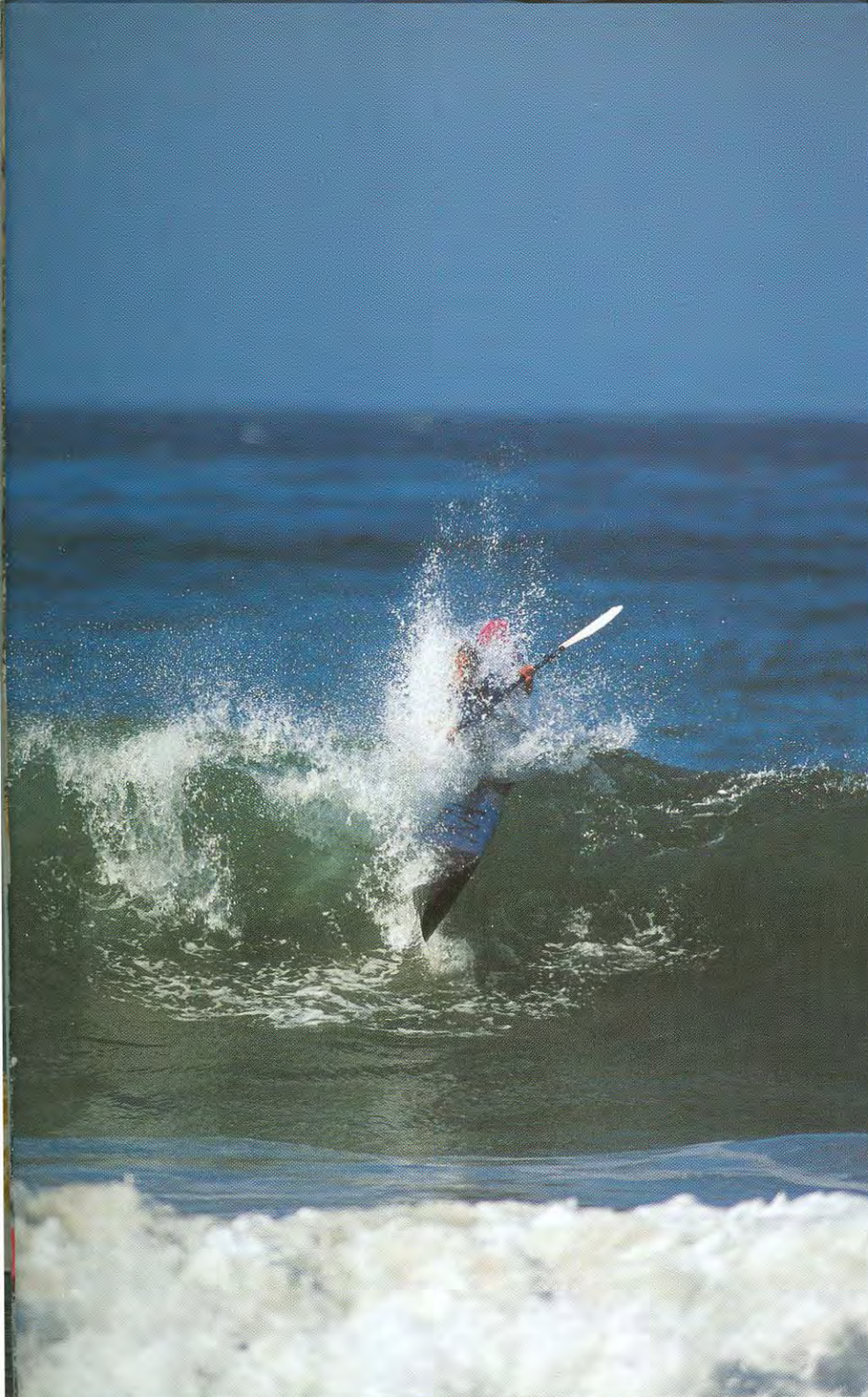




Upper left: Todd Hardin and Greg Logan glide along Maine's scenic and rocky Atlantic coastline near Crescent Beach on an exceptionally calm summer day.

PHOTO BY BILL BURGER

Lower left: Surfs up. After hanging out almost a half-hour with six friendly dolphins, Kent Ford plays in the break off Jalama Beach State Park on the California coast. PHOTO BY WILEY/WALES



Meridian

The flagship of our sea kayak line, the Meridian is a composite boat, executed in West Greenland style combining traditional aesthetics with state-of-the-art hull design and construction. Built by Dagger Composites much like our world-class slalom racing boats. (We supply many of the U.S. Whitewater team members for whom light, strong, stiff boats are essential.) It has a shallow arch midship hull section for excellent stability and "V" shaped ends that knife through the chop, smooth your ride, and keep you tracking on course. Day trips are a joy in this personalized boat yet its ample carrying capacity makes multi-day trips easily doable. The generous, comfortable cockpit with supportive seat and form fitting thigh braces aid rolling and surfing. This is a boat for discriminating paddlers of all skill levels.



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Crandall Caughman,
Composites Fabricator

Length: 16' (488 cm)
Width: 22" (56 cm)

Weight: Comp 54 lbs. (24.5 kg)
Kevlar 46 lbs. (21 kg)

Cockpit: Length 31.5" (80 cm)
Width 16.5" (42 cm)

Recommended maximum load:
Paddler and gear - 280 lbs. (127 kg)

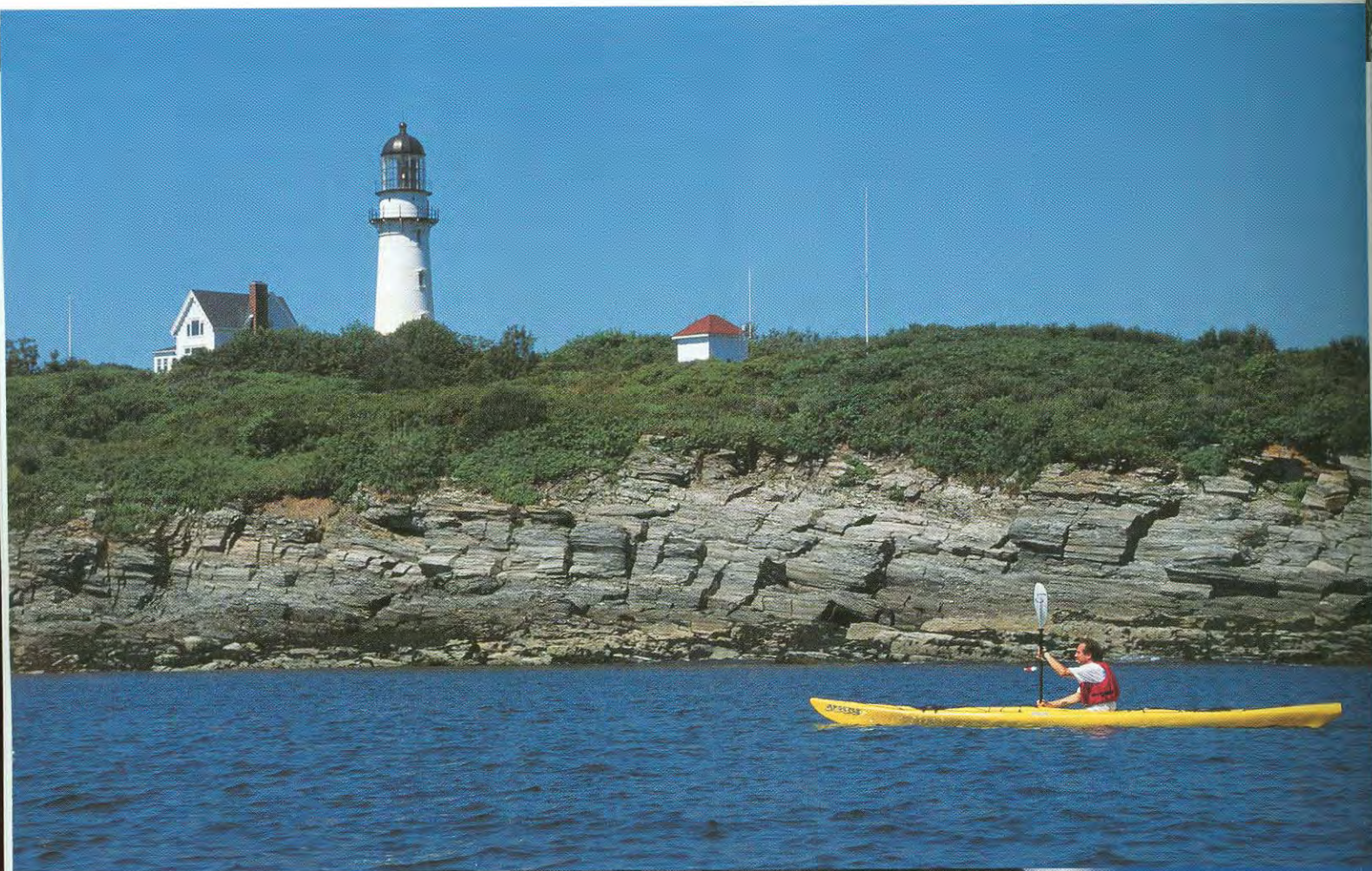
Outfitting for Meridian Standard and Meridian SD includes: Deluxe PD Designs back-band, full comfortable seat, keyhole cockpit with built-in neoprene-padded thigh braces, adjustable foot braces, carrying loggies, mounted water-bottle holder under deck with water bottle, shock cord deck rigging with additional deck lines, no leak Kajak Sport™ hatches from Finland, installed fiberglass bow and stern bulkhead, recessed compass mount, recessed deck fittings

Other Accessory Option: Day hatch with gear bag

Colors: Purple, ivory, light blue, high optic yellow, red

Meridian SD (Sleek Deck day tripper without deck rigging or hatches) includes: Flotation interior attachment loops, bow & stern floatation



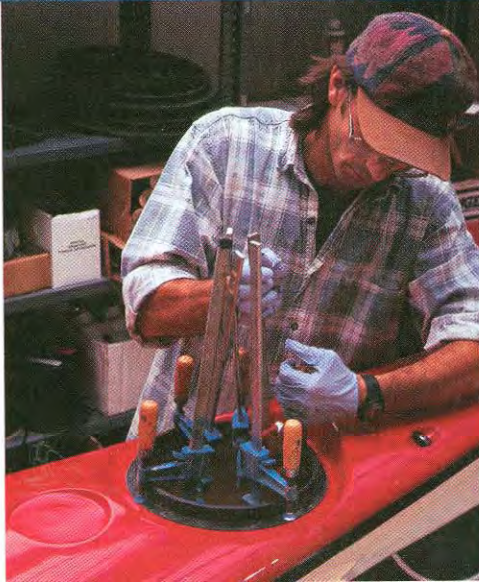


Upper: Greg Logan paddles near the "Two Lights" lighthouse off the southeast coast of Maine. PHOTO BY BILL BURGER

Right: Ray Taylor assembles a hatch on a Meridian. PHOTO BY ROBERT REYNOLDS

Far right: Photographer Larry Prosor enjoys a solitary morning paddle on Lake Louise in Alberta, Canada. Immediately after this shot was taken he turned his Seeker and was startled to see an armada of canoes filled with tourists heading out to enjoy the vista.

PHOTO BY LARRY PROSOR





Kent Ford and Lisa Artaud enjoy the Pacific coastline near Santa Barbara, California, while taking a break from filming the instructional video, Performance Sea Kayaking.

PHOTO BY WILEY/WALES

Touring Kayaks

Seeker

As a small outfitter/retail store with about 50 rental boats, we use the Seeker as our only solo touring rental. The versatile Seeker lends itself to river trips, coastal trekking, and is a cost-effective, fun work-out kayak. It is very popular because it is fast and stable. In the last two years employees from our store have won more than 33 sea kayak races, including setting the course record for traditional kayaks in the San Diego Bay-to-Bay race! The few glass or kevlar sea kayaks that are a bit faster than the Seeker cost almost twice as much or more. Speed and stability make the Seeker an excellent touring kayak for beginners or experienced paddlers. The design of the boat allows it to slice through calm or choppy water. With lots of storage area and a comfortable cockpit, you are prepared for daily or extended trips.

Lloyd Reeves, Team D Athlete, Dagger Dealer: Kayaks of Morro Bay, CA

Length: 16' (488 cm)
Width: 23.5" (60 cm)
Weight: Basic 54 lbs. (24.5 kg)
 Exp. 60 lbs. (27 kg)
Cockpit: Length 34" (86 cm)
 Width 18" (46 cm)

Recommended maximum load: Paddler and gear - 280 lbs. (127 kg)

Standard outfitting includes: Bow and stern access hatch with neoprene covers and hard hatches, deck lines and shock cord deck rigging, inside security loops for gear and flotation, seat with adjustable foam backrest, easy adjustable foot braces, carrying toggles, molded-in graphics, bow and stern flotation in basic models

The optional Expedition version contains the above, plus: Additional shock cord deck rigging, installed minicell bulkheads, stern hard hatch attachment, static lines, paddle float assisting deck rigging, neoprene thigh pad

Other Accessory Options: Retractable skeg, newly designed retractable rudder
Colors: Blue, purple, red, teal, yellow, multi-color



Vesper

When paddling for a little fresh air and exercise, I take my Vesper. It is easy to haul around, fun to paddle, really quick and maneuverable. I'm a shore hugger. I like to watch birds, check out the plant life, and look down into the water at whatever is happening under me. I'm soaking up the scenery and in no hurry to get anywhere. The Vesper is great for this kind of paddling because I can work it along a shoreline and it's comfortable to sit in for extended periods. It has good back support, and if my legs start to feel a little stiff, I can easily adjust the footrests while sitting in the boat. Perfect for day trips or overnighters, on lakes, rivers, saltwater, wherever. This is a great all-purpose, entry level boat for kids and adults that will never be outgrown.

Wil Bryan, Midwest Sales Rep

Length: 13'10" (422 cm)
Width: 23.75" (60 cm)
Weight: Basic 45 (20.5 kg)
 Exp. 50 lbs. (23 kg)
Cockpit: Length 33" (84 cm)
 Width 18" (46 cm)

Recommended maximum load: Paddler and gear - 220 lbs. (100 kg)

Standard outfitting includes: Stern access hatch with neoprene cover and hard hatch, bow and stern flotation in basic models only, deck lines and shock cord deck rigging, inside security loops for gear and flotation attachment, seat with adjustable foam backrest, easy adjustable foot braces, carrying toggles, molded-in graphics

The optional Expedition version contains the above, plus: Additional shock cord deck rigging, paddle float assisting deck rigging, installed stern minicell bulkhead, bow flotation in exp. models, stern hard hatch attachment, neoprene thigh pad

Other Accessory Options: Retractable, newly designed retractable rudder
Colors: Blue, purple, red, teal, yellow, multi-color



Edisto

When I think of the Edisto, I envision the river it's named after. The Edisto flows through the sand hills of lower South Carolina, through old plantations, then into the bay south of Charleston. Imagine paddling in a blackwater wilderness, meandering by places called Snuggedy Swamp and Pon Pon Marsh. Soon Saint Helena Sound and the Atlantic lie before you. With the speed to run against the tide and the carrying capacity to ignore the calendar; the roominess, comfort, stability, and versatility of the Edisto lets you forget about the boat and the clock so you can enjoy the moment.

Steve Scarborough, Vice President Research and Design

Length: 14' 6" (442 cm)
Width: 24.5" (62 cm)
Weight: Basic 49 lbs. (22 kg)
 Exp. 55 lbs. (25kg)
Cockpit: Length 34" (86 cm)
 Width 19" (48 cm)

Recommended maximum load: Paddler and gear - 300 lbs. (136 kg)

Standard outfitting includes: Stern access hatch with neoprene cover and a hard hatch, bow access hatch, bow and stern flotation in basic models, deck lines and shock cord deck rigging, inside security loops for gear and flotation, seat with adjustable foam backrest, easy adjustable foot braces, carrying toggles, molded-in graphics

The optional Expedition version contains the above, plus: Additional shock cord deck rigging, installed stern minicell bulkhead, bow flotation in expedition models

Other Accessory Options: Retractable skeg, newly designed retractable rudder
Colors: Blue, purple, red, teal, yellow, multi-color

Prototype shown



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	Solo	Tandem	Lakes	Rivers	Open Water	Family Paddling	Easy Whitewater	Difficult Whitewater	Wilderness Tripping	Camping	Fishing	Performance	Stability	Cruising Efficiency	Quick Turning	Tracking
Frolic	★	○	★	●	○	★	●	○	○	●	●	●	★	●	●	●
Tiki	○	★	★	●	○	★	○	○	○	●	●	●	★	○	○	★
Pegasus	★	○	○	★	○	★	★	★	○	○	○	●	★	○	○	○



Sit-On-Tops

For more than 200 days a year, I'm on the road meeting Dagger dealers and paddlers. Everywhere I go people are excited about paddling and our new line of sit-on-tops. *Sit-on-tops let you kayak without the confinement (or the learning curve) of decked boats.* We have boats to play in the surf at the ocean or take down a whitewater river. Sit-on-tops are really fun and a great introduction to paddling.

The details make the difference when comparing different brands of sit-on-tops. All Dagger sit-on-tops feature carrying loops, one or more easily accessible storage hatches, and an easy drain system. Our touring models, the Frolic and Tiki, feature front and rear storage straps and a dive tank well. The Pegasus has an easy pull-yourself-aboard handle and innovative (patent pending) standard bulkhead footbraces.

Dagger sit-on-tops are versatile additions to your recreational equipment. Part boat, part sit-on-top surf board, part diving or swimming platform; *these boats are stable, easy to paddle and totally fun. These are the kayaks for paddlers aged eight to eighty!*

Mojo Rogers, Southeast Sales Rep.

Our guarantee of excellence

If it has our name on it, it has our word on it. Every Dagger boat comes with a limited three-year warranty. See your Dagger dealer for details.

Frolic

This is the boat to take to the beach and play in the waves or go paddling on the lake for an afternoon workout. You can even use it as a base for snorkeling or diving. This sit-on-top has lots of little extras that really make a difference: a storage hatch, side and end carrying handles, recessed accessory attachment points, bow drain plug, rear dive tank well, and cargo straps to contain gear. The Frolic is incredibly stable and easy to paddle. Anyone can get on this boat and feel part of the action!

Rich Gilmore, Production Development

Length: 10' (305 cm)
Width: 30" (76 cm)
Depth: 20" (50.5 cm)
Approx. Wt.: 45 lbs. (20 kg)
Recommended paddler weight range: 100-300 lbs. (45-136 kg)

Standard outfitting includes: Easy Grip™ carry handles, recessed deck loops and seat accessory loops, drain plug, quick draining self-bailing scuppers, recessed scuba tank storage area, solo side carry handles, access hatch, front and rear storage straps, molded-in graphics

Colors: Blue, purple, red, teal, yellow, multi-color



Tiki

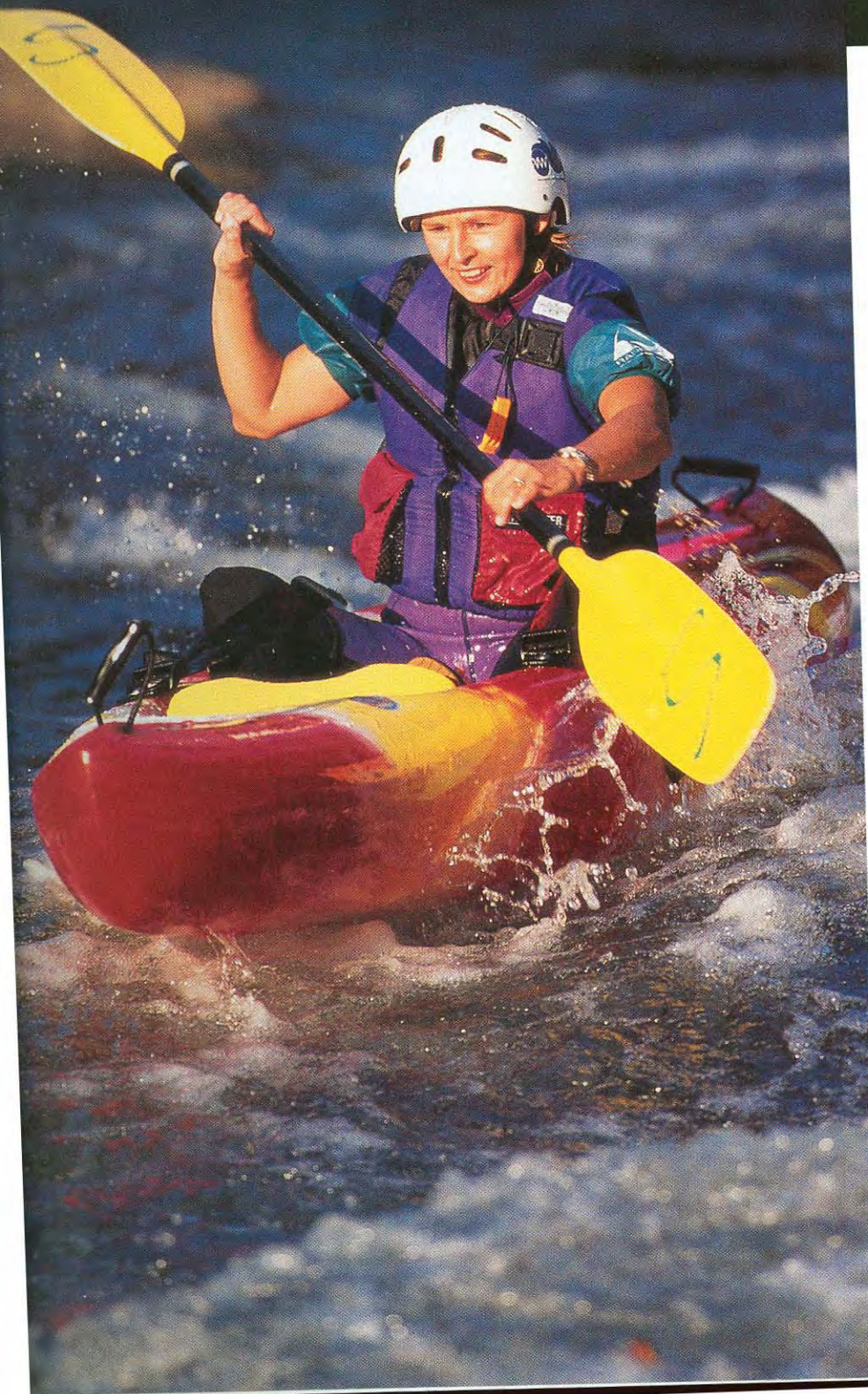
The Tiki can be paddled tandem or solo and is a tremendous paddling craft for family entertainment. Mom, Dad and a little one can have a ball paddling in the ocean surf, on lakes, or on slow rivers: anywhere water can be found. This sit-on-top is a stable fishing, swimming, and diving platform. It comes outfitted with recessed accessory attachment points, large storage capacity, cargo retaining straps, molded-in beverage holders, side carrying handles, and two standard hatches. Jam-packed with fun, the Tiki is a safe, versatile way to play on the water with your family and friends.

Dan Gadsden, Production Engineer

Length: 13' (396 cm)
Width: 32" (81 cm)
Depth: 22" (55.5 cm)
Approx. Wt.: 66 lbs. (30 kg)
Recommended paddler weight range: 140-450 lbs. (63.5-205 kg)

Standard outfitting includes: Easy Grip™ carry handles, recessed deck loops and seat accessory loops, drain plug, quick draining self-bailing scupper, two access hatches, front and rear storage straps, molded-in graphics,
Options: Third access hatch
Colors: Blue, purple, red, teal, yellow, multi-color





Far left: In the Frolic, learning to paddle is easy and it's never too early to learn. Julie Wallen teaches her son, Zachary, about having fun on the Cape Fear River in North Carolina. PHOTO BY BILL BURGER

Left: "I never thought a whitewater sit-on-top could be so stable and so much fun!" Lynne Johnson on her first Pegasus outing on South Carolina's Wild and Scenic Chattooga River. PHOTO BY ROBERT HARRISON

Pegasus

This boat rules! I can't believe how much fun I've had with it. Really stable, surprisingly fast, with a nice balance of tracking and turning. The standard thigh straps and bulkhead footbraces make it extremely comfortable. The narrow bow makes it easy to reach the water and paddle "up front"! Spin 360s, surf waves or go for that big ender. Turn over? No problem. You can roll or climb back on. It's easy! Whether you're a beginner just learning the ins and outs of kayaking or an accomplished paddler looking for something new, this whitewater sit-on-top is the ticket.



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Mojo Rogers, Southeast Sales Rep.

Length: 10'6" (320 cm)

Width: 29" (73.7 cm)

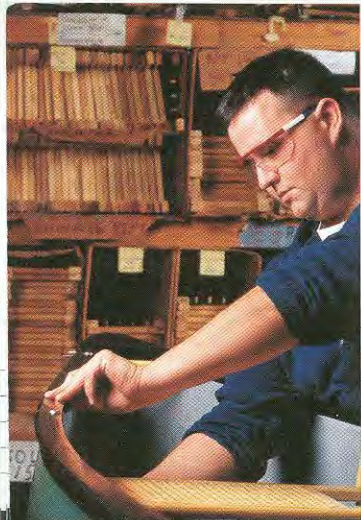
Weight: 48 lbs. (22 kg)

Recommended paddler weight range: 90-220 lbs. (40-100 kg)

Standard outfitting includes: Quick Trak™ adjustable foot braces (patent pending), drain plug, water bottle, thigh straps, central storage hatch with liner, rear "haul-in" handle, cockpit drain holes, molded-in graphics

Colors: Blue, purple, red, teal, yellow, multi-color





Guides Excellent ★ Good ● Fair ◐ Not Suited ○

Legend	Solo	Tandem	Lakes	Rivers	Open Water	Family Paddling	Easy Whitewater	Difficult Whitewater	Wilderness Tripping	Camping	Fishing	Performance	Stability	Cruising Efficiency	Quick Turning	Tracking
Passage	◐	★	★	●	★	●	●	○	●	★	●	●	●	★	◐	★
Reflection 15	●	★	★	★	●	★	●	○	◐	●	●	●	●	★	★	●
Reflection 16	★	○	★	★	★	●	★	○	○	★	★	●	●	★	★	★
Sojourn	★	○	★	★	★	●	★	◐	★	★	★	●	●	★	◐	★
Tupelo	★	○	★	●	◐	★	○	○	○	◐	●	●	●	★	◐	●
Venture	◐	★	★	★	★	★	★	●	★	★	★	●	●	●	●	★

Touring Canoes

Our proprietary *R-Light™* material is fantastic and continues to shine. *We spent years developing this material, which makes our canoes lighter AND maintains the strength and durability of Royalex.* Most of our touring canoe line now features R-Light™ as the standard hull material.



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Our innovations haven't stopped with R-Light™. *Dagger designs continue to evolve, improving performance and setting the standards.* You can try out other canoes and be told about decades-old designs that were traditionally the leaders. Times have changed! Get in any canoe you are thinking about buying and paddle it. How easily does it get up to speed? Does it seem to glide easily through the water? Can you efficiently hold that nice, gliding pace for the amount of time that is reasonable for you? Twenty minutes? Twenty days? If it is stable and easy to use, fast, efficient, and enjoyable to paddle, chances are it's a Dagger.

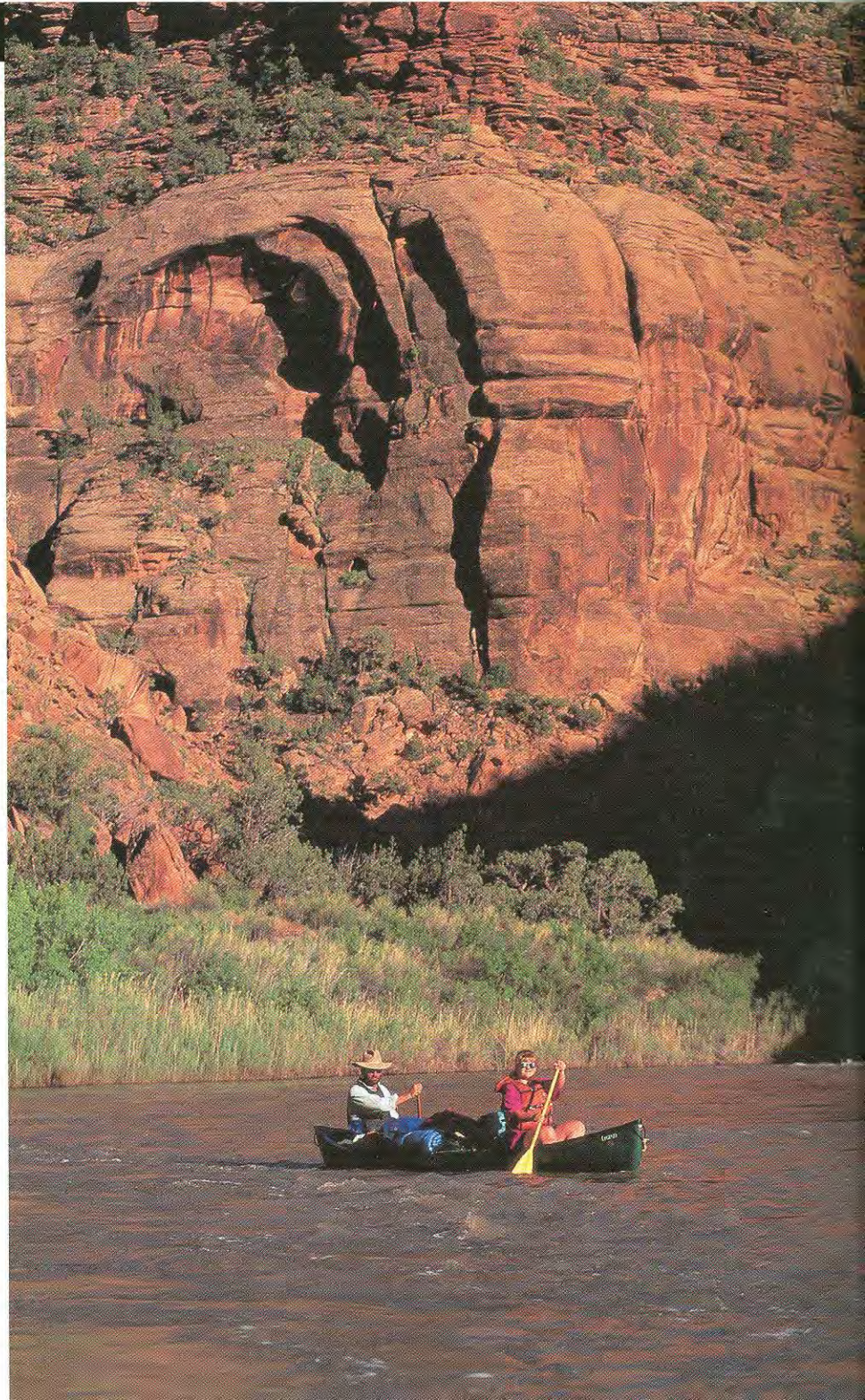
Roy Guinn, Vice President Manufacturing

"Sojourn's speed and ease of paddling rivals that of sophisticated kevlar cruisers that cost hundreds of dollars more. It's hard to believe it's a plastic canoe." Cliff Jacobson, author and wilderness guide

Above: Steve Lively installs a canoe seat with care. PHOTO BY ROBERT REYNOLDS

Right: Paddling their Legend, Andy Hutchinson and his niece, Abby, (age 13) enjoy a week-long trip on Colorado's Dolores River. "This was the finest water the Slick Rock Canyon has seen in ten years."

PHOTO BY WILEY/WALES



A canoeist's mini-glossary

Terms and definitions to keep in mind when comparing any canoe

Asymmetrical hull - The front half of the hull is shaped differently from the rear half. This can contribute to more efficient paddling over a wide range of speeds.

Rocker - Curvature of the hull from bow to stern. A great amount of rocker contributes to quick turning. A lesser amount contributes to the boat tracking (paddling in a straight line) and increased speed.

Tumblehome - The hull above the waterline curves in toward the center of the boat. This allows for easier reach and more efficient paddling strokes.

Chine - The transition between the side of a boat and the hull. A boat that is flat-bottomed with a very quick transition to a vertical side would have extremely hard chines.

Stability - A measure of a boat's resistance to capsizing when used for its intended purpose. Stability is affected by hull design, paddler skill and prevailing conditions.

Flare - The hull shape above the waterline tilts outward. This deflects waves and provides maximum buoyancy for a drier canoe.

ROYALEX® Dagger is proud to use
A product of Royaltite Thermoplastics Royalex and R-Light™
the heart of the toughest canoes made in the USA!

R-Light™ - Available only from Dagger, this new Royalex derivative, also based on ABS with a foam core, is extremely durable. R-Light™ can reduce the weight of some canoes by 10 lbs.

Royalex - A foam core sandwiched between sheets of ABS with layers of vinyl on the outside. Royalex and R-Light™ are the most durable materials used for canoe construction.

Legend

Here in East Tennessee we are lucky to have a lot of water. Rivers of all sizes. Wide open reservoirs. Small ponds filled with bluegills. Whitewater rivers. Very rocky whitewater rivers. The Legend allows me access to ALL of these rivers. Its stability, large carrying capacity, and tracking make it ideal for a family afternoon on the lake. Its maneuverability, dryness and bombproof durability allow me to be comfortable on Class I-III whitewater. In this day and age our world seems to spin at fast forward. The Legend is the perfect escape from the frenzy.

Floyd Jackson, *Canoe Wood Trim Dept.*

Length: 16' (488 cm)
Maximum beam: 35" (89 cm)
Beam @ 4" w/l: 33.5" (85 cm)
Depth midsection: 14.5" (36.5 cm)
Depth ends: 17" (43 cm)
Rocker: 2" (5 cm)

Approx. Wt.:

Vinyl trim 76 lbs. (35 kg)
Wood trim 70 lbs. (32 kg)

Shape/ends: Rounded Flare

Shape/midsection: Straight

Hull Symmetry: Symmetrical

6" freeboard capacity:

**1200 lbs. (545 kg)

Seats: cane

Hull Material: Royalex

Standard: Vinyl gunwales with aluminum inserts and polyethylene deckplates, portage yoke, under-seat water bottle holder and bottle

Options: Webbed seats, wood trim (Northern ash gunwales and Tennessee cherry hardwood deckplates)

Colors: Red, green

** For volume comparison only. Actual safe capacity depends on factors such as water conditions and paddler skills.



Passage

The Passage is the ultimate family boat for our active lifestyle. It holds all the camping gear we want to carry as well as two dogs and our three-year-old son. R-Light™ makes it amazingly light for a canoe this big. It is easy to load on the car or portage. It gets up to speed quickly and is surprisingly fast. Fast enough to win recreational class races, yet stable enough for an afternoon fishing. The price is right for our budget. As for durability, I'm sure we will pass our boat on to our son when he starts paddling with friends.

Eileen Hadden and David Hadden, *Customer Service Manager*

Length: 17'4" (528 cm)
Maximum beam: 35.5" (90 cm)
Beam @ 4" w/l: 33" (84 cm)
Depth midsection: 13.75" (35 cm)

Depth ends: *18" (45.5 cm)/17" (43 cm)

Rocker: *2.5" (6.5 cm)/.5" (12.5 cm)

Approx. Wt.:

Alum. trim 69 lbs. (31.5 kg)
Wood trim 66 lbs. (30 kg)

Shape/ends: Slight Flare

Shape/midsection: Tumblehome

Hull Symmetry: Asymmetrical

6" freeboard capacity:

** 1100 lbs. (500 kg)

Seats: cane

Hull Material: R-Light™

Standard: Aluminum gunwales and polyethylene deckplates, portage yoke, under-seat water bottle holder and bottle, bow slider

Options: Fixed hanging bow seat, webbed seats, wood trim (Northern ash gunwales and Tennessee cherry hardwood deckplates)

Colors: Teal, sand, green

* bow/stern

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Reflection 15

We live near the Battenkill in New England, a stream renowned for its trout fishing, covered bridges and quiet beauty. It's great to take the Reflection 15 out solo and drift along with the trout hitting everything except my fly. Other days it's the dogs and the picnic cooler as we paddle in swifter current to our favorite swimming hole. This autumn we packed so much gear that it looked like we were going to Grout Pond in Vermont for a month, instead of the weekend, but the Reflection 15 carried both of us and all our gear with ease. When we awoke the first morning to a coating of snow and ice we were sure glad the canoe had been able to carry all our stuff! It seems no matter where we go or what the activity the Reflection 15 happily meets our needs.

Lisa and Don Otey, *Northeast Sales Reps.*

Length: 15'4" (467 cm)
Maximum beam: 34" (86 cm)
Beam @ 4" w/l: 33" (84 cm)
Depth midsection: 13.5" (34 cm)
Depth ends: 16.5" (42 cm)

Rocker: 1" (2.5 cm)

Approx. Wt.:

Alum. trim 57 lbs. (25.9 kg)
Wood trim 55 lbs. (24.9 kg)

Shape/ends: Slight Flare

Shape/midsection: Tumblehome

Hull Symmetry: Asymmetrical

6" freeboard capacity:

** 800 lbs. (363 kg)

Seats: cane

Hull Material: R-Light™

Standard: Aluminum gunwales with polyethylene deckplates, portage yoke, under-seat water bottle holder and bottle

Options: Webbed seats, center seat, wood trim (Northern ash gunwales and Tennessee cherry hardwood deckplates)

Colors: Teal, sand, green

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Kurt Renner and his son, Forrest, pack their Passage while Terry and Adam McCabe prepare to launch their Venture 17 for a three-day outing on the Deschutes River in central Oregon.

PHOTO BY ED MICHAEL

Right: Photographer Glen Oakley finds Little Redfish Lake in Idaho beautiful but sadly quiet. Once thousands of sockeye salmon returned each year to spawn, but less than five sockeye made it back in 1994. In 1995 we fear none returned.

PHOTO BY GLENN OAKLEY

Below: Rod Wilson, Linda Anderson and their daughter, Tanya, enjoy paddling under the West Arlington bridge on the Battenkill River in Vermont. PHOTO BY ED MICHAEL

Touring Canoes

Reflection 16

Put the Reflection 16 at the top of my list of all-time favorite canoes. Its stability and room make it perfect for a weekend trip for my family of four. It's comfortable on windswept lakes, saltwater marshes or Class II whitewater. I prefer the three-seat version which allows me to paddle solo, or provides extra seating for the kids. Unlike other "family canoes", the Reflection 16 is a really sophisticated, efficient design. It has the hull speed and glide I enjoy when "paddling for the sake of paddling". Need one canoe for all uses? I can make no stronger recommendation than the Reflection 16.

Joe Pulliam, *president of Dagger*

- Length:** 16'4" (498 cm)
- Maximum beam:** 35" (89 cm)
- Beam @ 4" w/l:** 33" (84 cm)
- Depth midsection:** 14" (35.5 cm)
- Depth ends:** *17" (43 cm)/16.5" (42 cm)
- Rocker:** *2.25" (6.5 cm)/.5" (12.5 cm)
- Approx. Wt.:**
Alum. trim 63 lbs. (29 kg)
Wood trim 60 lbs. (27 kg)
- Shape/ends:** Slight Flare
- Shape/midsection:** Tumblehome
- Hull Symmetry:** Asymmetrical
- 6" freeboard capacity:**
** 940 lbs. (426 kg)
- Seats:** cane
- Hull Material:** R-Light™

Standard: Aluminum gunwales with polyethylene deckplates, portage yoke, under-seat water bottle holder and bottle

Options: Webbed seats, center seat, bow slider, wood trim (Northern ash gunwales and Tennessee cherry hardwood deckplates)

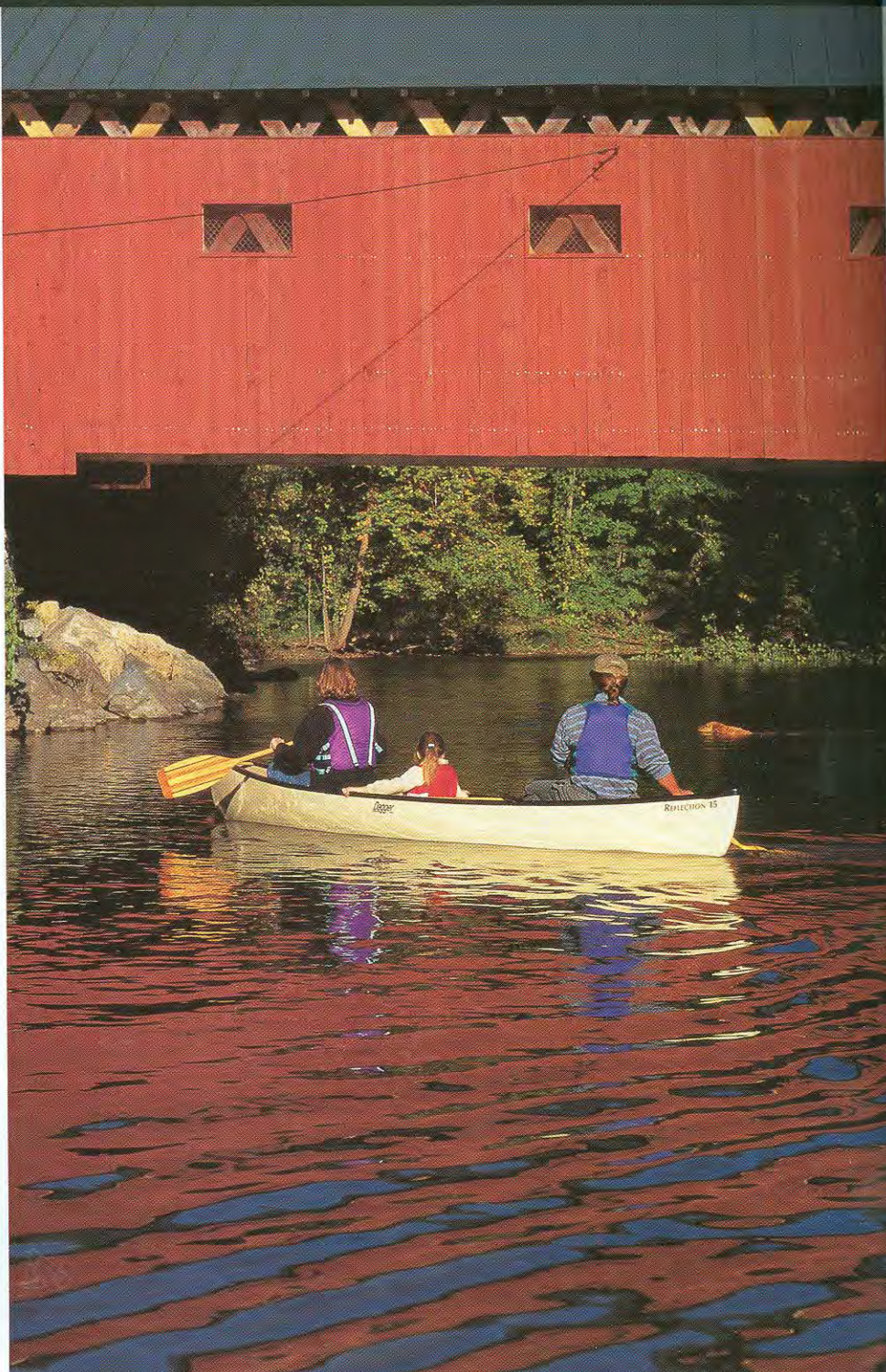
Colors: Teal, sand, green

* bow/stern

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Sojourn

The best solo plastic canoe around, the high-performance Sojourn is a canoe that even an inexperienced paddler like me can enjoy. Its stability and speed make paddling a fun and enjoyable hobby, whether at sunrise on a local lake or on a weekend camping trip. I honestly believe you will enjoy the performance of the Sojourn whether you are an experienced or inexperienced paddler. I would recommend this canoe to anyone who enjoys the outdoors. The Sojourn is a show-stopper. With swift clean lines, it has the look of a Porsche Speedster: subdued elegance in a package that was born to run.

Gary Whitaker, *Canoe Wood Trim Dept./Lead Woodchuck*

Length: 14'9" (450 cm)
Maximum Beam: 29" (74 cm)
Beam @ 4" w/l: 27" (69 cm)
Depth midsection: 12.5" (31.5 cm)
Depth ends: 17" bow (43 cm)
 16" stern (40.5 cm)
Rocker: *0.5" (1.3 cm)/0" (0 cm)
Approx. Wt.:
 Alum. trim 47 lbs. (22 kg)
 Wood trim 44 lbs. (20 kg)
Shape/ends: Slight flare
Shape/midsection: Tumblehome
Hull symmetry: Asymmetrical
6" freeboard capacity: **480 lbs. (218 kg)
Seats: cane
Hull Material: R-Light™

Standard: Aluminum gunwales and polyethylene deckplates, lightweight contoured thwart, under seat water bottle holder and bottle
Options: Sliding center seat, webbed seat, wood trim (Northern ash gunwales and Tennessee cherry hardwood deckplates)
Colors: Teal, sand

* bow/stern
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Tupelo

The Tupelo is a great little boat for adults and kids. I purchased a Tupelo for my 9-year-old son who didn't know how to paddle. He loves it! At just over 10' and just under 30 lbs. this canoe is easy for him to carry and is a cinch to put on the car. It is so stable, easy and fun to paddle that I purchased a second one just for myself! We can go fishing together, but each of us is captain of our own ship. I strongly recommend a Tupelo. I'm proud to own and build such great boats.

James Robinson, *Canoe Assembly*

Length: 10'6" (320 cm)
Maximum Beam: 27" (68.5 cm)
Beam @ 4" w/l: 26.5" (67 cm)
Depth midsection: 9.5" (24 cm)
Depth ends: 13" bow (33 cm)
 12" stern (30.5 cm)
Rocker: *0.5" (1.3 cm)/0" (0 cm)
Approx. Wt.:
 Alum. trim 29 lbs. (13 kg)
 Wood trim 27 lbs. (12 kg)
Shape/ends: Slight flare
Shape/midsection: Straight
Hull symmetry: Asymmetrical
Seat: Adjustable cane seat and backrest
5" freeboard capacity: **180 lbs. (82 kg)
Hull Material: R-Light™

Standard: Aluminum gunwales and polyethylene deckplates, lightweight thwart
Options: Wood trim (Northern ash gunwales and Tennessee cherry hardwood deckplates)
Colors: Purple, green

* bow/stern
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Venture 17

Whether paddling with family or friends, beginners or experts, the Venture 17 proves itself rewarding. On class II rivers the Venture provides more than adequate stability, dry-running capability and maneuverability. On trips the exceptional carrying capacity is well appreciated and the Venture 17 retains its easy paddling characteristics even under heavy loads. Deep ends keep you, your gear and your passengers dry, and the paddling positions allow for ease of paddling and pleasure for even the smallest of paddlers. In summary, the Venture 17 is a fine, versatile and user-friendly craft that expedition paddlers throughout the world choose.

Deborah & Kurt Renner, *Northwest Sales Reps.*

Length: 17' (518 cm)
Maximum beam: 36" (91.5 cm)
Beam @ 4" w/l: 33" (84 cm)
Depth midsection: 15" (38 cm)
Depth ends: *19" (48.3 cm)/18" (45.7 cm)
Rocker: *1.75" (4.5 cm)/.75" (2 cm)
Approx. Wt.:
 Vinyl trim 76 lbs. (34.5 kg)
 Wood trim 69 lbs. (31.5 kg)
Shape/ends: Slight Flare
Shape/midsection: Straight
Hull Symmetry: Asymmetrical
6" freeboard capacity: ** 1300 lbs. (590 kg)
Seats: cane
Hull Material: Royalex

Standard: Vinyl gunwales with aluminum inserts and polyethylene deckplates, portage yoke, under-seat water bottle holder and bottle
Options: Webbed seats, bow slider, wood trim (Northern ash gunwales and Tennessee cherry hardwood deckplates)
Colors: Green, red

* bow/stern
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Floyd Jackson hand sands the underside of the Northern ash gunwales on a Rival. PHOTO BY ROBERT REYNOLDS

Guides Excellent ★ Good ● Fair ○ Not Suited ○

	Solo	Tandem	Stability	Dryness	Tracking	Turning	Surfing	Acceleration
Caption	●	★	●	●	●	★	●	●
Dimension	○	★	★	●	●	★	●	●
Genesis	★	○	★	★	●	●	★	★
Impulse	★	○	★	★	★	○	●	★
Ocoee	★	○	●	★	●	○	●	★
Prophet	★	○	○	●	○	★	★	●
Rival	★	○	●	●	●	●	★	●

Whitewater Canoes

It's amazing what open-boaters are doing these days. Pullin' off enders, cartwheels, rolling in a nano-second, our Team D paddlers in open boats have dominated.

Dagger open canoes won virtually every rodeo in '95, culminating with Uwe Fischer paddling an Ocoee to an impressive first place at the World Whitewater Rodeo Championships.

Recreational paddlers out to enjoy a casual whitewater outing love the stability and comfort of our canoes. And out creekin', doing gnarley-beyond-belief first descents, *when all that matters at the moment is the immediate responsiveness of your canoe, Dagger canoes are the boat of choice.*

Wherever you want to go in a canoe, we have the boat to take you there.

Pete Jett, International Sales Manager

"Love many, trust few and always paddle a Dagger canoe".

Steep-creeker Mike Lewis "Louie"



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Caption

The Caption is a totally outstanding tandem and solo whitewater canoe. We've paddled through some big waves and powerful holes and the Caption responds like a champ. It's surprising how dry the bow paddler remains because of the distinguished flaring bow. If we get to a section of whitewater that one of us wants to paddle and the other one doesn't, no problem. One of us will jump in the center and run the drop. The mid-section tumblehome makes paddling it solo a snap. The Caption is terrific to take friends down the river. You can put an advanced paddler in the stern and navigate a beginner down challenging whitewater with no trouble!

Rebecca Conner and Dick Conner, Facilities Manager

Length: 14' (427 cm)
Maximum beam: 32" (81.5 cm)
Beam @ 4" w/l: 30.5" (77.5 cm)
Depth midsection: 15.5" (39.5 cm)
Depth ends: 16" (40.5 cm)
Rocker: 5" (12.5 cm)
Approx. Wt.:
 Vinyl trim 59 lbs. (27 kg)
 Wood trim 54 lbs. (24.5 kg)
Shape/ends: Flare
Shape/midsection: Tumblehome
Hull Symmetry: Asymmetrical
6" freeboard capacity:
 ** 850 lbs. (386 kg)
Hull Material: Royalex

Standard: Vinyl gunwales with aluminum inserts and polyethylene deckplates, lightweight thwarts, end loops, flotation lash loops

Options: Wood trim (Northern ash gunwales and Tennessee cherry hardwood deckplates), fully outfitted
Colors: Red, blue

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Boat shown with Team Edge outfitting.



Dimension

I belong to a large and dedicated group who believes the Dimension to be the best tandem whitewater river-runner ever. Very quick and totally predictable, it has an amazing combination of maneuverability and stability which make it a favorite of novice and expert alike. Equally surprising is its trackability and glide, which make even the flat sections enjoyable. This boat truly adds a new "dimension" to tandem river running and playing.

Roy Guinn, Vice President Manufacturing

Length: 16' (488 cm)
Maximum beam: 34" (86.5 cm)
Beam @ 4" w/l: 32.5" (82.5 cm)
Depth midsection: 15" (38 cm)
Depth ends: 17.5" (44.5 cm)
Rocker: 5.5" (14 cm)
Approx. Wt.:
 Vinyl trim 75 lbs. (34 kg)
 Wood trim 69 lbs. (31.5 kg)
Shape/ends: Rounded Flare
Shape/midsection: Tumblehome
Hull Symmetry: Symmetrical
6" freeboard capacity:
 ** 850 lbs. (386 kg)
Hull Material: Royalex

Standard: Vinyl gunwales with aluminum inserts and polyethylene deckplates, yoke, lightweight thwarts, end loops, flotation lash loops

Options: Fixed cane or webbed seats with a water bottle, wood trim (Northern ash gunwales and Tennessee cherry hardwood deckplates), fully outfitted
Color: Red

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Guides Excellent ★ Good ● Fair ◐ Not Suited ○

Legend	Solo	Tandem	Lakes	Rivers	Open Water	Family Paddling	Easy Whitewater	Difficult Whitewater	Wilderness Tripping	Camping	Fishing	Performance	Stability	Cruising Efficiency	Quick Turning	Tracking
Passage	◐	★	★	★	★	★	★	○	●	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Reflection 15	●	★	★	★	★	★	★	○	●	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Reflection 16	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	○	●	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Sojourn	★	○	★	★	★	★	★	○	●	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Tupelo	★	○	★	●	◐	★	○	○	○	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Venture	◐	★	★	★	★	★	★	●	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★

Touring Canoes

Our proprietary *R-Light™* material is fantastic and continues to shine. *We spent years developing this material, which makes our canoes lighter AND maintains the strength and durability of Royalex.* Most of our touring canoe line now features *R-Light™* as the standard hull material.



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Our innovations haven't stopped with *R-Light™*. *Dagger designs continue to evolve, improving performance and setting the standards.* You can try out other canoes and be told about decades-old designs that were traditionally the leaders. Times have changed! Get in any canoe you are thinking about buying and paddle it. How easily does it get up to speed? Does it seem to glide easily through the water? Can you efficiently hold that nice, gliding pace for the amount of time that is reasonable for you? Twenty minutes? Twenty days? If it is stable and easy to use, fast, efficient, and enjoyable to paddle, chances are it's a Dagger.

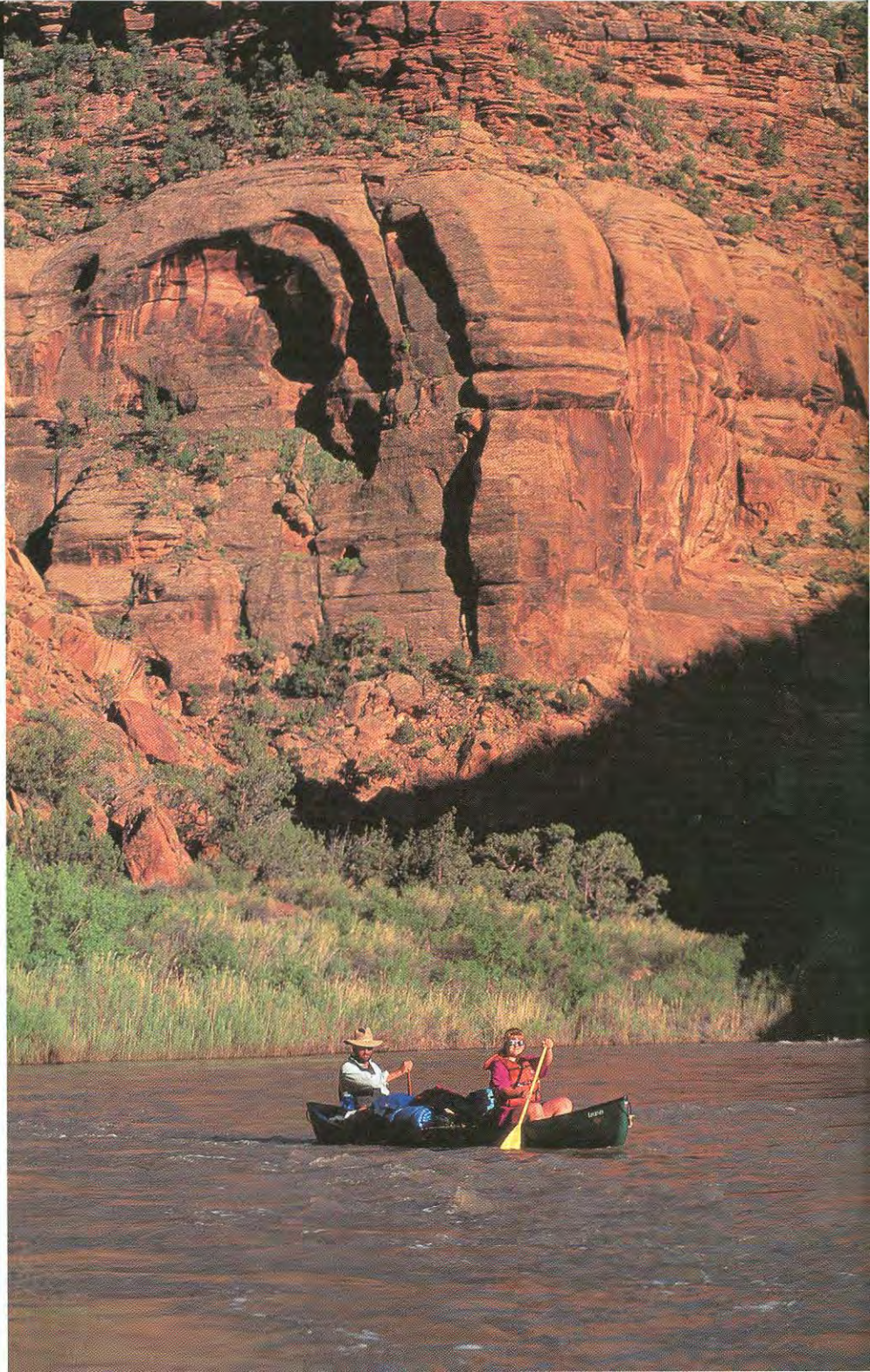
Roy Guinn, *Vice President Manufacturing*

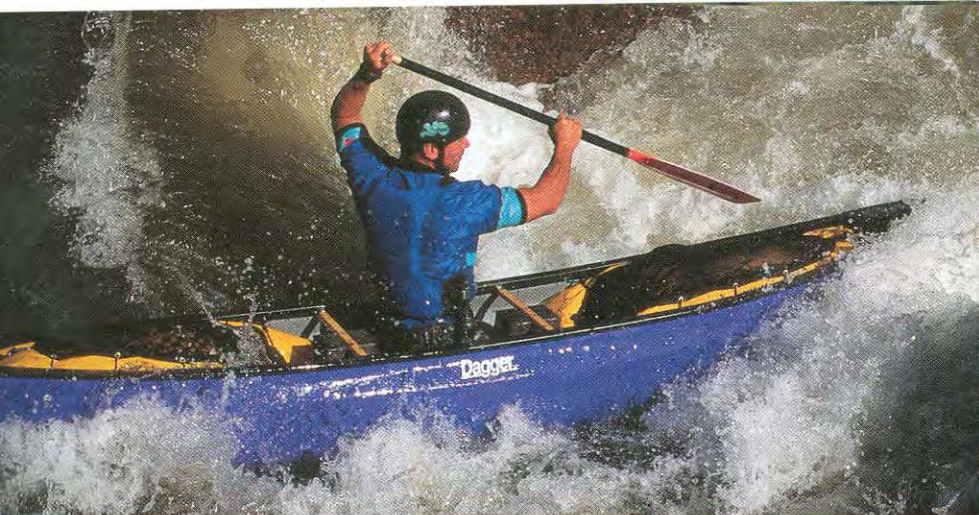
"Sojourn's speed and ease of paddling rivals that of sophisticated kevlar cruisers that cost hundreds of dollars more. It's hard to believe it's a plastic canoe." Cliff Jacobson, author and wilderness guide

Above: Steve Lively installs a cane seat with care. PHOTO BY ROBERT REYNOLDS

Right: Paddling their Legend, Andy Hutchinson and his niece, Abby, (age 13) enjoy a week-long trip on Colorado's Dolores River. "This was the finest water the Slick Rock Canyon has seen in ten years."

PHOTO BY WILEY/WALES



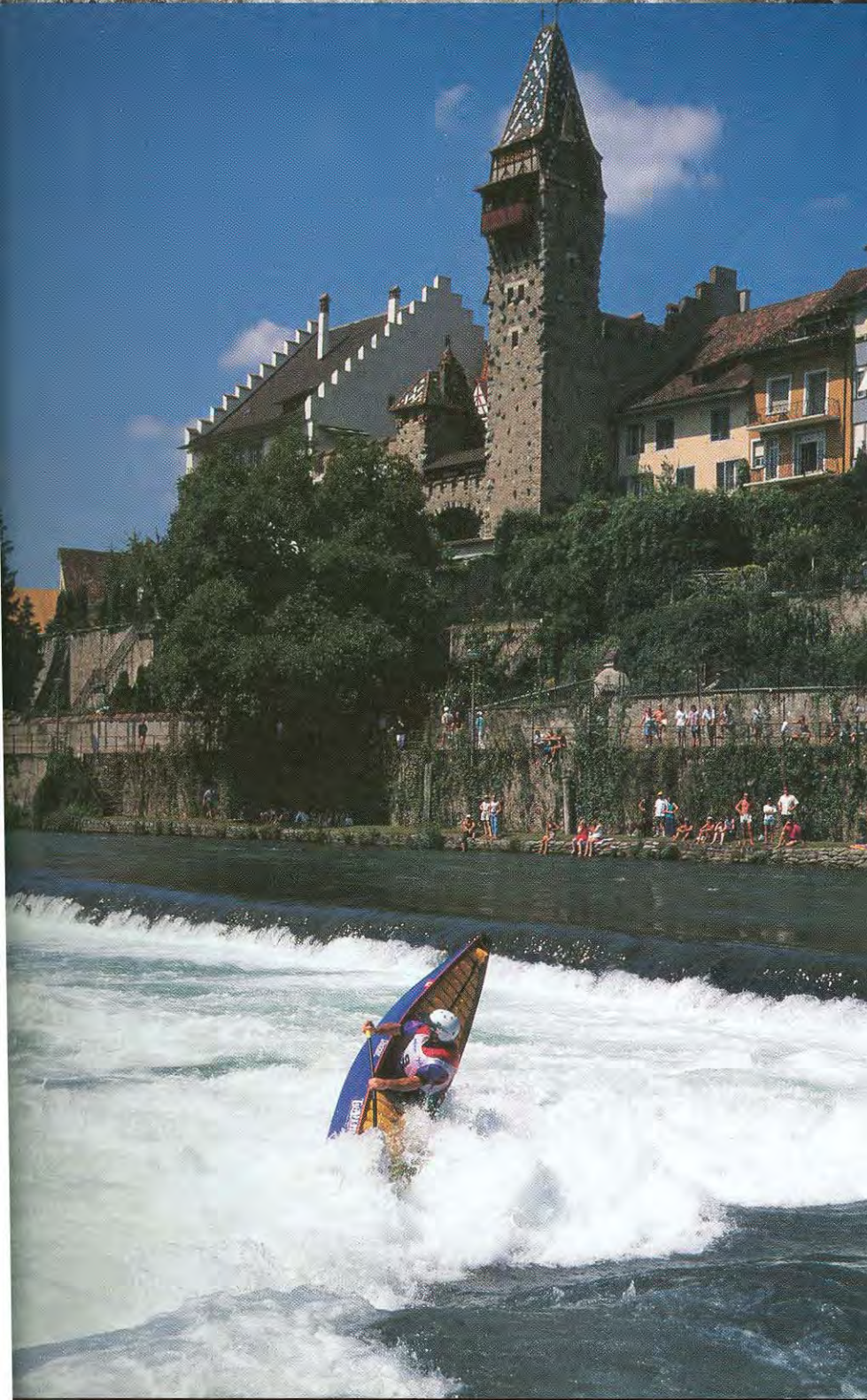


Left: Brad Taylor squeezes his Rival through Toothpaste Rapid in the Arkansas River's Royal Gorge.

PHOTO BY TIM BROWN

Below: Joe Langman popping an ender in the Swiss Alps in an Ocoee canoe.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL NEUMANN
(SUPPLIED BY SCHLEGEL)



Genesis

Graceful at play, dependable under pressure, this canoe incorporates two distinctly different hull treatments. The forward section has a shallow arch which releases easily to turn and the stern section incorporates a slight "V" to aid tracking. Lean back leaving the eddy and let the "V" help hold your angle. Lean forward and the bow is quick to respond. (When outfitting the Genesis, trim it to be slightly bow light). Like a fine quarter-horse, this canoe responds immediately to knee control. Lean into the turn and the Genesis dials in. With full ends and flared sides, the Genesis offers stability and dryness for a wide variety of paddling sizes and skills.



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Bob Foote, Designer of Genesis and Rival

Length: 13'6" (411 cm)

Maximum beam: 30" (76 cm)

Beam @ 4" w/l: 27.25" (69 cm)

Depth midsection: 15.25" (38.5 cm)

Depth ends: 16" (40.5 cm)

Rocker: *6" (15 cm)/5" (12.5 cm)

Approx. Wt.:

Vinyl trim 56 lbs. (25.5 kg)

Wood trim 51 lbs. (23 kg)

Shape/ends: Flare

Shape/midsection: Tumblehome

Hull Symmetry: Asymmetrical

6" freeboard capacity:

** 620 lbs. (281 kg)

Hull Material: Royalex

Standard: Vinyl gunwales with aluminum inserts and polyethylene deckplates, lightweight thwarts, end loops, flotation lash loops

Options: Wood trim (Northern ash gunwales and Tennessee cherry hardwood deckplates), fully outfitted

Color: Red

* bow/stern

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Right: Kevin Biddice teaches his daughter, Jennifer, the ABC's of paddling on the American River in California.

PHOTO BY JACK POPOWICH

Below: Mary Anne Griffin, packs "Ishmay", her Impulse, named after a trading post in the Navaho nation. Normally Mary Anne guides dories on the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon, but opted out of a private Grand trip to take "Ishmay" down Idaho's Middle Fork of the Salmon.

PHOTO BY WILEY/WALES

Whitewater Canoes



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Impulse

I took some heat from my hot shot friends for paddling an Impulse all these years. They perceived the Impulse as an entry level boat. It's true that it is great for beginners but the Impulse is much more! It will surf right along with any design on the market. The same relatively flat bottom that offers an entry level paddler stability also provides a surfing plane that slides across any size wave with ease. Side surfing and learning to ferry or peeling out into the current is also made easy because of the Impulse's rounded sides. The Impulse tracks the best of any of Dagger's whitewater open canoes. No wonder it's a favorite with Canoe clubs! On rivers where the flat sections outnumber the rapids, it's nice to be able to sit up high on your pedestal, stretch your legs, head down stream and enjoy the day.

David Rose, Operations Manager

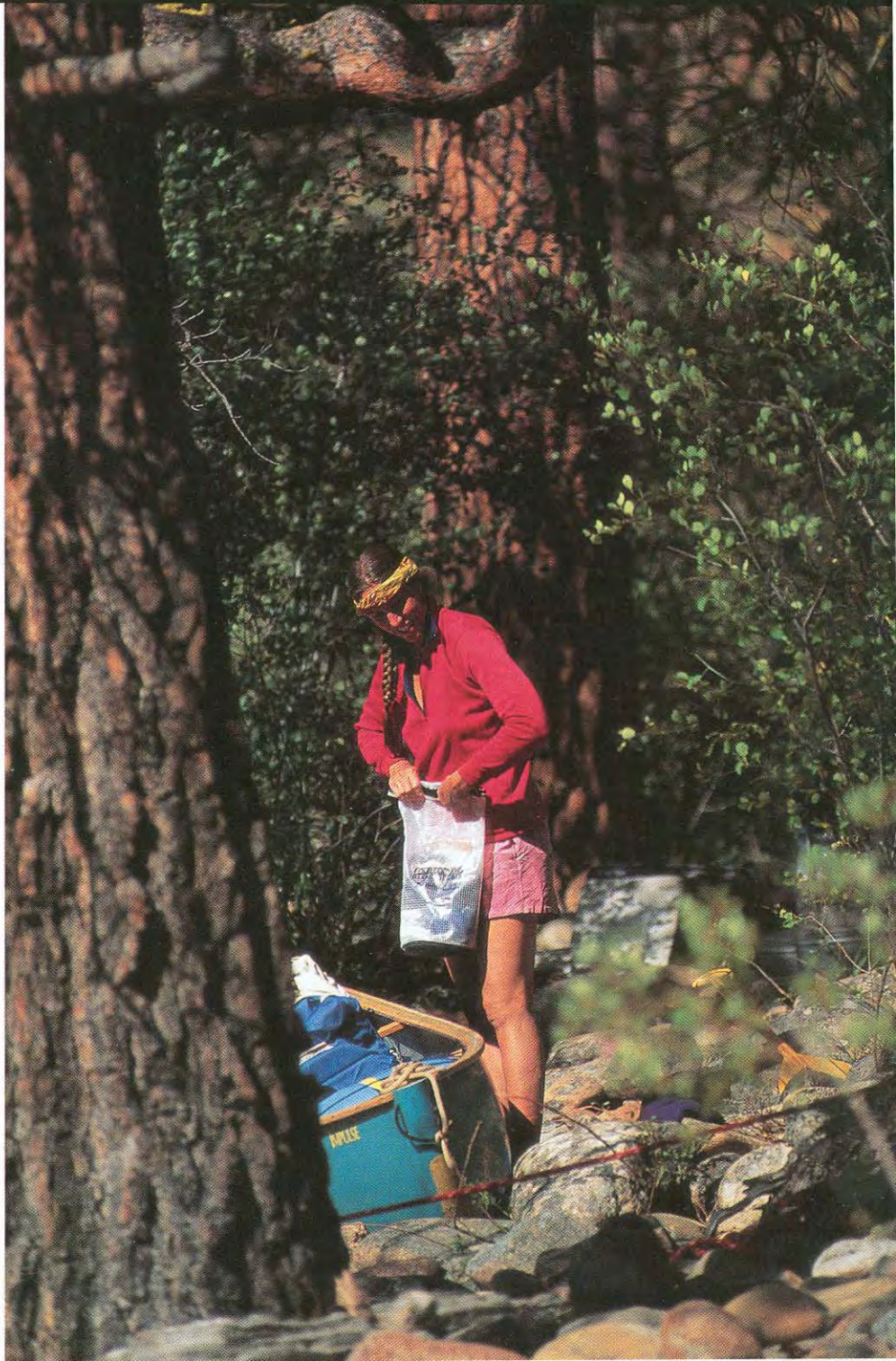
Length: 12'8" (386 cm)
Maximum beam: 30" (76 cm)
Beam @ 4" w/l: 28.5" (72.5 cm)
Depth midsection: 15.5" (39.5 cm)
Depth ends: 17" (43 cm)
Rocker: 4" (10 cm)
Approx. Wt.:
Vinyl trim 54 lbs. (24, 5 kg)
Wood trim 49 lbs. (22 kg)
Shape/ends: Rounded Flare
Shape/midsection: Tumblehome
Hull Symmetry: Asymmetrical
6" freeboard capacity:
**650 lbs. (295 kg)
Hull Material: Royalex

Standard: Vinyl gunwales with aluminum inserts and polyethylene deckplates, lightweight thwarts, end loops, flotation lash loops

Options: Wood trim (Northern ash gunwales and Tennessee cherry hardwood deckplates), fully outfitted

Color: Red

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Ocoee

This is the hottest canoe around! This canoe takes you places and makes moves that you doubted could be done. Designed with a racer's eye, the Ocoee's won more Rodeos than we can count, including the 1995 WORLD WHITEWATER RODEO CHAMPIONSHIPS. And it just happens to be the best creekin' boat ever. It responds to your subtle weight shifts in an instant as if it could read your mind. For a short boat the Ocoee is amazingly easy to get up to (and maintain) speed and is surprisingly dry. Not since the Encore has a boat provided such a clear advantage over other canoes.

Mike Lewis "Louie",
Maintenance Coordinator,
Team D Athlete

Length: 11'2" (340 cm)
Maximum beam: 29" (74 cm)
Beam @ 4" w/l: 27" (68 cm)
Depth midsection: 15.5" (39.5 cm)
Depth ends: 15" (38 cm)
Rocker: 5.5" (14 cm)
Approx. Wt.:
Vinyl trim 52 lbs. (23.5 kg)
Wood trim 46 lbs. (21 kg)
Shape/ends: Flare
Shape/midsection: Tumblehome with double gunwale
Hull Symmetry: Symmetrical
6" freeboard capacity:
** 500 lbs. (227 kg)
Hull Material: Royalex

Standard: Vinyl gunwales with aluminum inserts and polyethylene deckplates, lightweight thwarts, end loops, flotation lash loops

Options: Wood trim (Northern ash gunwales and Tennessee cherry hardwood deckplates), fully outfitted
Colors: Red, purple

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Boat shown with Team Edge outfitting.

Prophet

Complex, radically asymmetrical, shallow arch. All that technical engineering jargon simply means a quick, dry, nimble play boat for the highly skilled, demanding whitewater canoeist. Yet this boat is so predictable that novice boaters with reasonably efficient basic strokes can enjoy and grow in their skills. And don't forget, the Prophet is light enough that if there are no Southern gentlemen present, even a lady on the other side of 50 (like me) can load, unload and carry it to and from the river - even the Chattooga!

Juanitta Guinn, *Loving Dagger Mom*

Length: 11'11" (363 cm)
Maximum beam: 29" (73.5 cm)
Beam @ 4" w/l: 27.5" (70 cm)
Depth midsection: 15.5" (40 cm)
Depth ends: 15" (38 cm)
Rocker: *8" (20 cm)/7" (17.5 cm)
Approx. Wt.:
Vinyl trim 53 lbs. (24 kg)
Wood trim 47 lbs. (21 kg)
Shape/ends: Rounded Flare
Shape/midsection: Tumblehome
Hull Symmetry: Asymmetrical
6" freeboard capacity:
** 500 lbs. (227 kg)
Hull Material: Royalex

Standard: Vinyl gunwales with aluminum inserts and polyethylene deckplates, lightweight thwarts, end loops, flotation lash loops

Option: Wood trim (Northern ash gunwales and Tennessee cherry hardwood deckplates), fully outfitted
Colors: Red, purple

* bow/stern

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Rival

This terrific all-around canoe, designed by Bob Foote and Steve Scarborough, is new, very light and some say feels like a souped-up combo of the Impulse and Genesis. You'll love the speed and comfort. Surf it 'til the sun goes down and drop into that big gnarly hole with confidence. With less rocker than the Prophet and the Ocoee, this boat helps you hold your line, yet is plenty quick. Excellent for small, light to mid-weight paddlers to grow into, not out of. Its initial and secondary stability allow paddlers of all levels to test their skills.

John Seals, *California/Nevada Sales Rep.*

Length: 12'2" (371 cm)
Maximum beam: 28.75" (73 cm)
Beam @ 4" w/l: 27.25" (69 cm)
Depth midsection: 15.5" (39.5 cm)
Depth ends: 16" (40.5 cm)
Rocker: *4.75" (12 cm)/4" (10 cm)
Approx. Wt.:
Vinyl trim 47 lbs. (21 kg)
Wood trim 43 lbs. (20 kg)
Shape/ends: Flare
Shape/midsection: Tumblehome
Hull Symmetry: Asymmetrical
6" freeboard capacity:
** 620 lbs. (282 kg)
Hull Material: R-Light™

Standard: Vinyl gunwales with aluminum inserts and polyethylene deckplates, lightweight thwarts, end loops, flotation lash loops

Options: Wood trim (Northern ash gunwales and Tennessee cherry hardwood deckplates), fully outfitted
Colors: Aqua, purple

* bow/stern

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Guides Excellent ☆ Good ● Fair ◐ Not Suited ○

	Stability	Turning	Rodeo	Speed	Surfing	Bow Buoyancy	Big Water	Technical Water	Self Contained
AQII	☆	☆	●	●	●	●	●	●	☆
Blast	☆	☆	☆	●	☆	●	●	●	○
Crossfire	●	☆	●	●	☆	☆	●	☆	●
Freefall LT	☆	☆	☆	◐	☆	☆	●	☆	☆
Outburst	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆	●	☆	●	◐
Response	☆	●	☆	☆	☆	●	☆	●	☆
RPM	☆	☆	☆	◐	☆	●	◐	●	○
Transition	◐	☆	☆	●	☆	●	●	●	○
Vortex	●	☆	●	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆	●
Cascade (C-1)	●	☆	●	●	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆

Right: Chris Spelius shreddin' it up in his Outburst on the South Fork of the Payette in Idaho. PHOTO BY ERIC EVANS

Below: Eva Meher on the Río Santa María in Mexico ran this drop called El Portal (Triple drop) with an unnoticed companion riding on her visor. At the bottom of the rapid photographer Grant Amaral flicked off the hitch-hiking black widow spider and the kayakers continued down the river. PHOTO BY GRANT AMARAL

Whitewater Kayaks

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hat an exciting year this has been. Dagger continues to lead the way! In July German paddler

Oliver Grau paddled a Blast to win the World Whitewater Rodeo Championships. Scott Shipley, paddling our new design the Predator, finished second in the Slalom World Championships and won big at the final World Cup race of the season (held at the Ocoee River on the Olympic course). That win made Shipley the 1995 World Cup Champion, the first championship by an American paddler in a kayak designed and built in America (The Predator by Dagger Composites). Another Team-D Athlete, Jon Lugbill, came out of retirement to win last May's USCKT team trials and the national championship, and is looking hard at a gold medal in 1996.

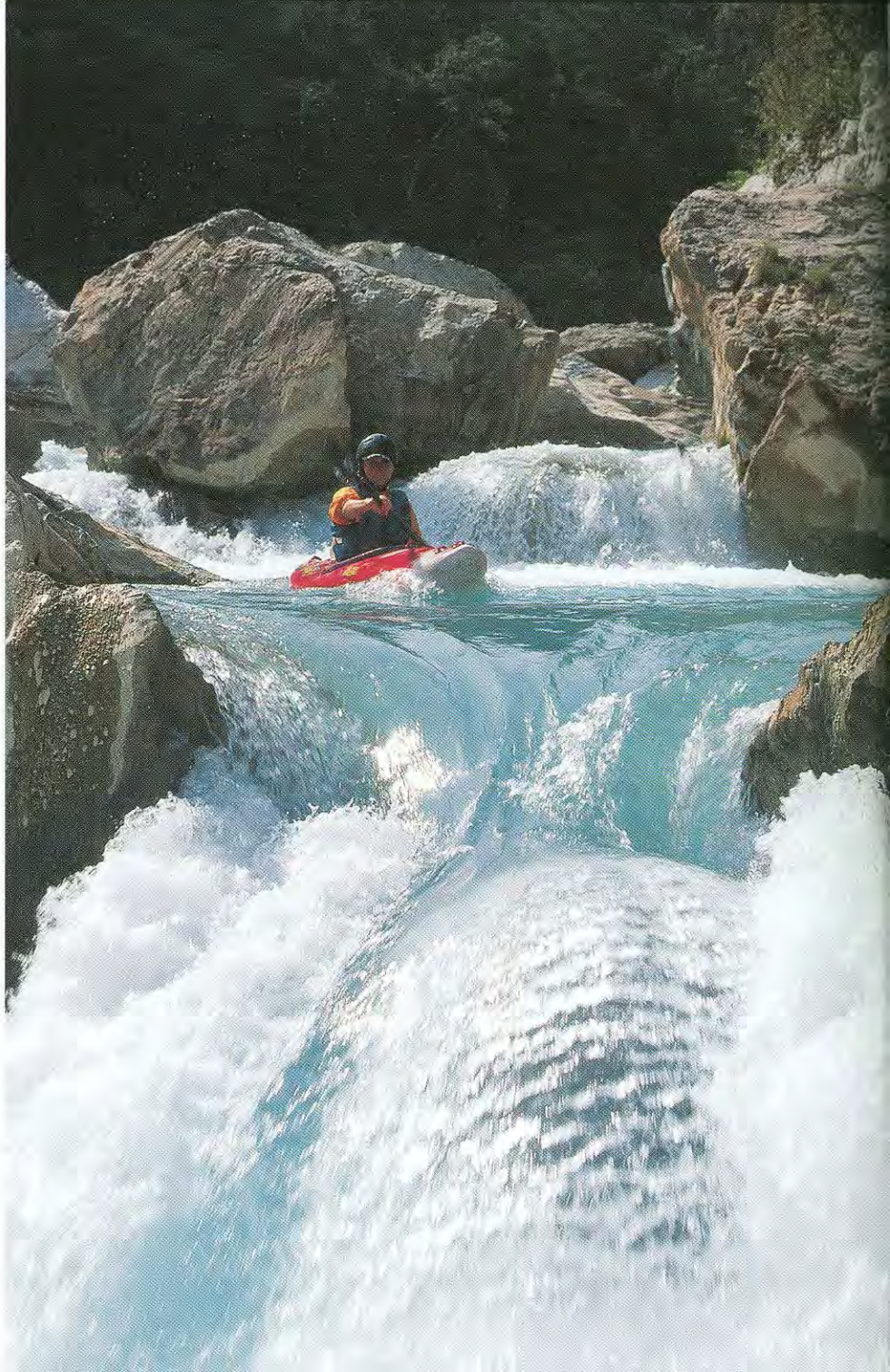
Our new recreational kayaks are exciting too. *Check out our new playboat the RPM: "it's so beyond hot it's searing!" Our newly introduced Outburst is getting rave reviews.*

We updated the outfitting on all our boats and have new types of grab loops, a new thigh-brace system, and drainplugs. *Whether you're winning rodeos or cruising down a mellow whitewater river with your kids, Dagger has the best kayak for you!*

Sue Langfitt, Marketing consultant and whitewater aficionado.



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AQ II

Descended from the boat that began "breaking the old molds," the AQ II is still a hot paddling machine. Fully equipped with an "ender button" and "360 lever" it can hold its own with the new hybrid rodeo boats. This is the boat-of-choice for many instructors. It's a stable learning platform for students and it's extremely comfortable for teaching too. A real original, the AQ II makes you look good in all sorts of water. Whether spinning off 360s, popping up enders or running your favorite first descent, the AQ II delivers.

John Rose,
Purchasing/Scheduling

Length: 10'3" (312 cm)
Width: 24.5" (62 cm)
Weight: 39 lbs. (18 kg)
Volume: 74 gallons (280 l)
Cockpit: Length 30" (76 cm)
Width 19.5" (49.5 cm)
Recommended paddler weight range: 100-190 lbs. (45-86 kg)

Standard outfitting includes: Deck loops and seat accessory loops, water bottle, minicell walls, molded polyethylene thigh braces, drain plug, molded-in graphics, Yakima footbraces
Optional: Bulkhead foot brace
Colors: Blue, purple, red, teal, yellow, multi-color

**Special pricing available for camps, institutions, and instructional programs.*



Blast

Not just a kids' boat - THIS IS THE BOAT THAT WON THE MEN'S DIVISION OF THE '95 WORLD WHITewater RODEO CHAMPIONSHIPS. The Blast is fantastic, designed to meet the needs of smaller individuals and kids (70-130 lbs). BUT even when paddled by 145+ pounders, it's been a proven rodeo winner all year. With stability and versatility for beginners and experts, this boat is no toy, even though kids love it. The Blast has really accelerated my progress in learning rodeo moves as well as improving my overall paddling skills. The Blast has been appropriately named because it is... a Blast!

Karen Mann, *Team D Athlete/3rd in 1995 World Whitewater Rodeo Championships*

Length: 9'5" (287 cm)
Width: 22.5" (57 cm)
Weight: 30 lbs. (13.5 kg)
Volume: 55 gallons (208 l)
Cockpit: Length 32" (81 cm)
Width 18" (46 cm)
Recommended paddler weight range: 50-135 lbs. (23-62 kg)
High performance rodeo use range: 50-200 lbs. (23-90 kg)

Standard outfitting includes: Easy Grip™ grab loops, one-piece interchangeable thighbraces with neoprene padding, deck loops and seat accessory loops, molded-in drain plug, water bottle, minicell walls, extra long Yakima footbraces, molded-in graphics
Optional: Bulkhead footbrace
Colors: Blue, purple, red, teal, yellow, multi-color

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Boat shown with Team D Athlete graphics



Crossfire

I will always remember my first day in a Crossfire. I was watching hot boaters surf a tough wave on the Arkansas. Some of the younger, hotter paddlers would catch the wave for 15 or 30 seconds and then the wave would surge and buck them off. I knew I couldn't stay on that wave as long as the hot paddlers, but I wanted to give it a try. I jumped out of the eddy, ferried over, and slid on. Rudder left, scream across the face, rudder right and whip back. This boat is quick, forgiving with a big comfortable cockpit. Hey, I'm looking good! Two minutes later I'm back in the eddy. I hear, "Nice ride!" The Crossfire has been my #1 boat ever since.

Doug Ragan, *Director of Sales*

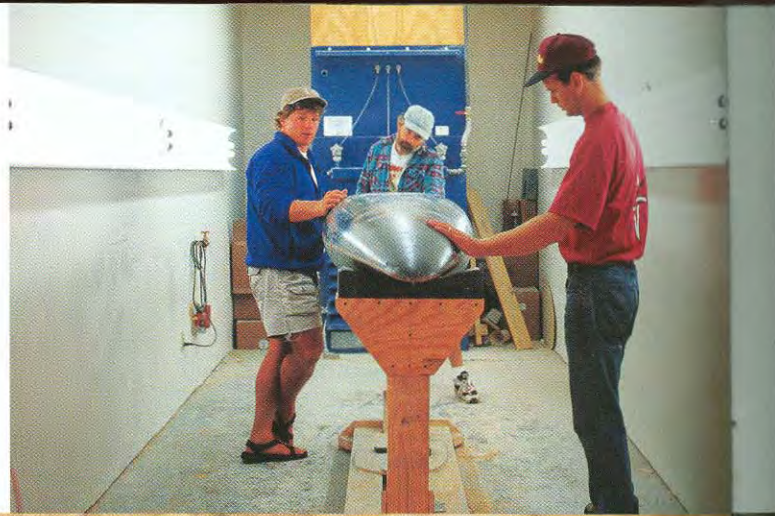
Length: 11' (335 cm)
Width: 23.75" (60 cm)
Weight: 39 lbs. (18 kg)
Volume: 66 gallons (250 l)
Cockpit: Length 32" (81 cm)
Width 18" (46 cm)
Recommended paddler weight range: 90-190 lbs. (40-86 cm)

Standard outfitting includes: Easy Grip™ grab loops, one-piece interchangeable thighbraces with neoprene padding, deck loops and seat accessory loops, molded-in drain plug, water bottle, minicell walls, Yakima footbraces, molded-in graphics
Optional: Bulkhead footbrace
Colors: Blue, purple, red, teal, yellow, multi-color



Below: This Zanscari woman out collecting yak dung watches Don Weeden repack his kayak on the Tsarap Chu River Expedition, in Zanscar, Northern India. The previous day Jock Montgomery, Andy Walt and Weeden were separated after Don went up-close-and-personal with a big undercut. His Response continued downriver through a three-mile canyon with no trails and 4000' vertical walls. After a bit of swimming, climbing and solo bivouacking, the paddler and boat were happily reunited.

PHOTO BY JOCK MONTGOMERY



Right: Quinn Brown experiences the thrill of surfing with a bit of help from Bryan Tooley. Bryan, a USCKT team member and former U.S. Wildwater Champion, works with kids during the summer leading learn-to-kayak clinics on Oregon's Rogue River.

PHOTO BY HAYDEN GLATTE

Bryan Tooley appears with the permission of the USCKT.

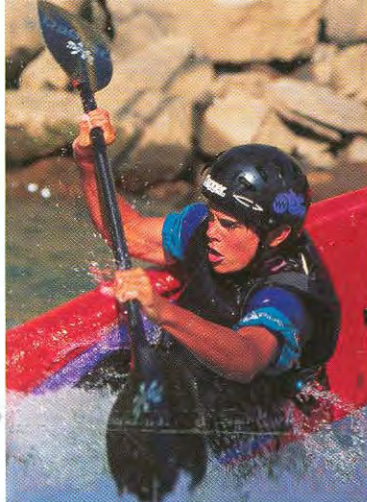


Left: Dagger R&D at work - Marc Lyle, Steve Scarborough, and Andy Bridge discuss the shape of the hull on Dagger's newest rodeo play-boat, the RPM.

PHOTO BY
ROBERT REYNOLDS

Ryan Felt, age 15, in a Blast playing in a hole on the Animas River in Colorado.

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KEITH BENOIST



Whitewater Kayaks

Freefall LT

When the "hairy ferry" is a must-make move, the Freefall LT is the kayak you want. Its fantastic maneuverability and extraordinary stability give you the peace of mind you need. This is the boat that so many others have imitated. Its predictability makes moves easier, and the LT is often the boat of choice for beginners, intermediates as well as advanced kayakers. You know what it will do when you hit that eddy line or ferry above the monster hole to avoid the undercut. When you're creeking and you have to boot high and to the right, you want an LT.

Dave Laffoon, Kayak Production Manager

Length: 9'5" (287 cm)
Width: 24.25" (61.6 cm)
Weight: 40 lbs. (18 kg)
Volume: 69 gallons (260 l)
Cockpit: Length 34" (86.4 cm)
Width 18" (45.7 cm)
Recommended paddler weight range: Up to 195 lbs. (90 kg)

Standard outfitting includes: Expedition carry handles, deck loops and seat accessory loops, water bottle, drain plug, minicell walls, molded polyethylene thigh braces with neoprene padding, bulkhead footbrace, molded-in graphics

Optional: Yakima footbraces
Colors: Blue, purple, red, teal, yellow, multi-color



Outburst

The Outburst redefines the ALL-AROUND whitewater kayak. We all know what our choices used to be, either a stable platform for river running or a hot playboat for the play spots. This tough choice has become easy. The Outburst is a boat that offers full-sized river running stability for the challenging rapids AND includes Dagger's heritage of no-holds-barred, cutting-edge, rodeo play technology to shred the play spots. With room for lunch, a breakdown paddle, some extra clothes and a first aid kit, the Outburst is terrific for running kayak trips in Chile. It's MY boat of choice just about everywhere!

Chris Spelius, Roving Ambassador of Whitewater Kayaking

Length: 10'10" (330 cm)
Width: 24" (61 cm)
Weight: 40 lbs. (18 kg)
Volume: 72 gallons (273 l)
Cockpit: Length 34" (86 cm)
Width 19" (48 cm)
Recommended paddler weight range: 120-225 lbs. (55-102 kg)

Standard outfitting includes: Easy Grip™ grab loops, one-piece interchangeable thighbraces with neoprene padding, deck loops and seat accessory loops, molded-in drain plug, water bottle, minicell walls, Yakima footbraces, molded-in graphics

Optional: Bulkhead footbrace
Colors: Blue, purple, red, teal, yellow, multi-color



Response

No other boat offers this combination of hull speed, stability, roominess, and all-around performance. I've always liked the Response, but after paddling, dragging, pushing and carrying one across the Arctic's Baffin Island, down and UP rivers for more than 300 miles, I've come to admire it all the more. Its dependability and versatility are unmatched. This boat can swallow the gear (our Baffin trip lasted 22 days and when packed our boats weighed almost 100 lbs.) and yet maintain its maneuverability. It handles big water as well as small. I can teach out of it, put a beginner in it and later go down to the local play hole to do spinners and get booming ends.

Hayden Glatte, Team D Athlete/Kayak Instructor/Expedition Paddler

Length: 11'3" (343 cm)
Width: 23.25" (59.06 cm)
Weight: 39 lbs. (18 kg)
Volume: 73 gallons (276 l)
Cockpit: Length 30" (76.2 cm)
Width 19" (48.3 cm)
Recommended paddler weight range: 120-215 lbs. (54-100 kg)

Standard outfitting includes: Deck loops, grab loops, and seat accessory loops, water bottle, drain plug, minicell walls, two-piece thighbraces with neoprene padding, Yakima footbraces, molded-in graphics
Optional: Bulkhead footbrace
Colors: Blue, purple, red, teal, yellow, multi-color



Right: With Curtain Falls in the background, Laura Green concentrates on her line in Superslide in her Freefall LT. The two-day run in Bald Rock Canyon on the Middle Fork of the Feather in California is one of the finest in the Sierras.

PHOTO BY HAYDEN GLATTE

Below: At the 1995 Ocoee Rodeo, Marc Lyle hits a perfect pirouette off the top wave and focuses on Hell's Hole just below. Controlled linked cartwheels cemented Marc's first place finish. PHOTO BY BILL BURGER

Whitewater Kayaks

RPM

Radical Play Machine, Revolutions Per Minute... whatever the letters stand for, the RPM redefines playboating. This boat looks hot just sitting still, but sitting still is one thing you won't be doing in this high-performance machine. It makes retentive and linked moves accessible to all paddlers and allows a boater to tap into every feature, big or small, that a river has to offer. This is the most exciting boat I have ever paddled. It sets a new standard of what to expect from a playboat. Whether you're carving up a complex wave, shredding it up in your favorite hole, or stern squirting yourself silly, be warned: Paddling this boat can be addictive and leads to a state of euphoria.

Marc Lyle, *Dagger R&D/1995*
U.S. Rodeo Team member

Length: 9' (2.74 m)

Width: 24.5" (62 cm)

Weight: 37 lbs. (17 kg)

Volume: 60 gallons (227 l)

Cockpit: Length 34" (86 cm)

Width 19" (48 cm)

Recommended paddler weight range: 110-230 lbs. (50-104 kg)

Standard outfitting includes: Easy Grip™ grab loops, one-piece interchangeable thighbraces with neoprene padding, deck loops and seat accessory loops, molded-in drain plug, water bottle, micell walls, Yakima footbraces, molded-in graphics

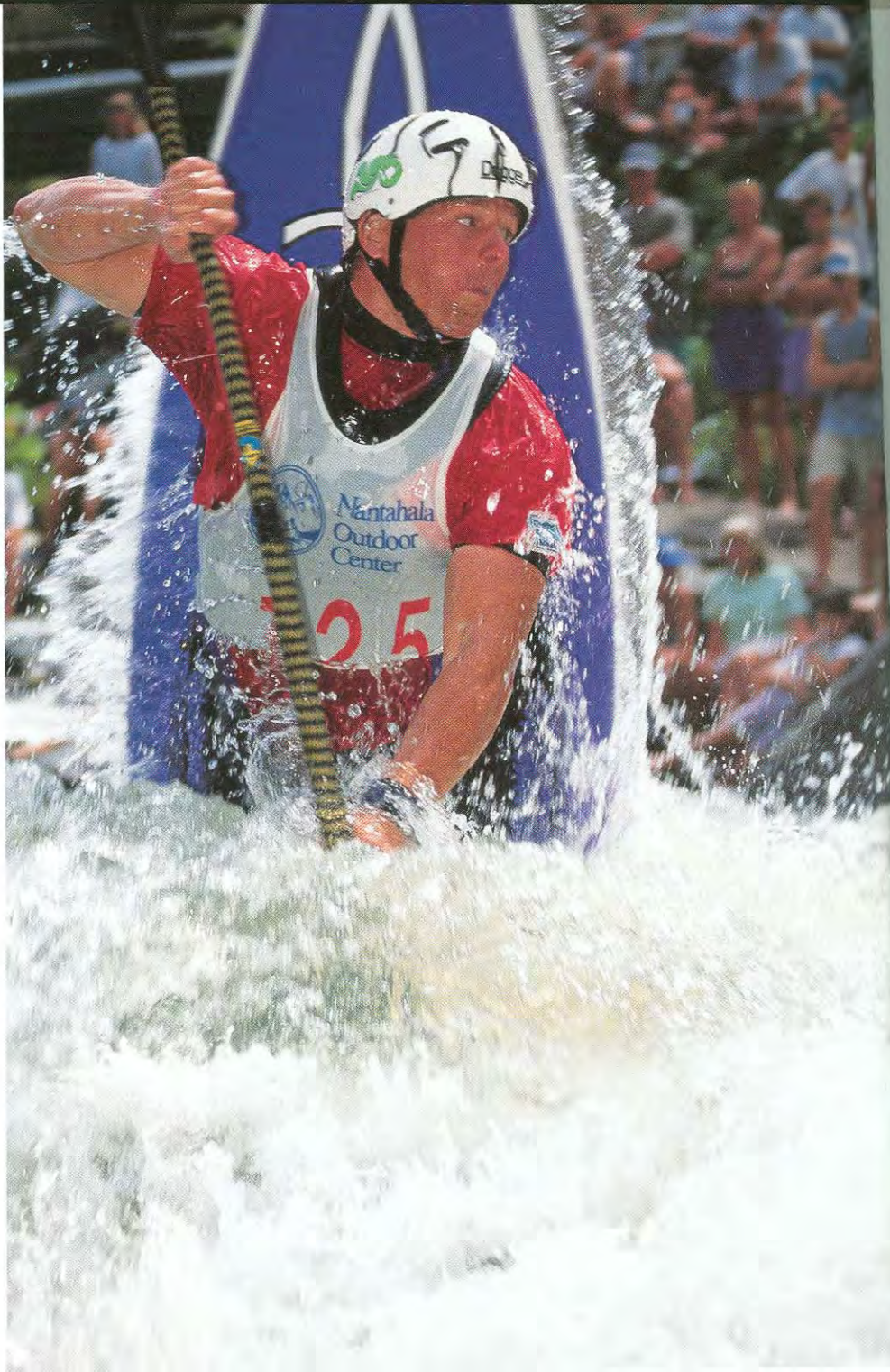
Optional: Bulkhead footbrace

Colors: Blue, purple, red, teal, yellow, multi-color

Prototype shown



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Transition

Although conceived, and well-proven in the rodeo circuit, as an all-out "play boat," the Transition has quickly shown itself to also be an excellent all-around kayak for better paddlers. A high-volume midsection with lower-volume ends not only allows for greater ease of retentive moves in your favorite hole or shredding your favorite wave, but also gives you plenty of room in the cockpit to be comfortable in the process. The Transition is a great boat on my favorite river, the Obed in Tennessee. Whether surfing a wave or hole, making a slot move or paddling through the 15' waves at Widow Maker at high water, the Transition is always a joy to paddle.

Alan Guinn, *Shipping Manager*

Length: 10'1" (307 cm)
Width: 24 1/8" (61 cm)
Weight: 38 lbs. (17 kg)
Volume: 62 gallons (235 l)
Cockpit: Length 34" (86 cm)
 Width 18" (46 cm)
Recommended paddler weight range: 100-200 lbs. (45-90 kg)

Standard outfitting includes: Easy Grip™ rigid grab loops, one-piece interchangeable thighbraces with neoprene padding, deck loops and seat accessory loops, molded-in drain plug, water bottle, minicell walls, Yakima footbraces, logo mark, molded-in graphics
Optional: Bulkhead footbrace
Colors: Blue, purple, red, teal, yellow, multi-color



Vortex

Finally... the boat that allows the 200+ lbs. paddler to enjoy high performance surfing without sacrificing comfort. With a roomy cockpit and smaller stern, the Vortex sets a new standard for a "big boys" boat. At 6'3" and 190 lbs. I found this kayak to provide the responsiveness, speed and stability that smaller paddlers enjoy in the Crossfire. While I was instructing recreational racers at the Dagger Cup in Japan, I found the Vortex's outfitting to be very comfortable. Perfect for those long afternoons sitting in a boat using sign language to teach kayaking to a large group of highly motivated Japanese boaters.

Bryan Tooley, *Technical Rep./Team D Athlete*

Length: 10'7" (323 cm)
Width: 24" (61 cm)
Approx. Wt.: 40 lbs. (18 kg)
Volume: 74 gallons (280 l)
Cockpit: Length 31.5" (80 cm)
 Width 18" (46 cm)
Recommended paddler weight range: 130-225 lbs. (59-102 kg)

Standard outfitting includes: One-piece interchangeable thighbraces with neoprene padding, Easy Grip™ grab loops, deck loops and seat accessory loops, drain plug, water bottle, minicell walls, Yakima footbraces, molded-in graphics
Optional: Bulkhead footbrace
Colors: Blue, purple, red, teal, yellow, multi-color



Cascade C1

The Cascade is a great boat for all skill levels. It combines a broad, flat hull with a lot of bow rocker and a stern low enough to allow for quick and easy pivots. These features make it very stable and forgiving for the lesser-skilled, yet allow for awesome boofs over big drops for experts. There is a large, well-outfitted cockpit for ease of entry and safety. No other C-1 has the features I need to run hard Class V drops. With my Cascade, I have run numerous creeks that were previously un-run or the exclusive realm of kayakers.

Andy Bridge, *Manager of Dagger Composites/1992 World Cup Champion/Devoted Southern Fried Creeker*

Length: 11' (335 cm)
Width: 27.5" (70 cm)
Approx. Wt.: 47 lbs. (21.3 kg)
Volume: 80 gallons (303 l)
Cockpit: Length 24" (61 cm)
 Width 19" (48 cm)
Recommended paddler weight range: 100-220 lbs. (45-100 kg)

Standard outfitting includes: Easy Grip™ grab loops, deck loops and seat accessory loops, drain plug, water bottle, minicell walls, minicell knee pads and foot pads, padded seal assembly with adjustable & quick-release thigh straps, molded-in graphics
Colors: Blue, purple, red, teal, yellow, multi-color





This catalog features engaging photographs of people enjoying Dagger products all over the world. This beautiful imagery belies the fact that many of our planet's rivers, lakes, estuaries and oceans are threatened. *The photo shown here was taken by Joe Cook of his wife Monica paddling through the waste water outfall into the Chattahoochee River below Columbus, Georgia.* Columbus recently spent more than \$80 million to upgrade their sewer and waste water treatment system. Now, what appeared as a long flow of foam is only a trickle. Despite appearances, we're told this water entering the river is cleaner than the river itself. In fact, the local treatment center was named the best-operated large water filtration facility in Georgia. Joe and Monica became concerned about rivers near their home in the southeast and took action. They formed the "Living Waters Expedition" and spent four months of 1995 building awareness and raising money to help heal some of Georgia's waterways. Dagger was happy to help support their efforts.

Dagger is constantly working to support regional and national organizations dedicated to the preservation of our planet's precious water. We encourage you to do the same! Dagger's active recycling program enables us to sell thousands of pounds of plastic scrap to a reprocessor each year. The proceeds are donated to various conservation groups. Below are just a few of the many organizations we support that can really use your help. **Let's join together to help protect our diminishing eco-systems.**

American Rivers, 801 Pennsylvania Ave S.E., Washington D.C. 20003 Phone: 202/547-6900

American Whitewater Affiliation, 1430 Fenwick Lane, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 Phone: 301/589-9453

Pacific Rivers Council, PO Box 10798, Eugene, OR 97440-2798 Phone: 541/345-0119

Friends of the River, (membership) 128 J Street, 2nd floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone: 916/442-3155



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Mike Morgan, in a Rival, enjoys a great run on the Numbers section of the Arkansas River, Colorado. PHOTO BY TIM BROWN

A Meridian and a Meridian SD sit ready to go as Zachary Wallen plays along the Atlantic coastline near Wilmington, NC.

PHOTO BY BILL BURGER

Brandon Knapp surfs his Blast on the Terminator Wave while practicing for Idaho's Lochsa River Rendezvous. PHOTO BY WILEY/WALES

"One last run at the Tin Cup rapid before the sun sets." Michael Graney, Ann Casey, Jeff Hefner, Phil Wilkins, Pat Southerin and Branden Lloyd strap on their boats, grab their gear and jump in Tim Brown's '64 Ford as they head up to the put in. Animas River, CO

PHOTO BY TIM BROWN

Hannah Swayze, member of the USCKT development team, competes in the Women's K-1 class during the Southeastern Slalom Championships. PHOTO BY PHILIP HART

Brian Denne, from Cabin John, MD, paddles a Pegasus on the Potomac River.

PHOTO BY SKIP BROWN

Amy Wiley and her father, Milt, in their Passage, cruise through Sunday Lake in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in October. "No bugs, no people, no problems!"

PHOTO BY WILEY/WALES

Paddlesports can be physically demanding and/or dangerous. Learn to paddle by obtaining proper instruction before using your canoe, kayak or sit-on-top. Always wear an approved personal flotation device and, if appropriate, a helmet. Never use alcohol or mind-altering drugs when paddling. Know and paddle within your limits. Paddle with a friend. It's safer and more fun. Children should paddle with a qualified adult. Read your owner's information packet.



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