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### **Cover photography**

(main photo: black & white) Julie Vance homeward bound after a day paddle on the Gros Ventre River, WY. - Photo by Greg Von Doersten

(color photos listed from top to bottom) Jennifer Abbott moving along in a Magellan at Bahia Conception off Baja California.

- Photo by Grant Amaral

Ryan Moore surfs his Ocoee on the Madawaska River in Ontario. - Photo by Rick Matthews

Snake River canoe trip, the joys of canoeing in the wilderness, Wernecke Mtns, Northern Yukon. (See page 12 for trip info.)

- Photo by Patrick & Baiba Morrow

Giggling at the beach. Bahia Conception, Baja California. - Photo by Grant Amaral.

Katie Peter testing out the Bayou on the Ohio River. Louisville, KY. - Photo by Tom Windham

Javid Grubbs on the way to his 1st place finish in Junior mens K-1, World Rodeo Championships. Ottawa River, Ontario. - Photo by Rick Matthews

(opposite photo) Dagger President Joe Pulliam is happiest in the thick of things, a forest of boats not withstanding. - Photo by Patrick Murphy-Racey

en years ago, Roy Guinn, Steve Scarborough, Pete Jett and I created Dagger because paddling really needed a dose of innovation. Your support, along with a lot of hard work, has made Dagger the From the start, we tried industry leader, and we'd like to say thanks. "Dagger, created from unorthodox approaches that were so successful they're now innovation and hard work... conceived from you, the paddler!" and precision reinforcethe standard: radically asymmetric hulls - Chris Spelius ment of canoe materials to name a couple. Boats like the Response and Crossfire revolutionized kayak design. The trick has been to keep up the pace we set back then. Enter six new models in four different categories for '98. The same hard work still goes into every Dagger boat, with innovations beyond hull design. In touring kayaks, five models

have form-fitting rubber hatches, two have bulkheads. As for composite kayaks, we're composite materials and unique vacuum



integral rudder systems and three have electronically welded using selectively reinforced lay-ups of the finest assisted resin transfer molding techniques.

Athletes in the Team D program play a huge role in design. We make excellent use of the feedback we get from them and from you to improve our boats. Imagine driving a car, thinking what you would change to

enhance performance and comfort, and then having those changes show up in the finished product. That's how we work. Grab any Dagger boat and experience for yourself the difference our philosophy makes. If you want to learn more about Dagger, or if you want to contribute to the spirit of creating the best paddling products around, drop us a line or send us some e-mail.

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Team D's 1997 International World Rodeo Championships Team. Have fun & be safe, Joe Pulliam

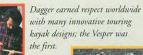
Tania Terezinha Wilbert, Brazil, South America

Dagger started in 1988; a small company with big aspirations... not, as you can see, afraid to be different.









Dagger designs are born from loyal supporters, like you, and are refined by the world's leading paddlers, like Jon Lugbill.





Dagger designed and produced kayaks used by nine different countries in the '96 Olympics.



Dagger wins second 1996 Dagger's I consecutive World The Bayo Rodeo Championships. paddlespo

Dagger's Recreational Kayaks; The Bayou and Bayou 2 make paddlesports easy and affordable!



1998 Dagger

# **Touring Kayaks**

systems that lighten weight with a lower drag coefficient than traditional rudders. All Dagger touring kayaks are built paddled in demanding conditions and subsequently modified according to the highest performance expectations. Dagger from the water up, incorporating state of the art computer models. The models are translated into prototypes that are test functional purpose: sharp, flared bows for smooth, dry rides, large hatch openings for easy access, and integral rudder touring kayak designers, like Steve Scarborough, isolate and consider every detail, inside and out, from fundamental hull materials to deck fittings and electronically welded bulkheads. The resulting line of kayaks is well worth the extra effort. Dagger builds the most technologically advanced touring kayaks in the world. Every inch of every boat has a



(photo left) Up from the surf at Moonstone Beach, CA. *Photo by Phil DeReimer* 

(photo far left) Dagger's V. P. of Design, Steve Scarborough proudly displays his latest composite creation, the Sitka! - Photo by Patrick Murphy-Racey

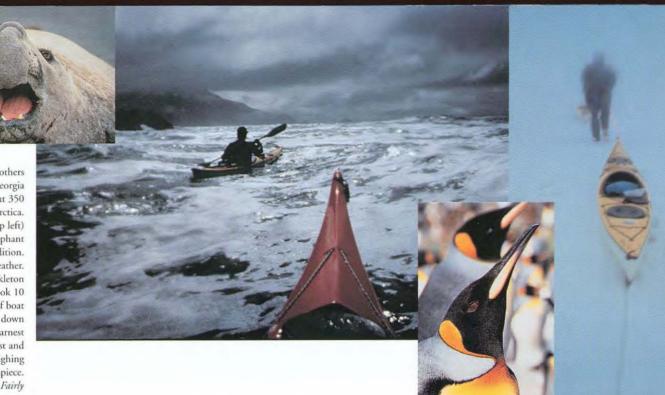
> (photos right) Bob Powell, Wade Fairly and others recently attempted to circumnavigate South Georgia Island in the Southern Atlantic Ocean about 350 miles or so off the coast of Antarctica. (photos clockwise from top left) (1)Curious "Weaner," a recently weaned elephant seal investigates members of the expedition. (2) Typical South Georgia weather. (3)Bob Powell man-hauling his Sitka over Shackleton Gap in a gale with whiteout conditions. It took 10 hours just to get to the top with 200+ lbs. of boat and gear per man, but only 2 hours to sled down the other side. Members retraced some of Earnest Shackleton's steps on their way to the East coast and Possession Harbor. (4)King Penguins, weighing in at around 80 lbs, apiece. - Photos by Wade Fairly

Boat Length	17' 11*	5 m 37.5 cm		crimson
Boat Width	22*	55 cm		
Weight (glass/kevlar**)	56/50 lbs	25/22 kg		optic yellow
Cockpit (Ith. x wdth.)	31.5° X 16.5°	80 x 42 cm		eggplant
Bow Hatch Volume	7392 cu in	121.11		electricblue
Stern Hatch Volume	9702 cu in	159.01	S	ment
Maximum load	320 lbs	144 kg	COLORS	ivory
Material	glass, kevlar™	glass, kevlar™	8	com bo-hull/deck

STANDARD FEATURES: Integral rudder system, bow and stem access hatches, easily accessible day hatch, Kajak Sport molded rubber hatch covers, liberglass bow and stem bulkheads, anatomically designed seat, deluxe PD Designs backband, neoprene padded thigh braces, adjustable Yakima foot braces with rudder control pedals, neeessed deck fittings, deck lines and shock cord deck rigging, recessed compass mount, under-deck waterbottle holder with waterbottle, carrying toggles **OPTIONAL FEATURES:** Kevlar<sup>®</sup> hull and deck material

	Boat Length	16'	4 m 88 cm		
	Boat Width	22*	56 cm		
s	Weight (glass/kevlar **)	49/46 lbs	22/21 kg		optic yellow
ð	Weight (glass/kevlar <sup>16</sup> ) Cockpit (lth. x wdth.)	31.5° X 16.5°	80 x 42 cm		eggplan
AT	Bow Hatch Volume	3696 cu in	60.61		electricblu
R	Stern Hatch Volume	6237 cu in	102.21	2	min
ECI	Maximum load	280 lbs	127 kg	COLORS	ivor
SP	Material	glass, kevlar™	glass, kevlar <sup>1M</sup>	8	combo-hull/dec

STANDARD FEATURES: Retractable skeg system, Bow and stern access hatches, Kajak Sport molded rubber hatch covers, fiberglass bow and stern bulkheads, anatomically designed seat, deluxe PD Designs backband, buillin neoprene padded thigh braces, adjustable Yakima foot braces, recessed dock fittings, deck lines and shock cord deck rigging, recessed compass mount, under-deck waterbottle holder with water bottle, carrying toggles OPTIONAL FEATURES: Day hatch with seam-laped hatch bag The Mendian is also available in non-skeg version



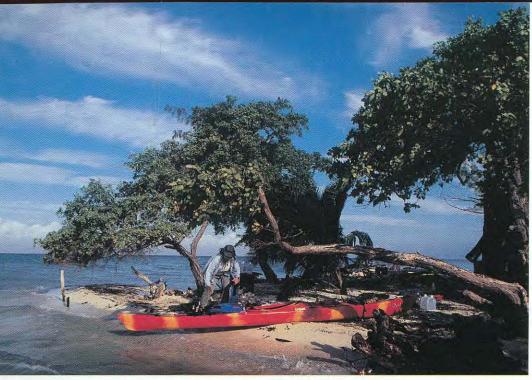


The tour de force of our touring kayak line, the Sitka is an expedition proven kayak for those who require a dependable, responsive machine. The patented integral rudder system that is standard on the Sitka results in reduced drag and weight, increased durability, and cleaner lines. Extra-wide hatch openings with ample storage capacity and rubber hatch covers make easy work of packing and unpacking. With a contoured seat, padded thigh braces, under-deck water bottle holder, and easily accessible day hatch, the Sitka's comfort and ergonomic design is unparalleled. Fiberglass bulkheads and recessed deck fittings round out the boat that **SEA KAYAKER** says "will meet a variety of paddling styles and will appeal to a wide range of boaters" (October 1997).

# Maridian SK

# **Meridian SK**

Dagger's first composite touring kayak, the Meridian is the most agile sea kayak in our stable. For '98 a newly designed retractable skeg has been added, but for you essentialists out there the Meridian is still offered with a clean stern. The funhog of sea kayaks, paddlers are wowed by the Meridian's turning ability and responsiveness without a sacrifice in hull speed or tracking. Its unique performance is born from the pronounced vee at the bow and stern ends with a shallow arch midship. This new twist on the classic West Greenland design provides an ultra-smooth ride, even in the big chop, and the easily accessible hatches provide enough storage for multi-day tripping. Beautiful lines, top quality materials and lay-up, plus Dagger's trademark attention to detail sum up one of the lightest, stiffest touring kayaks of its kind.



No phone, no light, no motor car... Now this is the life! Tiffany Cordaro makes camp off the coast of Belize. - *Photo by Jack Popowich* 

# Atlantis

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The Atlantis is our newest expedition-ready touring kayak, highlighted by the Sitka style integral rudder system. With the largest carrying capacity of all our polyethylene boats, the Atlantis fills the need for the touring paddler who requires more cargo space and a larger, roomier cockpit. The long waterline makes the Atlantis one of the hardest tracking boats on the market while retaining stability, even in the roughest of open water crossings. Beginners will find the Atlantis's forgiving nature a comfort as sliced strokes and wobbly leans are easily corrected. Top all this off with two welded plastic bulkheads, recessed deck fittings, molded rubber hatch covers and beautiful lines to complete the total touring package...all standard. (*Prototype shown*)



# Magellan

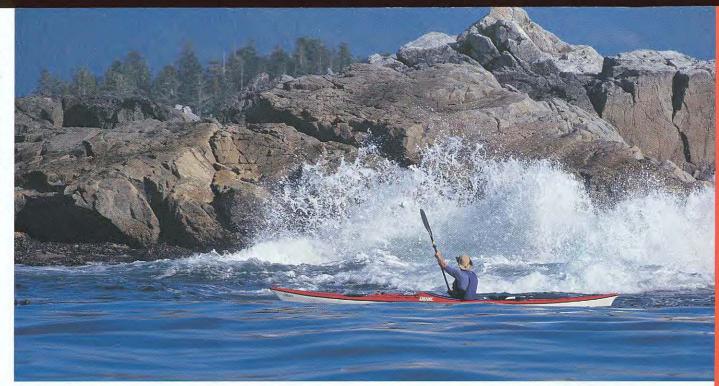
The Magellan is a mid-sized sea kayak designed to fill the niche between the expedition style Apostle/Atlantis and shorter boats like the Seeker. Fast and comfortable, the Magellan was designed for the majority of touring paddlers out there who spend their time on day trips or extended weekend jaunts. Although more stable, its hull form is akin to the Meridian with a pronounced vee bow and classic lines. It tracks extremely well but turns like a much shorter boat, carving and surfing with ease, responding to even moderate leans. The Magellan's recessed, injection molded deck fittings, shock cord bow carry toggle, and electronically welded translucent bulkheads are emblematic of Dagger's commitment to original, value-added details.

	Boat Length	17' 2"	5 m 23 cm	rec
	Boat Width	23.5*	59.4 cm	yellow
s	Weight	69 lbs	31.5 kg	purple
CATIONS	Cockpit (Ith. x wdth.)	34" x 19"	86 x 48 cm	blue
I	Bow Hatch Volume	3927 cu in	64.41	tea natural
CIFIC	Stern Hatch Volume	4851 cu in	79.51	
m	Maximum load	335 lbs	152.8 kg	Silver Si
P S	Material	EXL™	EXL™	S multi color

STANDARD FEATURES: Integral rudder system, bow and stern access hatches with one piece Sure-seal molded rubber hatch covers, electronically welded plastic bulkheads, recessed deck fittings, deck lines and shock cord deck rigging, seal with adjustable backrest, padded seal and backrest cover, adjustable Rapidile foot braces with rudder courtol pedals, padded neoprene thigh pads, carrying loggles, molded-in graphics

	Boat Length	16' 6"	4 m 92 cm		red
	Boat Width	22.5*	57.2 cm		yellow
S	Weight	62 lbs	28 kg		purple
S	Weight Cockpit (Ith. x wdth.) Bow Hatch Volume Stern Hatch Volume Maximum Ioad Material	34" x 19"	86 x 48 cm		blue teal
AT	Bow Hatch Volume	4851 cu in	79.51		natural
5	Stern Hatch Volume	7161 cu in	117.31	ORS	white
EC	Maximum load	315 lbs	142.9 kg		black
SP	Material	EXL™	EXL <sup>TM</sup>	ខ្លី	multi color

STANDARD FEATURES: Bow and stern access hatches with one-piece Sureseal molded rubber hatch covers, electronically welded plastic bulkheads, recessed deck filtings, deck lines and shock cord deck rigging, seal with adjustable backrest, padded seal and backrest cover, neoprene padded thigh braces, Rapidille easy adjustable foot braces, carrying toggles, molded-in graphics OPTIONAL FEATURES: Retractable rudder Andy Bridge, Team D Athlete and Dagger Composites Manager, negotiates swells & rocks around the Bunsby Island Group off the coast of British Columbia. The photo was taken on day four of a six day, 115 mile trip where Andy and friends discovered ancient totem poles amid thick brush on some of the thirty or so islands that make up the group. Just getting to the islands is a "solid" two day paddle from the launch point on Vancouver Island. - Photo by Jack Popowich



	Boat Length	17'	5 m 18 cm		red
	Boat Width	23.5"	60 cm		yellow
\$	Weight	69 lbs	31.5 kg		purple
SPECIFICATIONS	Cockpit (Ith. x wdth.)	34" x 18"	86 x 46 cm		blue
ł	Bow Hatch Volume	3927 cu in	64.41		leal natural
2	Stern Hatch Volume	4851 cu in	79.51	8	white
2	Maximum load	320 lbs	145 kg	COLORS	black
5	Material	EXL <sup>TM</sup>	EXL <sup>TM</sup>	8	multi-color

STANDARD FEATURES: Bow and stern access hatches with neoprene covers, hard hatches, and hatch straps, easily accessible day hatch, silicone-sealed minicell builkheads, deck lines and shock cord deck rigging, seat with adjustable backrest, padded seat and backrest cover, padded neoprene thigh pads, Rapiditite easy adjustable foot braces, carrying toggles, molded-in graphics OPTIONAL FEATURES: Refractable rudder

	Boat Length	16'	4 m 88 cm		red
	Boat Width	23.5"	60 cm		yellow
s	Weight	54 lbs	24.5 kg		purple
NO	Cockpit (ith. x wdth.)	34" x 18"	86 x 46 cm		blue
AT	Bow Hatch Volume	2310 cu in	37.91		teal natural
잂	Stern Hatch Volume	8085 cu in	132.51	8	white
EC	Maximum load	280 lbs	127 kg	COLORS	black
SP	Weight Cockpit (Ith. x wdth.) Bow Hatch Volume Stern Hatch Volume Maximum Ioad Material	EXL™	EXL™	S mult	color

STANDARD FEATURES: Bow and stern access hatches with neoprene covers, hard hatches and hatch straps, bow and stern flotation, minicell deck support, deck lines and shock cord deck rigging, sate with adjustable backrest, Rapidlite easy adjustable foot braces, carrying toggles, molded-in graphics EXPEDITION VERSION: Silicone-seated minicell bulkheads, padded seat and backrest cover, additional deck rigging, neoprene thigh padding OPTIONAL FEATURES: Retractable rudder Changes Congges

# Apostle

The Apostle was Dagger's first full sized expedition sea kayak and is still impressing paddlers with its stability, comfort, and rough-water capabilities. The dramatically angled bow and stern complement the shallow arch under the seat for incredibly responsive leaned turns. These same design features make the Apostle one of the best surfers in our line. So, whether it's an extended weekend of touring and camping in comfort on your favorite lake, a day playing in the surf, or an expedition length trip to the outer reaches, the Apostle has 11,319 cubic inches of storage volume with a 320 pound capacity to carry you there and back again.

# Dagger and Andrew Andre

# Seeker

The Seeker is a mid-sized touring kayak designed for those paddlers who want a fast boat with more storage capacity than the Vesper or Edisto, but still don't need a full blown expedition craft. An ideal first boat with plenty of growing room, the Seeker delivers a fine balance of stability and swiftness with a low profile designed to resist the weathercocking tendencies of many boats in this size range. Reviewers in **SEA KAYAKER** say that **"the Seeker felt very stable on the water. It was easy to balance while on edge and would 'fall back upright as opposed to over'" (June 1995).** Available in standard or expedition versions with utility at its heart, the Seeker redefines touring kayak performance.



(photo right) Steve Scarborough lays out Dagger's quality line of touring kayak accessories. - Photo by Patrick Murphy-Racey

Jennifer Abbott soaks in the geological grandeur of the Sea of Cortez in Baja California. Her hat is more than just stylish. Exposure is one of the main hazards of sea kayaking. It's important to take precautions against sunburn and dehydration so you can fully appreciate your surroundings. - Photo by Grant Amaral



# Vesper

Designed with enough cargo space for day tripping and light overnight camping, the Vesper was our first touring kayak and continues to perform year after year. This consummate day tripper, with its short length and stable hull design, is a great choice for those of you who paddle in a wide variety of situations. Being the most maneuverable and lightest touring kayak in our line, the Vesper is perfect for kids and smaller adults, making it an excellent multi-use family boat that everyone can paddle. The Vesper's stern access hatch, deck rigging and optional skeg, rudder, and expedition package make it a fantastic value in a touring kayak.



# Edisto

The Edisto is our most versatile and best selling touring kayak. Its stable, user-friendly design makes it perfect for paddlers of all levels who want a compact touring kayak with the feel of a longer craft. With a shorter length to enhance maneuverability, the Edisto handles rivers as well as small tidal creeks, marshes, swamps, and coves where close encounters with nature require stealthy movement. Well suited for lake touring, the Edisto's stern hatch volume of 8085 cubic inches, roomy cockpit, and carrying capacity of 300 lbs. make it the ideal weekend warrior touring machine.

I	Boat Width	23.75"	60 cm		yel
l	Weight	45 lbs	20.5 kg		pur
ľ	Cockpit (Ith. x wdth.)	33° x 18°	84 x 46 cm		b
I	Bow Hatch Volume	N/A	N/A		natu
I	Stern Hatch Volume	7623 cu in	124.91	\$	wh
I	Maximum load	220 lbs	100 kg	COLORS	bla
Ŧ	Material	EXL <sup>TM</sup>	EXL <sup>7M</sup>	8	multi coli

Ioot braces, carrying toggles, molded-in graphics EXPEDITION VERSION: Silicone-sealed minical bulkheads, padded seat and backrest cover, additional deck rigging, bow flotation, neoprene thigh padding OPTIONAL FEATURES: Retractable rudder, retractable skog

	Boat Length	14'6"	4 m 42 cm		rei
l	Boat Width	24.5*	62 cm		yellow
	Weight	49 lbs	22 kg		purple
1	Cockpit (Ith. x wdth.)	34" x 19"	86 x 48 cm		blui tea
1	Bow Hatch Volume	N/A	N/A		natura
1	Stern Hatch Volume	8085 cu in	132.51	\$2	white
1	Maximum load	300 lbs	136 kg	OLORS	black
1	Material	EXLIM	EXL TM	8	multi color

easy adjustable foot braces, carrying toggles, molded-in graphics EXPEDITION VERSION: Electronically welded plastic bulkhead, padded seat and backrest cover, additional deck rigging, bow flotation, neoprene thigh padding OPTIONAL FEATURES: Retractable rudder

# Touring Kavaks

### Accessories

A. Dagger LogoMark Polo Shirt: 100% cotton. Forest, Heather, Lake, and Red

**B. Sea Spirit Paddle:** Asymmetrical glass filled polypropylene blades with dihedral. Vinyl coated, ovalled aluminum shaft with drip rings. *One-piece or take-apart. Feather: 65 degrees Lengths: 215-245 in 5 cm increments* **C. Dagger Paddle Floats:** Coastal Paddle Float (pictured) with twist valves for inflation. Bluewater paddle float with spring-loaded ROL valves allow easy inflation. *Redl*/*Ellow* 

D. Wizard Surge Paddle: Asymmetric LFTE thermoplastic blades with a fiberglass shaft and drip rings. Available in a stiffer, lightweight graphite shaft model. One-piece or take-apart. Feather: 65 degrees Lengths: 215-240 in 5 cm increments

**E. Dagger Ouzel Paddle:** Lightweight wood paddle of Spruce and Basswood. *One-piece or take-apart. Feather: 60 degrees Lengths: 220,225,230* 

F. Dagger Typhoon Paddle: High performance touring paddle made from Spruce, Butternut, Maple, and Ash with Cherry Veneer Tip Guard. *One-piece or take-apart, Feather: 60 degrees Lengths: 215-240 in 5 cm increments* 

G. Paddle Leash: Keep track of your paddle.

H. Touring Sprayskirts: Neoprene banded with convenient zippered pockets. Tourskirt is coated, seam-taped 400 Denier nylon in *Yellow/Black or Blue/Black*. Tropical skirt is waterproof, breathable Triad in *Blue*.

I. Nexus 85 Deck Compass: Unmatched performance, accuracy, and quality. Includes hardware.

J. Henderson Pump: Floatable, durable PVC bails kayaks with ease.

K. Dry-cell Deck Bag & Dry-cell Map Case:

Lashes to deck for confident, convenient storage of often needed items and safety equipment. Map Case is tough, clear plastic for durability and visibility.

L. Mesh Deck Ditty: Easy on-deck storage of small items.

### INSET

 AirZound Signal Horn Kit: Environmentally friendly emergency signalling device that is easily rechargeable with pump included.

**2. ACR C-Strobe:** Compact, lightweight design with intense strobe.

**3. ACR Mini B2 EPIRB:** Smallest Class B EPIRB available. **4. Safety Whistle with Lanyard:** Whistle has clip and lanyard.

 Marine MultiLite: A must for night paddling, fog, and storm conditions. Includes clear, red, and green lenses.
ACR Firefly Plus: Waterproof, floating strobe/flash-

light.

7. Clam Cleats: Perfect for securing tow rope and lines.

**OTHER ACCESSORIES (not pictured)** 

Padded Seat Cover and Backrest: Installs easily and provides additional comfort.

Universal Compass Mount: Allows mounting of flat compasses on curved or crowned decks.

**Soft Low Touring Kayak Backrest:** 10" high backrest attaches easily for more comfortable paddling.

# COMPARISON CHART

NAME	TOP VIEW	SIDE VIEW
Sitka		
Meridian		
Magellan		
Atlantis	*<	
Apostle		
Seeker		
Edisto	****	
Vesper		
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50 lbs.* 320 lbs.	****	Sitka
46 lbs.* 280 lbs.	******	Meridian
62 lbs.** 315 lbs.	******	Magellan
69 lbs. 335 lbs.	*****	Atlantis
69 lbs.** 320 lbs.	*****	Apostle
54 lbs.** 280 lbs.	*****	Seeker
49 lbs.** 300 lbs.	********	Edisto
45 lbs.** 220 lbs.	******	Vesper

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# **Touring Canoes**

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turn wonderfully, they're strong and lightweight, they're built by the best, and they have enough room to accommodate all up to more fun and better performance with less effort. David and Elizabeth Rose will tell you these boats will track and out each of the features and innovations designed with purpose, like flared bows and deep midsections for smoother, drier streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, boundary waters, swamps (let us know if we forgot anything). Paddle our canoes and check rides in choppy water. They also have asymmetrical hulls for speed, tracking and maneuverability. Every little accent adds her interested parties in the Rose family, including Sam and Sarah. Options: Once you have a Dagger touring canne, the biggest problem you'll have is figuring out which place to go.

David, Elizabeth, Sam and Sarah Rose, are truly a picture perfect Dagger family! David started working for Dagger as a Sales Rep in Colorado back in 1990, moving to the Tennessee factory shortly afterwards. He asked Elizabeth out for the first time at Hell Hole on the Ocoee River and they've been together ever since. - Photo by Patrick Murphy-Racey

# Canoeing for Kids

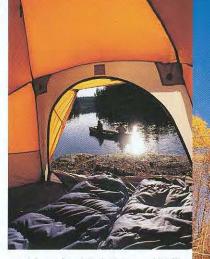
One of Dagger's favorite organizations is Canoeing For Kids. It's a 100% volunteer, non-profit organization serving as both a fund raiser and recreational outlet for disadvantaged children. Funds are raised primarily through events known as Canoe-a-thons, which involve hundreds of volunteer paddlers. Over 25 charities and more than 1700 kids have benefitted from the hard work of Canoeing For Kids' volunteers. For more information write or call:

Canoeing For Kids PO Box 1614 Columbia, SC 29202-1614 (888)414-KIDS



deckplates, portage yoke, thwart, underseat waterbottle holder and bottle OPTIONAL FEATURES: Webbed seats, bow slider seat, wood trim (Northern Ash gunwales and Tennessee Cherry hardwood deckplates)

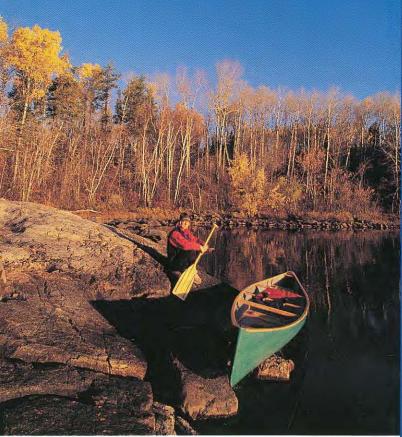
\*For volume comparison only. Actual safe capacity depends on factors such as water conditions and paddler skills.



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(photo above) Rick Quinn and Hollis Hossenstein canoeing from camp. Quetico, Provincial Park, Canada. - Photo by Wiley/Wales

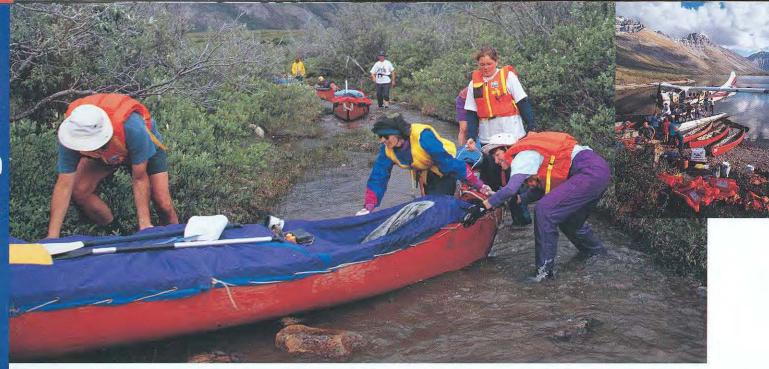
(photo right) Amy Wiley soaks in the sunrise on Basswood Lake, Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW), Minnesota. Since 1978, the BWCAW has been a quiet refuge for animals and non-motorized watercraft. In 1997, a bill was introduced in Congress which threatens the ecological sanctity of this, the only wilderness area of its kind in the U.S. Contact The American Canoe Association (ACA) at 703-451-0141 for more information on how you can play a part in preserving this wilderness area. - Photo by Wiley/Wales



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# Venture 17

Capable of handling everything from family weekends to an extended expedition, the Venture 17, our largest canoe, is a truly versatile boat. Loaded or unloaded, its tracking and stability are uncompromised. CANOE AND KAYAK says that "The big-hulled Venture carries a tremendous load without compromising its handling capabilities or giving up freeboard...[Its] sharp entry and shallow arch hull make it one of the fastest big-volume Royalex boats..." (May 1996). Its asymmetrical hull design and slightly flared ends result in a smooth, dry ride, and with a huge load capacity, the Venture 17 will handle anything you throw in it.



Pat and Baiba Morrow paddled with twelve others in the Yukon on the Snake River, which flows north for 217 miles (350 km) before it empties into the Peel River just below the Arctic Circle. The Peel is the main artery of a watershed covering just under 20,000 square miles (32,000 square km). Paddling the length of the River in ten days, Pat and Baiba made the transition from mountain \* climbing to river tripping with the help of guides from Nahanni River Adventures and the others along for the experience.

(Photos left & far left) The put-in for the Snake is a 45 minute flight from the closest town to Duo Lakes coupled with a half mile portage to navigable waters.

- Photos by Pat and Baiba Morrow

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Dadde

The Sojourn is our incredibly fast solo touring canoe. Canoe expert and author Cliff Jacobson comments that the Sojourn has "the look of a Porsche speedster--subdued elegance in an integrated package that was born to run." Easily reaching cruising speed, the Sojourn is hard tracking and handles those heavy lake winds. The slightly flared ends keep you dry in choppy water and the tumblehome allows efficient, easy paddle strokes. With the slider seat you can adjust the trim for loads and different paddlers and paddling styles, plus the secondary stability lets you lean comfortably into turns for maximum efficiency. Top this off with lightweight R-Light 2<sup>TM</sup> construction and you have a perfect afternoon workout canoe and solo tripper.

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Passage

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Our fastest and most efficient tandem canoe, the Passage offers control and poise in every situation. The Passage is a great family and camping/cruising canoe with plenty of capacity and stability. With the standard bow slider seat you can adjust the trim of the boat to accommodate different bow paddler weights or to compensate for loads and conditions. The R-Light 2<sup>TM</sup> construction produces a canoe that is very light for its size and makes for easier portages and carries to and from the water. If you're looking for a long, fast, stable canoe, the Passage is the one.

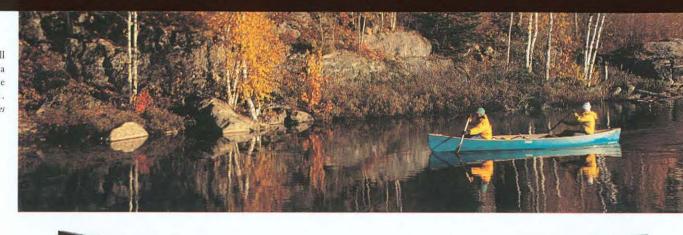
U	Boat Length	14'9"	4 m 50 cm		autumm red
ľ	Beam (max./4" water line)	29"/27"	74 /69 cm	Ĩ.	
ľ	Depth (ends/mid-ship)	17*/12.5*	43/31.5 cm		
ľ	Rocker (bow/stern)	.5"/.0"	1.3/0 cm		
2	Weight (wood/alum. trim)	44 lbs/47 lbs	20/22 kg		
1	Shape (ends)	Slight Flare	Slight Flare		teal
1	Shape (mid-ship)	Tumblehome	Tumblehome		
	Hull Symmetry	Asymmetrical	Asymmetrical	ş	
1	6" Freeboard Capacity	480 lbs*	218 kg*	COLORS	
1	Material	R-Light 2™	R-Light 2™	8	

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

Boat Length	17' 4"	5 m 28 cm	autumm red
Beam (max./4" water line)	35.5"/33"	90/84 cm	
Depth (ends/mid-ship)	18"/13.75"	45.5/35.5 cm	1 1 No. 1 20
Rocker (bow/stern)	2.5"/.5"	6.5/1.25 cm	
Weight (wood/alum. trim)	66/69 lbs	30/31.5 kg	
Shape (ends) Shape (mid-ship)	Slight Flare	Slight Flare	green
Shape (mid-ship)	Tumblehome	Tumblehome	
Hull Symmetry	Asymmetrical	Asymmetrical	SS
6" Freeboard Capacity	1100 lbs*	500 kg*	9
Material	R-Light 2™	B-Light 2™	8
	R-Light 2™ Aluminum gunw ke, underseat wat	B-Light 2™ ales and polyethy erbottle holder an	d bottle

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Chuck Wales and Milt Wiley loving fall colors in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Minnesota. See info on the BWCAW in the photo caption on page 11. - Photo by Wiley/Wales



	Boat Length	15'4'	4 m 67 cm		autumm
	Beam (max./4" water line)	34*/33*	86/84 cm		
	Depth (ends/mid-ship)	16.5"/13.5"	42/34 cm		
	Rocker (bow/stern)	1"/1"	2.5/2.5 cm		- 10 S
Ś	Weight (wood/alum. trim)	55/57 lbs	24.9/25.9 kg		
ATIONS	Shape (ends)	Slight Flare	Slight Flare		
AT	Shape (mid-ship)	Tumblehome	Tumblehome		
50 2	Hull Symmetry	Asymmetrical	Asymmetrical	8	Gre
2	6" Freeboard Capacity	800 lbs*	363 kg*	COLORS	
sp	Material	R-Light 2™	R-Light 2™	8	

OPTIONAL FEATURES: Webbed seats, center seat, wood trim (Northern Ash gunwales and Tennessee Cherry hardwood deckplates)

\* For volume comparison only, Actual sale capacity depends on factors such as water condition and paddler skits

	Boat Length	16' 4"	4 m 98 cm	
	Beam (max./4" water line)	35*/33*	89/84 cm	
	Depth (ends/mid-ship)	17*/14*	43/35.5 cm	
	Rocker (bow/stern)	2.25*/.5*	6.5/12.5 cm	
2	Weight (wood/alum. trim)	60 /63 lbs	27/29 kg	15
5	Shape (ends)	Slight Flare	Slight Flare	
<b>NULLAN</b>	Shape (mid-ship)	Tumblehome	Tumblehome	1
Ę	Hull Symmetry	Asymmetrical	Asymmetrical	\$
2	6" Freeboard Capacity	940 lbs*	426 kg*	COLORS
5	Material	R-Light 21M	R-Light 2™	8

OPTIONAL FEATURES: Webbed seals, center seal, bow slider seal, wood trim (Northern Ash gunwales and Tennessee Cherry hardwood deckplates)

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

Boat Length	10' 6"	3 m 20 cm		gree
Beam (Max./4" water line)	27*/26.5*	68.5/67 cm		
Depth (ends/mid-ship)	13*/9.5*	33/24 cm		
Rocker (bow/stern)	.5"/.0"	1.3/0 cm		
Weight (wood/alum. trim)	27 /29 lbs	12/13 kg		
Weight (wood/alum, trim) Shape (ends) Shape (mid-ship)	Slight Flare	Slight Flare		
Shape (mid-ship)	Straight	Straight		
Hull Symmetry	Asymmetrical	Asymmetrical	ŝ	
6" Freeboard Capacity	180 lbs*	82 kg*	COLORS	
6" Freeboard Capacity Material	R-Light 2th	R-Light 2™	8	

STANDARD FEATURES: Aluminum gunwales and polyethylene deckplates, lightweight thwart. OPTIONAL FEATURES: Wood trim (Northern Ash gunwales and Tennessee Cherry hardwood deckplates)

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Dagger.

Guaranteed smiles. The Reflection 15 is the favorite touring canoe of many of the folks here at Dagger, striking the perfect balance between a canoe that excels on rivers yet scoots right along when you're on flatwater. Designed to be paddled tandem or solo, the Reflection 15 is so much fun in so many places. It's the perfect canoe for those desiring a smaller, easy to handle boat. The Reflection 15 is stable enough to nurture confidence in the current and hold the line against gusty lake winds. An asymmetrical hull design and just the right amount of rocker mean the boat cuts through the water and turns with ease, all the time weighing less than sixty pounds.



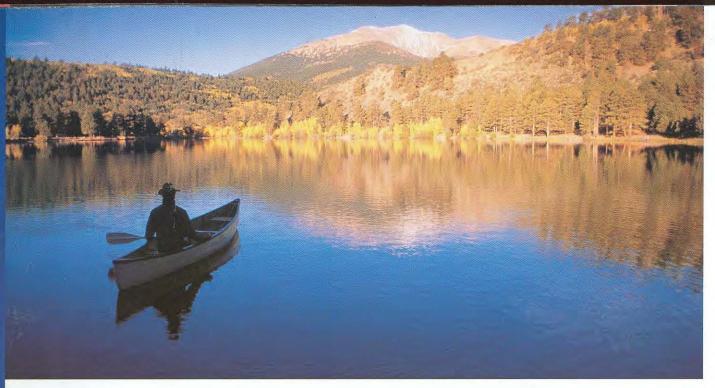
# **Reflection 16**

One of the most versatile and stable boats Dagger makes, the Reflection 16 performs extremely well in a surprisingly wide variety of conditions. It will track like a champ on a windy day at the lake, and yet with a slight lean it turns and catches river eddies with the best of them. With its noticeably lighter weight and center seat option, the Reflection 16 can satisfy an entire family's needs. With plenty of carrying capacity, you can bring everyone and their gear, and still have confidence in the optimal performance of your canoe.



# Tupelo

The Tupelo is so lightweight and compact, you will find yourself paddling in new locations that were impossible to access with a regular sized canoe. Designed to be used with a double-bladed paddle, it **"tracks through the water almost effortlessly and turns on a dime"** (ADVENTURE WEST SEPT/OCT 1996). The pleasure of paddling without the trouble and hassle of carrying and storing a full sized canoe, this classic design fits today's fast-paced, compact lifestyles. The Tupelo is also a great starter canoe for kids!



Dagger.

# Suwannee

Dagger design team leader **Steve Scarborough** says that **"The Suwannee is the most stable canoe Pve ever designed, making it ideal for families and sport use."** Roomy and predictable, the Suwannee is an excellent fishing boat that paddles easily and turns efficiently. By minimizing gunwale width, the midship tumblehome makes for smooth paddle strokes. With plenty of cargo capacity, the Suwannee can handle weekend tripping and retain its stability and performance. Made from R-Light 2<sup>TM</sup> and outfitted standard with cane seats and a portage yoke, the Suwannee is lightweight and ready to paddle.

Legend

Dagger.

Aptly named, the Legend has developed quite a following over the years. We'd guess most of the Legends we first built a decade ago are still being used and abused by people from all over. The Legend is constructed of precision reinforced Royalex, so you get the strongest canoe possible. For big, fast currents, loaded or unloaded, for the day or for three weeks, the Legend has no equal. First time paddlers of this canoe are consistently surprised by its stability, maneuverability, and ease of paddling.

(photo right) Check out Dagger's accessories for touring canoes. It's hard to notice the accessories with future super model Sarah Rose stealing our hearts and attention. - Photo by Patrick Murphy-Racey

Jeff Heffner watches from his canoe on O'Haver Lake as the sunrise reveals the dropping snowline on Ouray Peak. San Isabel National Forest, CO. *- Photo by Tim Brown* 

	Boat Length	15"	4 m 50 cm	autumm red
	Beam (max./4" water line)	36"/35.5"	90/89 cm	
	Depth (ends/mid-ship)	16"/13"	40/37.5 cm	and the second
	Rocker (bow/stern)	.5"/.5"	1.25/1.25 cm	
S	Weight (wood/alum. trim)	61/64 lbs	27.5 /29 kg	
TIONS	Shape (ends)	Slight Flare	Slight Flare	green
AT	Shape (mid-ship)	Tumblehome	Tumblehome	1 S 2 1
IFIC	Hull Symmetry	Asymmetrical	Asymmetrical	8
<u>د</u>	6" Freeboard Capacity	620 lbs*	279 kg*	COLORS
S B	Material	R-Light 2™	R-Light 2™	8
	STANDARD FEATURES: yoke, underseat waterbottle OPTIONAL FEATURES: V gunwales and Tennessee Ch	holder with bottle Vebbed seats, cer	i iter seat, wood tri	

	Boat Length	16'	4 m 88 cm	red
	Beam (Max./4" water line)	35"/33.5"	89 cm/85 cm	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
	Depth (ends/mid-ship)	17"/14.5"	43 cm/36.5 cm	
	Rocker (bow/stern)	2*	5 cm	ia.
2	Weight (wood/alum. trim)	70 lbs/76 lbs	32 kg/35 kg	
SPECIFICATIONS	Shape (ends)	Rounded Flare	Rounded Flare	green
AT	Shape (mid-ship)	Straight	Straight	
Ê	Hull Symmetry	Symmetrical	Symmetrical	\$2
Si I	6" Freeboard Capacity	1200 lbs	545 kg	COLORS
ŝ	Material	Royalex <sup>™</sup>	Royalex™	8
(	STANDARD FEATURES: \ Jeckplates, portage yoke, th DPTIONAL FEATURES: and Tennessee Cherry hard	iwart, underseat v Webbed seats, we	waterbottle holder bod trim (Northerr	and bottle

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# Accessories

A. Soft Hi Backrest: Attaches easily and enhances the comfort of your canoe.

B. Hiwassee Bent Shaft Paddle: Lightweight wood laminate paddle with bent shaft for efficient flatwater strokes. Made of Spruce, Ash, Maple, and Butternut with Cherry veneer Tip Guard, Modified palm grip. Lengths: 48" - 54" in 3" increments. C. Hiwassee Paddle: A straight shaft design using the same materials and construction as the Hiwassee Bent. Lengths: 54" - 63" in 3" increments.

D. Ultimate Yoke With Pads: Support and comfort when the portage is longer than a few boat-lengths.

Ultimate Bolt-On Yoke Pads: Attaches to any portage thwart.

Ultimate Clamp-On Yoke Pads: Easy on/easy off portage pads convert your thwart into a comfortable yoke.

### **OTHER ACCESSORIES (not pictured)**

Under Seat Water Bottle Holder: Easy access to water. Mounts under bow or stern seat. Dagger water bottle included.

Woven Seat: Oil finish with lacing that dries quickly. 34" or 40"

Yoke Thwart: 36" Ash thwart for easy portaging. Tapered Thwart: Traditional 36" tapered Ash thwart.

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Straight Thwart: Narrow, lightweight varnished thwart.

Flat Knee Pads: Ideal for canoes & C-1 outfitting. Single Fleece Thigh Straps: Comfortable control in whitewater. UFO V2 Thigh Straps featuring double velcro pulls also available.

Royalex Repair Kit: Easy to use repair kit for Royalex or R-Light 2TM canoe.

303 Protectant: Blocks UV radiation and restores color to your hull.

Skid Plate Kit: Protects the vulnerable bow and stern stems of the canoe.

Deks Olje: Penetrating wood preservative for wood gunwales and fittings

Deluxe Motor Mount: Oak block reinforced with cast aluminum brace. Accommodates small gas and electric motors.

Flipper Motor Mount: For electric motors only. If the prop or shaft strikes an obstacle, the motor kicks up.

Motor Mount Extender: For wide canoes adds 9" capacity for motor mount.

Marine MultiLite: A must for night paddling or paddling in fog and storm conditions. Has elastic band for attachment to boat and includes clear, red, and green lenses. Operates off of two AA batteries (not included).

# **COMPARISON CHART**

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# Sit-On-Tops

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fittings to molded-in footrests and a scuba cradle, our Sit-On-Tops require fewer accessories to get you on the water hasslefree. In fact, Derrick Anders is holding a basic accessory package up there on top. These boats handle themselves so well some underwater exploration? Whether you're out catching waves, diving in an environmentally sensitive area, or just we're sure once you've been out in one, you'll want a fleet of Sit-On-Tops for group outings or just plain stacking. into these boats you'll be hard-pressed to find something you don't like. From padded backrests and multiple recessed deck lollygagging around with friends in the summertime, Dagger's Sit-On-Tops will surprise you. We've put so many extras Ever thought about surfing with a paddle? Or paddling out to a reef, suiting up and dropping over the edge for

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(photo far left) Dagger employee, Derrick Anders, proudly stands atop his "Tower of Tikis." - Photo by Patrick Murphy-Racey

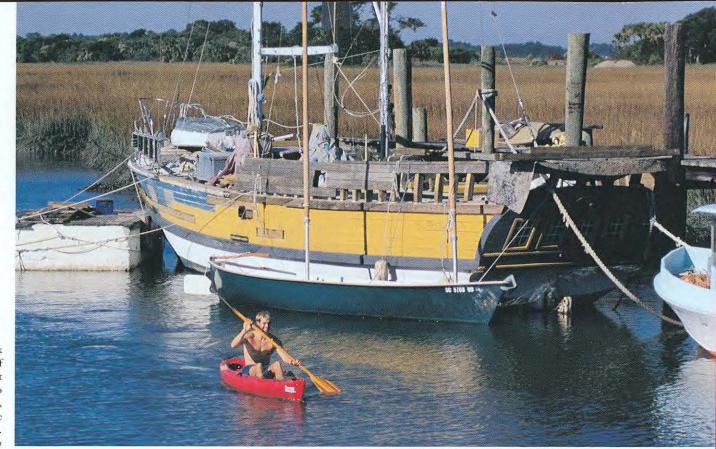
(photo left) Katelon Starr puts on a happy face for the camera with Jennifer Abbott piloting from the stern seat of the Tiki. Bahia Conception, Baja California. - *Photo by Grant Amaral* 

> Keith Liles cruising in the Cayman around Oak Island Creek, South Carolina. The marshes of the Southeastern U.S. coast are one of the most biodiverse ecologies in the world, home to thousands of species of plants and animals, and roughly 10 times as fertile as the Great Plains of the Midwest. - Photo by Steve Scarborough

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26 kg 45-135 kg FXL™





Our fastest cruising sit-on-top, the Cayman's strengths are its functional design and features. The Cayman has a wide beam and an efficient shallow arch midship that allows the boat to be stable while having a speedy feel that you don't get in most sit-on-tops. The upswept bow design keeps the boat from diving into choppy waves and swells in open water or in the surf zone. In cold weather or water the self-bailing scuppers can be plugged to reduce the flow of water into the boat. The scuba tank recess and optional rudder system top off this unique touring sit-on-top.

	Boat Length	12'6"
	Boat Width	29'
1	Depth	10*
	Weight	58 lbs
	Paddler Wt. Range	100-300 lbs
	Material	EXL™
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Г	STANDARD FEATURE	S: Bow access h

STANDARD FEATURES: Bow access hatch with one piece Sure-seal molded rubber hatch cover, stern hatch, quick draining self-bailing scuppers, scupper plugs, deck loops and seat accessory loops, recessed storage area with gear straps, Rapidile toolbraces, drain plug, solo side carry handles, Easy Grip carry handles, molded-in graphics OPTIONAL FEATURES: Integral rudder, backrest Sdo



(photo right) OK, Derrick couldn't be king of the "Tiki Tower" forever. Smiling (or grimacing?), he shows off some of Dagger's accessory line. - Photo by Grant Amaral

Smiling faces tell the story. Eric Brown tags along as his good friend's enthusiasm powers the Tiki ship. Baja, Southern California. - *Photo by Grant Amaral* 



Frolic

Just add water. The Frolic's simplicity and ultra-stable hull design translate into a boat that anyone can paddle. Well suited for everything from flatwater to ocean surf, the Frolic is great for those hot summer days on the lake or catching the ideal wave at the beach. With a custom scuba tank recess in the stern storage area, storage straps, and enough capacity for a long day out, the Frolic is just the boat for diving excursions. Kids will find this self-bailing sit-on-top big fun as a first boat or as a floating base for swimming and playing.



# Tiki

The ultimate multi-use craft, the Tiki is a tandem version of our self-bailing Frolic sit-on-top, suitable for everything from fishing your favorite pond or lake to surfing the big curlers. With its stable tri-hull design, the Tiki does double and triple duty as a snorkeling and dive platform with plenty of room for gear storage in the fore and aft cargo recessions. As for performance, CANOE AND KAYAK magazine says that "The Tiki tracks and turns well in a 10 knot breeze, and the handling is highly predictable" (August 1997). The Tiki's bow storage hatch is designed for small, quick access items and the recessed deck loops give you attachment points for gear, seat backs and thigh straps.

Boat Length	10'	3 m 5 cm	red
Boat Width	30"	76 cm	yellow
Depth	20"	50.5 cm	purple
Depth Weight Paddler Wt. Range Material	45 lbs	20 kg	blue
Paddler Wt. Range	100-300 lbs	45-136 kg	teal
Material	EXL <sup>TM</sup>	EXL <sup>TM</sup> 22	natural
		EXL <sup>TM</sup> SUCORO	white
		8	black

STANDARD FEATURES: Day hatch, quick draining sell-bailing scuppers, recessed deck loops and seat accessory loops, recessed bow and stern storage area with gear straps, drain plug, solo side carry handles, Easy Grip carry toggles, molded-in graphics

OPTIONAL FEATURES: Backrest

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	Boat Length	13	3 m 96 cm		red
	Boat Width	32'	81 cm		yellow
0	Depth	22"	55.5 cm	1.	purple
ð	Depth Weight Paddler(s) Wt. Range Material	66 lbs	30 kg	R	blue
AT	Paddler(s) Wt. Range	140-450 lbs	63.5-205 kg		teal
吕	Material	EXL™	EXL™	*	natural
S				COLORS	white
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STANDARD FEATURES: Day hatch, quick draining self-bailing scuppers, recessed deck loops and seat accessory loops, recessed bow and stern storage area with gear straps, drain plug, Easy Grip carry toggles, molded-in graphics OPTIONAL FEATURES: Backrest

### ACCESSORIES

A. Dagger LogoMark Hat: The Dagger LogoMark is on the front and "Dagger" name is on the back. Assorted colors.

B. Sea Spirit Paddle: Asymmetrical glass filled polypropylene blades with dihedral. Vinyl coated, ovalled aluminum shaft with drip rings. One-piece or take-apart. Feather: 65 degrees Lengths: 215-245 in 5 cm increments

C. River Spirit: Symmetrical glass filled polypropylene blades with slight dihedral. Vinyl coated, ovalled aluminum shaft. Available in one-piece or take-apart. Feather: 65 degrees Lengths (cm): 197,200,203,206 D. Wizard Surge Paddle: Asymmetric LFTE thermoplastic blades with a fiberglass shaft and drip rings. Available in a stiffer, lightweight graphite shaft model. One-piece or take-apart. Feather: 65 degrees Lengths: 215-240 in 5 cm increments

E. Sit-On-Top Backrest: Easily attaches to deck fittings and enhances the comfort of your boat. Fits Tiki, Frolic, and Cayman.

F. Sit-On-Top Thigh Straps: For greater control and more aggressive leans. Attaches to deck fittings. Models to fit all Dagger sit-on-tops.

**DAGGER CLOTHING (not pictured)** Dagger LogoMark T-shirt: Made of 100% pre-

shrunk cotton, the Dagger LogoMark and name are small on the left front and centered large on the back. Assorted colors.

Dagger Composites T-Shirt: 100% pre-shrunk cotton with C-boater piercing the Dagger LogoMark on back and "Unleash Your Potential" front left. Dagger LogoMark Polo Shirt: 100% cotton with Dagger name front left and LogoMark centered small on top back. Forest, Heather, Lake, and Red Dagger Keychain: Red anodized aluminum oval with Dagger LogoMark cutout.

Dagger Fleece Hat: 200 weight fleece toboggan with embroidered Dagger LogoMark. Assorted colors.

Cayman

Frolic

Tiki

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