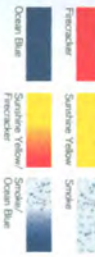


[corona™]

LOOKING TO GET OUT OF DODGE AND PUT THINGS BACK INTO PERSPECTIVE? TAKE A SHORT CUT WITH THE EASY-TO-CARTOP CORONA™ A HIGH-PERFORMANCE TOURING BOAT PACKAGED IN A MORE COMPACT AND MANEUVERABLE SIZE. SHARING ALL THE SAME GREAT FEATURES AS OUR ECLIPSE™ AND SHADOW™, THE CORONA IS LIGHTER AND SEVERAL INCHES SHORTER, WITH LESS BOAT TO HANDLE. IT PLAYS GREAT IN SURF ZONES OR ROCK GARDENS, AND ITS MAXIMUM DRY STORAGE IN BOTH THE FRONT AND REAR MAKES IT NOT ONLY THE PERFECT DAY-TRIPPER, BUT A SUPREME EXPEDITION PADDLER.

SPECS:

LENGTH 14'8" / 442 cm
 WIDTH 22 1/2" / 57 cm
 EST. DRY STORAGE 7500 cu. in. / 124 liters
 WEIGHT 52 lbs / 23 kg
 COCKPIT 34 1/2" x 18"W
 PADDLER LEVEL 88 cm L x 46 cm W
 MAX. LOAD 300 lbs / 159 kg



STANDARD FEATURES:

- MT-2000™ SUPER-LINEAR POLYETHYLENE
- BOW AND STERN DECK RIGGING
- LOW-PROFILE ADJUSTABLE THERMO-FORMED SEAT
- PADDED FOAM THIGHBRACES
- KEYPERS™ FOOTBRACES
- BOW AND STERN FLOTATION BULKHEADS
- HO BOY BOTTLE HOLDER

SPECIAL FEATURES:

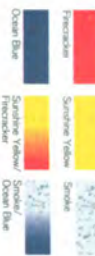
- NEOGEL™ SEAT BACK PAD
- SOFTTECH™ CUSTOMIZABLE SEAT PAD
- 3M™ REFLECTIVE STATIC SAFETY LINE
- PATENTED "EASY OPEN" BOW AND STERN HATCHES
- RUBBER-MOLDED GRAB HANDLES
- STERN ACCESSORY STRAPS
- TOP-DAWG™ SECURITY AND MOORING CLEAT
- OPTIONAL ANODIZED RUDDER

[solé™]

THE NIMBLE AND RESPONSIVE SOLÉ™ IS IDEAL FOR THE SMALLER PADDLER. YOU CAN TAKE IT ON PONDS, BIG LAKES AND RIVERS. YOU CAN PADDLE OUT OF THE SURF, TURN AROUND AND RIDE IT BACK IN. YOU CAN EVEN TAKE A DAY TRIP OR HEAD OUT OVERNIGHT. ELEGANT AND GRACEFUL, THE SOLÉ WILL TRACK STRAIGHT TO YOUR DESTINATION, BUT TURN SO FAST ON A LEAN THAT YOU'LL NEVER MISS A PASSING POD OF DOLPHINS. IT'S EASY TO STORE. IT'S LIGHTWEIGHT, SO IT'S EASY TO CARTOP, AND, IT'S EXTREMELY EFFICIENT, SO IT'S VERY EASY TO PADDLE. IF YOU CRAVE INDEPENDENCE AND WANT IT IN A SLEEK, BEAUTIFUL AND COMPACT PACKAGE, GO SOLÉ.

SPECS:

LENGTH 14'6" / 442 cm
 WIDTH 22" / 56 cm
 EST. DRY STORAGE 6900 cu. in. / 111 liters
 WEIGHT 49 lbs / 22 kg
 COCKPIT 35 1/2" x 18"W
 PADDLER LEVEL 89 cm L x 46 cm W
 MAX. LOAD 275 lbs / 125 kg



STANDARD FEATURES:

- MT-2000™ SUPER-LINEAR POLYETHYLENE
- BOW AND STERN DECK RIGGING
- LOW-PROFILE, ADJUSTABLE THERMO-FORMED SEAT
- PADDED FOAM THIGHBRACES
- KEYPERS™ FOOTBRACES
- BOW AND STERN FLOTATION BULKHEADS
- HO BOY BOTTLE HOLDER

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- NEOGEL™ SEAT BACK PAD
- SOFTTECH™ CUSTOMIZABLE SEAT PAD
- 3M™ REFLECTIVE STATIC SAFETY LINE
- RUBBER-MOLDED GRAB HANDLES
- PATENTED "EASY OPEN" BOW AND STERN HATCHES
- SAFETY DECK LINES
- STERN ACCESSORY STRAPS
- TOP-DAWG™ SECURITY AND MOORING CLEAT
- OPTIONAL ANODIZED RUDDER



[vizzcaya™]

THE SPEED, EFFICIENCY, AGILITY AND TRACKING OF THE VIZCAYA™ ARE INDISCRIABLE. BUT WE'RE GOING TO GIVE IT A SHOT ANYWAY. FOR UNPRECEDENTED PERFORMANCE AND MANEUVERABILITY, THE VIZCAYA IMPLEMENTS A SMALL KEEL RIDGE THAT RUNS THE LENGTH OF THE HULL AND A RAKED STERN THAT ADDS SEVERAL INCHES TO THE WATERLINE. ITS FLARED BOW LIFTS YOU OVER ROUGH WATER, AND BECAUSE MOST OF THE BOAT'S VOLUME IS CENTERED AROUND THE COCKPIT, THERE'S SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCED TURNING ABILITY AND PLENTY OF ROOM. BUT TO TRULY APPRECIATE THE VIZCAYA, WORDS WON'T SUFFICE — YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CLIMB IN.



SPECS:

LENGTH 16' / 480 cm
 WIDTH 24" / 61 cm
 EST. DRP. STORAGE 6500 cu. in. / 138 liters
 WEIGHT (class) 61 lbs. / 28 kg
 WEIGHT (expedition) 71 lbs. / 32 kg
 COCKPIT 34 1/2" x 21 1/2"
 PADDLER LEVEL 88 cm L x 53 cm W
 MAX. LOAD 400 lbs. / 181 kg



STANDARD FEATURES:

- MT-2000™ SUPER-LINEAR POLYETHYLENE
- BOW AND STERN DECK RIGGING
- PADDED FOAM THIGHBRACES
- KEELPERS™ FOOTBRACES
- BOW AND STERN FLotation BULKHEADS
- H2O BOTTLE HOLDER

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- FULLY ADJUSTABLE FOAM COMFORTTECH™ SEAT
- 3M™ REFLECTIVE STATIC SAFETY LINE
- PATENTED "EASY OPEN" BOW AND STERN HATCHES
- RUBBER-MOLDED GRAB HANDLES
- TOP DAWG™ SECURITY AND MOORING CLEAT
- SMALL, RUBBER, EASY-ACCESS DAY HATCH
- REAR BULKHEAD CARGO NET
- OPTIONAL ANODIZED RUDDER

Photo: Cameron Lawson



NELSON MANDELA IS FINALLY FREED.
AND IF WE DON'T SAY SO OURSELVES,
IT WAS ABOUT DAMN TIME.

Photo:
Cameron
Lawson



ON THE TUBE:

MILLIONS OF AMERICAN'S TUNE IN TO THE FIRST SIMPSONS— MARGE SPENDS ALL OF THE FAMILY'S CHRISTMAS MONEY TO REMOVE BART'S TATTOO. A NEW CULT IS BORN.

THE YEAR WAS 1990: GEORGE: "WHY SHOULD SHE HAVE THE UPPER HAND? ONCE IN MY LIFE I WOULD LIKE THE UPPER HAND. I HAVE NO HAND. NO HAND AT ALL. SHE HAS THE HAND. I HAVE NO HAND." JERRY: "WE ALL WANT THE HAND. HAND IS TOUGH TO GET." THAT'S RIGHT, SEINFELD PREMIERS. SO DO "PARENTAL ADVISORY: EXPLICIT LYRICS" STICKERS AND THE NC-17 RATING FOR THE MOVIES. PADDLERS STAY HOME FOR ONCE AND FLIP CHANNELS BETWEEN SEINFELD AND THAT OTHER NEW SHOW, THE SIMPSONS.

1990

[catalina™]

WITH THE CAPTIVA™ BIGGER PADDLERS GOT TO EXPERIENCE THE FUN OF THE CAROLINA™. SO WE FIGURED IT WAS TIME TO GIVE SMALLER PADDLERS A CHANCE. THUS, THE CATALINA™ AT 13'9" AND A MEASLY 49 POUNDS, IT'S EASY TO CARRY AND A CINCH TO CARTOP. ON THE WATER, ITS LENGTH (OR LACK THEREOF) MAKES IT VERY MANEUVERABLE. PLUS, IT TRACKS TRUE WITHOUT THE LEAST BIT OF EFFORT AND WHEN IT COMES TO STORAGE, IT CAN HOLD ITS OWN AND THEN SOME. HEY, JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE SMALL DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO CARRY ANY LESS THAN THE AVERAGE PADDLER, RIGHT?

Specs:

LENGTH	13'9" / 419 cm
WIDTH	29 1/2" / 76 cm
EST. DRY STORAGE	5500 cu. in. / 90 liters
WEIGHT	49 lbs / 22 kg
COCKPIT	33L x 20W
PADDLER LEVEL	84 cm L x 51 cm W
MAX. LOAD	89g - 80kg / 275 lbs / 125 kg



- STANDARD FEATURES:**
- MOLD-IN SEAT WITH ADJUSTABLE BACKREST
 - BOW AND STERN DECK RIGGING
 - PADDED FOAM THIGHBRACES
 - KEYPERS™ FOOTBRACES
 - BOW AND STERN FLUTATION BULKHEADS
 - HO BOTTLE HOLDER
 - BOW AND STERN DRY STORAGE
 - ERGO-SPORT GRAB HANDLES
- SPECIAL FEATURES:**
- TIGHTLOCK™ 10" RUBBER-MOLDED BOW HATCH
 - WIDEMOUTH™ 16" RUBBER-MOLDED STERN HATCH
 - SOFTTECH™ CUSTOMIZABLE ADHESIVE SEAT PAD
 - NEODIGL™ SEAT BACK PAD
 - ANODIZED RUDDER
 - NEW ANODIZED FIXED RUDDER/SKEG



THE ENTIRE LYRICS OF TECHNOTRONICS 1990 HIT, "PUMP UP THE VOLUME": "PUMP UP THE VOLUME. PUMP UP THE VOLUME. PUMP UP THE VOLUME. DANCE. DANCE." NOT EXACTLY SHAKESPEARE.

IN A TRAGIC ACCIDENT, ERIC CLAPTON'S SON FALLS OUT OF A WINDOW IN THEIR MANHATTAN HIGH-RISE APARTMENT. HIS SON'S DEATH INSPIRED CLAPTON'S TRIBUTE, "TEARS IN HEAVEN."

On the Radio: Kris Kross comes out with the song "Jump." They wear their clothes backwards. Parents freak out. The end.

On the Screen:
"BACK AND TO THE LEFT": OLIVER STONE CASTS KEVIN COSTNER IN JFK TO QUESTION THE "SINGLE-BULLET THEORY".

1991

THE YEAR WAS 1991: ALL PADDLING REPORTS PALE IN COM-

PARISON TO THE BIGGEST NEWS IN FIFTY YEARS: THE COLD WAR IS OFFICIALLY OVER. THE SOVIET UNION, AFTER A COUPLE OF YEARS OF "GLASNOST" AND "PERESTROIKA," DECIDES TO GO ALL THE WAY AND BECOME A DEMOCRACY. WELL, AS MUCH OF A DEMOCRACY AS A COUNTRY THAT'S LIVED WITH COMMUNISM FOR MORE THAN FORTY YEARS CAN. ON A SIDE NOTE, SOME LITTLE COUNTRY NAMED IRAQ TOOK OVER ANOTHER LITTLE COUNTRY NAMED KUWAIT. NO BIG DEAL, THOUGH. WE WENT OVER AND — BADDABING, BADDABOOM — KICKED THEM BACK OUT.

BEVERLY HILLS, 90210

HAVING NOT YET DISCOVERED A BETTER WAY TO SPEND THEIR TIME, AN ENTIRE NATION OF TEENS (AND A FEW SORRY ADULTS) ARE GLUED TO THE TUBE AS BRENDA ORGANIZES A GIRL'S ONLY PARTY FOR HERSELF. KELLY, DONNA, AND ANDREA, DAVID AND SCOTT CATCH WORD OF WHAT'S HAPPENING AND TURN UP, HOPING TO GET SOME PICTURES OF THE GIRLS. BUT THEY END UP BUSTED.



[carolina™]

NO MATTER WHAT YOUR EXPERIENCE LEVEL, THE CAROLINA™ IS INCREDIBLY SEAWORTHY AND EASY TO PADDLE. IT'S A HIGHLY MANEUVERABLE, EASILY MANAGED BOAT THAT TRACKS AS TRUE AS A PLUMB LINE. AND ITS UPSWEPT, FLARED BOW MAKES CROSSING ROUGH WATER A BREEZE. THE OUTSTANDING STORAGE CAPACITY AND COCKPIT VOLUME MAKES THE CAROLINA PERFECT FOR COMFORTABLE WEEKENDING OR DAYTRIPPING. THERES A REASON THE CAROLINA IS EXTREMELY POPULAR. WHEN YOU PADDLE IT YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHY.

SPECS:

LENGTH	14.7' / 447 cm
WIDTH	25 1/2" / 64 cm
EST. DRY STORAGE	6800 cu. ft. / 190 liters
WEIGHT (basic)	54 lbs / 24 kg
(expedition)	56 lbs / 25 kg
COCKPIT	34" / 86 cm L x 20" / 51 cm W
PADDLER LEVEL	bag - 30k
MAX. LOAD	400 lbs / 181 kg



- STANDARD FEATURES:**
- MOLDED-IN SEAT WITH ADJUSTABLE BACKREST
 - BOW AND STERN DECK RIGGING
 - PADDED FOAM THIGHBRACES
 - KEELPERS™ FOOTBRACES
 - H2O BOTTLE HOLDER
 - BOW AND STERN FLotation BULKHEADS
 - ERGO-SPORT GRAB HANDLES
 - DUAL TRACKING CHANNELS
- SPECIAL FEATURES:**
- TIGHTLOCK™ 10" RUBBER-MOLDED BOW HATCH
 - WIDEMOUTH™ 16" RUBBER-MOLDED STERN HATCH
 - SOFTTECH™ CUSTOMIZABLE ADHESIVE SEAT PAD
 - NEOGEL™ SEAT BACK PAD
 - OPTIONAL ANODIZED RUDDER
 - OPTIONAL NEW ANODIZED FIXED RUDDER / SKEG

[captiva™]

THE CAPTIVA™ TAKES THE BEST OF THE CAROLINA™ AND INCREASES THE COCKPIT SIZE AND HEIGHT TO ACCOMMODATE THE BIGGER BROTHEREN IN THE PADDLING FAMILY. IT ALSO ADDS SEVENTEEN INCHES TO THE OVERALL LENGTH. WITH THIS STRETCH COMES A SERIOUS VOLUME INCREASE, AS WELL AS CAVERNOUS CARGO CAPACITY. SO IF THE CAROLINA WONT HOLD YOU, BUT YOU STILL WANT TO EXPERIENCE THE NUANCES THAT SET IT APART FROM ITS COMPETITORS, TRY THE CAPTIVA.

SPECS:

LENGTH	16' / 488 cm
WIDTH	25 1/2" / 64 cm
EST. DRY STORAGE	11,000 cu. ft. / 310 liters
WEIGHT	58 lbs / 26 kg
COCKPIT	34" / 86 cm L x 21" / 53 cm W
PADDLER LEVEL	bag - 30k
MAX. LOAD	425 lbs / 193 kg



- STANDARD FEATURES:**
- MOLDED-IN SEAT WITH ADJUSTABLE BACKREST
 - BOW AND STERN DECK RIGGING
 - PADDED FOAM THIGHBRACES
 - KEELPERS™ FOOTBRACES
 - BOW AND STERN FLotation BULKHEADS
 - VERTICAL WALL FLotation
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1992

THE INTERNET SOCIETY IS CHARTERED. ONE MILLION HOST COMPUTERS ARE CONNECTED IN A NETWORK. PEOPLE BEGIN TO DISAPPEAR INTO THEIR OFFICES NEVER TO BE HEARD FROM AGAIN.

INTERNATIONAL UFO MUSEUM OPENS IN ROSWELL, N.M.

BEASTIE BOYS PUT OUT CHECK YOUR HEAD. EVEN THOUGH THEY RELEASE ONE OF THEIR BEST SONGS YET ('SO WHAT CHA WANT'), 'ALTERNATIVE STATIONS' INSIST ON STILL PLAYING SONGS FROM LICENSED TO ALL





Photos: David Sams, Texas Imprint



AMY FISHER PLEADS GUILTY TO SHOOTING MARY JO BUTTAFUOCO, THE WIFE OF HER, UM, FRIEND JOEY BUTTAFUOCO. SHE WAS SIXTEEN AT THE TIME.

[recreational kayaks]

IN THE EARLY '90S THINGS WERE CHANG-
ING. THERE WAS A WHOLE NEW KIND OF
MUSIC CALLED "GRUNGE." THERE WAS THIS

ONCE PERCEIVED TO BE THE DOMAIN OF
THRILL-SEEKERS AND EXTREME-SPORTERS.

NEW THING CALLED "THE

IZED, "HEY, COOL. I COULD DO THAT" AND

INTERNET." AND ALL

THEY DID, ESPECIALLY IN REC BOATS. SAFE,

OF A SUDDEN WE

SIMPLE, STEADY AND FUN. RECREATIONAL

HAD A PRESI-

KAYAKS BRING PADDLING TO EVERYBODY.

DENT WHO WENT

WHETHER YOU WANT TO GET OUT ON THE

ON TALK SHOWS TO

WATER FOR AN AFTERNOON, ARE LOOKING

LOOK US IN THE EYE AND TELL US HE FELT

TO SPEND THE DAY AT THE LAKE WITH THE

OUR PAIN. PRETTY MUCH ACROSS THE

FAMILY OR JUST WANT TO ADD A LITTLE ON-

BOARD THINGS JUST WEREN'T THE WAY

WATER TIME TO YOUR WORK-OUT, YOU CAN

THEY USED TO BE. EVEN IN KAYAKING.

DO IT IN A REC BOAT.



NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK
BREAK UP. (AND THEIR WAS
MUCH REJOICING.)



Photo: Jed Weingarten

On the Tube: "It's a dog-eat-dog world and I'm wearing Milkbone® underwear": Norm and the rest of the Cheers cast air their final episode.

THE YEAR WAS 1993: IF THERE WAS ANY DOUBT BEFORE, THE 80S ARE HISTORY. THE SLICK, POP SCENE HAS GIVEN WAY TO A WORLD OF GRUNGE MUSIC, CUTOFF FLANNEL AND LOOK-MY-MOM-CUT-A-HOLE-IN-THE-KNEES JEANS. MANY SANE PEOPLE FIND THIS IRRITATING AND BEGIN LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET OUT OF THE IN-YOUR-FACE CROWD. LUCKY FOR THEM A NEW CATEGORRY OF KAYAKS HAS BEGUN TO EMERGE — REC BOATS. IN '93 PERCEPTION OFFERED THREE: THE KEOWEE, THE KEOWEE II™ TANDEM AND THE GEMINI. MANY PEOPLE TAKE US UP ON THAT OFFER, GIVING WAY TO A LIFE OF PADDLING, AND GETTING AWAY FROM ALL THAT GRUNGE.

1993



[umiak™]

A TOURING BOAT DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR KIDS. SLEEK AND SEAWORTHY, THE UMIAK™ IS FOR PADDLERS UP TO 120 POUNDS. INTEGRAL SEAT AND FOAM FLotation PILLARS HELP MAKE IT LIGHTWEIGHT, SO IT'S EASY FOR KIDS TO HANDLE. AND THE GREENLAND-STYLE HULL GUARANTEES SURE TRACKING. THE UMIAK ALSO FEATURES AN OPTIONAL BACKBAND.

SPECS:

LENGTH	17' / 366 cm
WIDTH	21 1/4" / 55 cm
WEIGHT	36 lbs / 16 kg
COCKPIT	30"L x 17 1/2"W
PADDLER LEVEL	76 cm L x 45 cm W
MAX. LOAD	120 lbs / 91 kg



- STANDARD FEATURES:**
- MOLDED SEAT
 - KEEPERS™ FOOTBRACES
 - BOW AND STERN DECK RIGGING
 - DRAIN PLUG
 - BOW AND STERN GRAB HANDLES
- SPECIAL FEATURES:**
- VERTICAL WALL FLotation
 - OPTIONAL BACKBAND

IT'S THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CRACKER JACKS®: KIDS NO LONGER SATISFIED WITH RUB-OFF TATTOOS. NOW WANT GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR REAL ONES.

[swifty™]

SHORT AND SWEET, THE SWIFTY™ IS OUR MOST POPULAR RECREATIONAL KAYAK. IT'S WHAT'S CALLED AN EASY-ACCESS BOAT. ANYONE CAN GET INTO IT AND HAVE FUN — ON PONDS, LAKES OR MILD RIVERS. IT MANEUVERS GREAT, TRACKS WELL AND FEATURES MOLDED FLUTATION AND A HULL WITH DUAL TRACKING CHANNELS. IN SHORT, IT BRINGS PADDLING (AND EXCITEMENT) TO THE MASSES.



SPECS:

LENGTH	9'4" / 284 cm
WIDTH	29 1/2" / 75 cm
WEIGHT	36 lbs / 16 kg
COCKPIT	42 1/2" L x 20 3/4" W
PADDLER LEVEL	beg. - int.
MAX. LOAD	350 lbs / 159 kg



STANDARD FEATURES:

- MOLDED SEAT WITH ADJUSTABLE BACKREST
- KEEPERS™ FOOTBRACES
- DRAIN PLUG
- CUP HOLDER
- BOW AND STERN GRAB HANDLES

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- DUAL TRACKING CHANNELS
- MOLDED FLUTATION
- OPTIONAL CHILD'S SEAT

[sierra™]

IF YOU'RE JUST TAKING UP PADDLING, SIERRA'S THE BOAT FOR YOU. IT'S STABLE AND EASY TO MANEUVER, SO YOU'LL GAIN CONFIDENCE QUICKLY. BUT ITS PERFORMANCE CAPABILITIES WILL INSPIRE YOU LONG AFTER YOU'VE MASTERED THE BASICS. PLUS, THE ROOMY COCKPIT MAKES IT A CINCH TO GET IN AND OUT OF. AND THE OVER-SIZED SEAT WILL HAVE YOU PADDLING IN COMFORT AND STYLE. IN FACT, THE COCKPIT'S SO SPACIOUS, THE BOAT EVEN COMES WITH AN OPTIONAL CHILD'S SEAT FOR YOUR LITTLE ONE. THE SIERRA™ COMES IN BOTH STANDARD AND EXPEDITION MODELS, EITHER OF WHICH ARE EXTREMELY VERSATILE AND MAKE FOR GREAT FAMILY FUN.



SPECS:

LENGTH	11'1" / 338 cm
WIDTH	28 1/4" / 72 cm
EST. DRY STORAGE	3125 cu. in. / 51 liters
WEIGHT (BASIC)	43 lbs / 19 kg
WEIGHT (EXPEDITION)	45 lbs / 20 kg
COCKPIT	47" L x 21" W
PADDLER LEVEL	beg. - adv.
MAX. LOAD	450 lbs / 204 kg



STANDARD FEATURES:

- MOLDED SEAT WITH ADJUSTABLE BACKREST
- KEEPERS™ FOOTBRACES
- STERN DECK RIGGING
- CUP HOLDER
- ERGO-SPORT GRAB HANDLES
- DRAIN PLUG (BASIC MODEL ONLY)

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- DUAL TRACKING CHANNELS
- VERTICAL WALL FLUTATION
- TIGHTLOCK™ STERN 10" ROUND RUBBER HATCH
- OPTIONAL CHILD'S SEAT
- EXPEDITION FEATURES:
- STERN FLUTATION BULKHEAD



Photo:
Jed Weingarten

IN THE NEWS: JOHN BOBBIT BECOMES THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS AMPUTEE.

[acadia™]

THE CLASSIC KAYAK. THAT'S ACADIA.™ IT'S LIGHTWEIGHT, SO IT'S EASY TO HANDLE WITH A PADDLE. IT'S JUST AS EASY TO STICK ON TOP OF YOUR CAR, AND ONCE YOU MAKE A BEELINE TO YOUR FAVORITE WATERWAY, YOU'LL FIND THE ACADIA WILL MAKE A BEELINE TO WHEREVER IT IS YOU'RE GOING. JUST POINT IT IN THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF YOUR DESTINATION, AND ITS INNOVATIVE DUAL-CHANNEL HULL DESIGN WILL TRACK YOU THERE WITHOUT A CARE.

- SPECS:**
- LENGTH 19'4" / 376 cm
 - WIDTH 27 1/2" / 70 cm
 - EST. DRY STORAGE 4480 cu. in. / 73 liters
 - WEIGHT 50 lbs / 23 kg
 - COCKPIT 34" L x 20" W
 - PADDLER LEVEL 88 cm L x 51 cm W
 - MAX. LOAD 400 lbs / 181 kg
- STANDARD FEATURES:**
- MOLDED SEAT WITH ADJUSTABLE BACKREST
 - KEYPERS™ FOOTBRACES
 - BOW AND STERN DECK RIGGING
 - CUP HOLDER
 - ERGO-SPORT™ GRAB HANDLES
 - DRAIN PLUG (BASIC MODEL ONLY)
- SPECIAL FEATURES:**
- DUAL TRACKING CHANNELS
 - VERTICAL WALL FLOTATION
 - LIGHTLOOK™ STERN 10" ROUND RUBBER HATCH
- EXPEDITION FEATURES:**
- STERN FLOTATION BULKHEAD
 - OPTIONAL ANODIZED RUDDER



[america™]

THIS RECREATIONAL WONDER BUILDS ON OUR POPULAR ACADIA TO BE KAYAK-READY FOR MANY WATER ENVIRONMENTS. ENTRY-LEVEL PADDLERS WILL APPRECIATE THE AMERICA™ FOR ITS STABLE, STRAIGHT-LINE TRACKING, BUT AS SKILLS ADVANCE, YOU'LL FIND THIS BOAT IS CAPABLE OF MAKING GEOMETRY-DEFYING TURNS ON COMMAND. ITS CAMEROUN COCKPIT AND COMFY SEAT ACCOMMODATE PADDLERS OF MOST ANY SIZE. AND THE EXPEDITION MODEL COMES WITH PLENTY OF STORAGE FOR A WEEKEND WITH THE FAMILY. SPEAKING OF FAMILY, THE AMERICA EVEN COMES WITH A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD OR DOG. AND YOU JUST CAN'T GET MUCH MORE AMERICAN THAN THAT.

- SPECS:**
- LENGTH 13'4" / 406 cm
 - WIDTH 27 1/2" / 70 cm
 - EST. DRY STORAGE 4750 cu. in. / 78 liters
 - WEIGHT (basic) 52 lbs / 23 kg
 - (expedition) 55 lbs / 25 kg
 - COCKPIT 47" L x 21" W
 - PADDLER LEVEL 119 cm L x 53 cm W
 - MAX. LOAD 450 lbs / 204 kg
- STANDARD FEATURES:**
- MOLDED SEAT WITH ADJUSTABLE BACKREST
 - KEYPERS™ FOOTBRACES
 - STERN DECK RIGGING
 - CUP HOLDER
 - ERGO-SPORT™ GRAB HANDLES
 - DRAIN PLUG (BASIC MODEL ONLY)
- SPECIAL FEATURES:**
- DUAL TRACKING CHANNELS
 - VERTICAL WALL FLOTATION
 - OPTIONAL CHILD'S SEAT
 - WIDEMOUTH™ 16" RUBBER-MOLDED STERN HATCH
- EXPEDITION FEATURES:**
- STERN FLOTATION BULKHEAD
 - BOW DECK RIGGING
 - OPTIONAL ANODIZED RUDDER



ALSO ON THE TUBE: O.J. SIMPSON LEADS POLICE ON AN INCREDIBLY SLOW GOOSE CHASE DOWN THE SANTA MONICA FREEWAY. THEN HE LEADS D.A.'S ON AN INCREDIBLY SLOW GOOSE CHASE FOR THE "REAL KILLERS."



Photo: Shawn Harper

ON THE PADDIO:

SPIN DOCTORS RELEASE
TURN IT UPSIDE DOWN.
IT INCLUDES THE SINGLE
"BIG FAT FUNKY BOOTY."
EVERYONE LAUGHS.
NO ONE BUYS.

In the Stores:

Adidas wind pants.
Everybody got some.

Photo: Jed Weingarten

THE YEAR WAS 1994: THIS YEAR, ONE MOVIE COMPARES LIFE TO A BOX OF CHOCOLATES AND

ANOTHER COMPARES BEING A BUM TO WANDERING THE EARTH LIKE CAIN FROM *KUNG FU*. (THAT WOULD

BE *FORREST GUMP* AND *PULP FICTION* RESPECTIVELY, FOR THOSE OF YOU WITH SHORT MEMORIES.)

IT ALSO GIVES US WHAT WOULD END UP BEING THE LAST TRIAL OF THE CENTURY, AS O.J. SIMPSON IS

CHARGED WITH DOUBLE MURDER, APPARENTLY, PADDLERS WERE TOO BUSY WATCHING THE INFAMOUS

WHITE BRONCO WANDER L.A.'S FREEWAYS TO REPORT BACK ON THEIR PADDLING EXPEDITIONS.

On the Tube: *ER* AIRS FOR THE FIRST TIME. WOMEN ENJOY WATCH-

ING *GEORGE CLOONEY* AND *ANTHONY EDWARDS*. MEN CAN'T KEEP
FROM ASKING: "ISN'T THAT THE GUY FROM *REVENGE OF THE NERDS?*"

Kurt Cobain commits
suicide leaving his

daughter, Frances Bean.



1994

"SEWER RAT MAY TASTE LIKE PUMPKIN PIE, BUT I'LL NEVER KNOW": QUENTIN TARANTINO RELEASES *PULP FICTION*, HIS LONG-AWAITED FOLLOW-UP TO *RESERVOIR DOGS*.

BABE MAKES HIS SCREEN DEBUT IN SELF-TITLED FILM. (THE PIG, NOT THE BASEBALL PLAYER.)

The television series *Friends* produces the freak I-have-to-get-my-hair-cut-like-Rachel's phenomenon.

Still in the News: If the glove doesn't fit, you must acquit: O.J. Simpson found innocent by a jury of his peers.

1995

THE YEAR WAS 1995: ADVENTURE RACING, UNHEARD OF IN MOST CIRCLES, MAKES ITS AMERICAN DEBUT IN UTAH. IT IS SPECIFICALLY CALLED THE ECO-CHALLENGE, AND ENTRANTS PARTICIPATE IN A WIDE RANGE OF PHYSICALLY AND

On the Radio: Dave Grohl, former drummer for Nirvana, comes out with his own band, the Foo Fighters. Makes everyone wonder what happened to that other Nirvana guy whose bass hit him in the head during the MTV awards show.

MENTALLY STRENUOUS EVENTS. IN THIS EARLY VERSION, PARTICIPANTS PADDLE A CANOE 52 MILES. IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS, THE CANOES WOULD BE REPLACED WITH SEA KAYAKS. IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL, THE GOVERNMENT PUTS TOGETHER THE WILD & SCENIC RIVERS COORDINATING COUNCIL TO HELP IN ADMINISTERING THE WILD & SCENIC RIVERS ACT OF 1968. IT'S MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BLM, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE AND US FOREST SERVICE.

In the Stores: JELLES COME BACK IN STYLE. NO, NOT SMUCKER'S. THE SHOES. AND LAVA LAMPS RESURGE IN COLLEGE DORM ROOMS EVERYWHERE.

page 40 Photo: Jed Weingarten





Fontana™

THE NEW FONTANA™ IS YOUR ROUND-TRIP TICKET FOR TWO. IT MIGHT BE THE SMALLEST TANDEM WE OFFER, BUT ITS LARGE, OPEN COCKPIT WILL RELIEVE EVEN THE MOST SEVERE CASE OF CLAUSTROPHOBIA. THERE'S EVEN ENOUGH ROOM FOR AN OPTIONAL CHILD'S SEAT, SO THERE'S NO NEED FOR JUNIOR TO MISS OUT ON THE GREAT OUTDOORS. ONCE YOU'RE ON THE WATER, YOU'LL BE AMAZED AT ITS STABILITY AND ITS TRACKING CAPABILITY. AND WHEN YOU'RE (UNFORTUNATELY) BACK ON DRY LAND, YOU'LL FIND THE FONTANA IS EASY TO CARTOP THANKS TO ITS COMPACT DESIGN.

SPECS:

LENGTH 13'9" / 409 cm
 WIDTH 32" / 81 cm
 EST. DRY STORAGE 3200 cu. in. / 52 liters
 WEIGHT 65 lbs. / 30 kg
 COCKPIT 88"L x 25"W
 PADDLER LEVEL 224 cm L x 64 cm W
 MAX. LOAD 590 lbs / 249 kg



STANDARD FEATURES:

- MOLDED-IN SEATS WITH ADJUSTABLE BACKREST
- LARGE OPEN COCKPIT
- BOW AND STERN VERTICAL FLOTATION
- KEEPERS™ FOOTBRACES
- BOW AND STERN DECK RIGGING
- ERGO-SPORT GRAB HANDLES
- CUP HOLDER IN EACH SEAT
- DRAIN PLUG (BASIC MODEL ONLY)

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- TIGHTLOCK™ STERN 10" ROUND RUBBER HATCH
- OPTIONAL CHILD'S SEAT

EXPEDITION FEATURES:

- STERN DRY STORAGE
- STERN FLOTATION BULWHEAD



Photo:
David Sams,
Texas Imprint

[keowee III™]

BASED ON OUR POPULAR KEOWEE II™, THE KEOWEE III™ TAKES THE BEST OF ITS OLDER SIBLING AND ADDS A FEW NEW LUXURIES. THIS MID-SIZED TANDEM HAS ADJUSTABLE ROTOMOLDED SEATS ON RAILS FOR A CUSTOM FIT, SO IT CAN ACCOMMODATE LONG-LEGGED PADDLERS AND PETITE PADDLERS ALIKE. REGARDLESS OF YOUR SIZE, THE SUPER-HIGH SEAT BACKS AND LARGE, COMFORTABLE SEAT BOTTOMS LET YOU GLIDE THROUGH THE WATER IN LUXURY. PLUS, THERE'S A STANDARD THIRD SEAT FOR YOUR CHILD OR YOUR POOCH, AND IF YOU'RE TAKING THE FAMILY (OR THE DOG) OUT FOR AN OVERNIGHT STAY, YOU'LL FIND THE TIGHTLOCK 10" ROUND RUBBER HATCH AND BOW AND STERN DECK RIGGING COME IN HANDY FOR CARRYING YOUR CAMPING GEAR.

SPECS:

LENGTH	14'3" / 434 cm
WIDTH	33" / 84 cm
EST. DRY STORAGE	5600 cu. in. / 90 liters
WEIGHT	69 lbs / 31 kg
COCKPIT	88" L x 28" W
PADDLER LEVEL	224 cm L x 64 cm W
MAX. LOAD	660 lbs / 299 kg

- STANDARD FEATURES:**
- ADJUSTABLE ROTOMOLDED SEATS ON RAILS
 - SUPER-HIGH SEAT BACKS AND LARGE COMFORTABLE SEAT BOTTOMS
 - LARGE, OPEN COCKPIT
 - BOW AND STERN VERTICAL FLOTATION
 - KEEPERS™ FOOTBRACES
 - BOW AND STERN DECK RIGGING
 - ERGO-SPORT GRAB HANDLES
- SPECIAL FEATURES:**
- TIGHTLOCK™ STERN 10" ROUND RUBBER HATCH
 - CHILD'S SEAT STANDARD
- EXPEDITION FEATURES:**
- STERN DRY STORAGE
 - STERN FLOTATION BULKHEAD
 - OPTIONAL RUDDER

SPECS:

LENGTH	16' / 488 cm
WIDTH	33" / 84 cm
EST. DRY STORAGE	4500 cu. in. / 74 liters
WEIGHT	73 lbs / 33 kg
COCKPIT	90" L x 29" W
PADDLER LEVEL	234 cm L x 66 cm W
MAX. LOAD	700 lbs / 318 kg

- STANDARD FEATURES:**
- ADJUSTABLE ROTOMOLDED SEATS ON RAILS
 - SUPER-HIGH SEAT BACKS AND LARGE COMFORTABLE SEAT BOTTOMS
 - LARGE, OPEN COCKPIT
 - BOW AND STERN VERTICAL FLOTATION
 - KEEPERS™ FOOTBRACES
 - BOW AND STERN DECK RIGGING
 - ERGO-SPORT GRAB HANDLES
- SPECIAL FEATURES:**
- TIGHTLOCK™ STERN 10" ROUND RUBBER HATCH
 - CHILD'S SEAT STANDARD
- EXPEDITION FEATURES:**
- STERN DRY STORAGE
 - STERN FLOTATION BULKHEAD
 - OPTIONAL RUDDER

[aurora™]

THE BIG BOY OF OUR NEW FAMILY OF TANDEMS, 16 FEET IN LENGTH WITH A 92" LONG COCKPIT, YOU CAN PADDLE AT YOUR OWN PACE WITHOUT HITTING YOUR PARTNER'S PADDLE. IT ALSO GIVES YOU PLENTY OF ROOM TO ADJUST THE ROTOMOLDED SEATS ON THEIR RAILS FOR THE PERFECT PERSONAL FIT. THE SEATS ALSO SHIFT TO EASILY ACCOMMODATE SOLO PADDLING. THE EXPEDITION MODEL ADDS STERN DRY STORAGE, A STERN FLOTATION BULKHEAD AND AN OPTIONAL RUDDER, WITH OR WITHOUT THE RUDDER, THOUGH, THE AURORA™ TRACKS WELL AND WILL GET YOU, YOUR FIRST MATE, YOUR DOG OR CHILD WHEREVER YOU'RE GOING WITH NO WORRIES.

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1996

THE YEAR WAS 1996: KAYAKING GETS A WORLDWIDE AUDIENCE AND INCREASED ATTENTION BACK IN THE STATES AS THE OCOEE RIVER IS CHOSEN TO HOST THE OLYMPIC WHITEWATER GAMES. WHO KNOWS HOW MANY ATTENDEES AND TV VIEWERS WERE INFLUENCED AND TOOK UP PADDLING THEMSELVES? IN MORE PERSONAL NEWS, OUR OWN WHITEWATER TEAM PERCEPTION BEGINS TRAVELLING AROUND THE COUNTRY IN STYLE AFTER THEY ADOPT K.C. AND THE SUNSHINE BAND'S OLD LIMO AS THEIR TOUR BUS. WHY WOULD THEY EVER DO SUCH A THING? BECAUSE "THAT'S THE WAY, UH HUH, UH HUH, THEY LIKE IT!"

ALANIS MORISSETTE RELEASES SINGLE "IRONIC." MAKES IT PAINFULLY OBVIOUS SHE DOESN'T KNOW THE DEFINITION OF "IRONIC."

MCDONALD'S SPENDS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO LAUNCH ITS NEW SANDWICH, THE ARCH DELUXE. AS SOMETHING THE KIDS WILL HATE, IT WORKS. THE KIDS DO HATE IT, SO THEY START DRAGGING THEIR PARENTS ELSEWHERE.

THE ALLEGED UNBOMBER, TED KAZCZYNSKI, IS ARRESTED IN HIS BACKWOODS MONTANA SHACK. HE'S BATHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

"DIDN'T MONKEY WITH HIS CAR THERE, DID YA?": THE COEN BROTHERS RELEASE FARGO. PEOPLE FROM MINNESOTA CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S SO FUNNY.

Photo: Jed Weingarten



1997

THE HALE-BOPP COMET ARRIVES.
IT'S THE BRIGHTEST COMET TO PASS
EARTH IN CENTURIES. (IT WAS COOL.)

TITANIC IS RELEASED.
IT GROSSES MORE MONEY THAN
ANY FILM IN HISTORY.

TICKLE-ME ELMO™
FLIES OFF THE SHELVES
AT CHRISTMAS.





Photos: Ron Dahlquist

THE DREW CAREY SHOW PREMIERS PROVING THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE BEAUTIFUL TO MAKE IT IN SHOW BUSINESS. AS LONG AS YOU'RE EXTREMELY FUNNY.

[sit-on-top kayaks]

RAINY DAY ON THE LAKE?
DON'T FORGET YOUR GOOD
FRIEND — BOWLING.



WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU CAN SEE THE

WAS YOUR IDEA OF A GOOD TIME. HOW-

END OF A DECADE, CENTURY AND MILLEN-

EVER, THERE WAS AN ALTERNATIVE: YOU

NUM JUST OVER THE HORIZON? WELL IF

COULD ALWAYS GET OUT ON THE WATER.

THE LATE 1990S ARE

AND IF YOU WERE INTO SUN, SAND AND

ANY INDICA-

SURF, THERE WAS NO WAY BETTER THAN

TION, YOU

A SIT-ON-TOP KAYAK. THERE STILL ISN'T.

DUPLICATE

SIT-ON-TOPS COMBINE THE SLICE-AND-

FARM ANIMALS.

DICE MANEUVERABILITY OF WHITEWATER

GO PUBLIC WITH YOUR

BOATS WITH THE STRAIGHT-LINE SPRINT-

UPSTART DOT.COM AND HIT LOTS AND

ABILITY OF TOURERS TO DELIVER A

LOTS OF HOME RUNS. IF NONE OF THAT

SIMPLE, OPEN-AIR RIDE.



"YOU THINK I COULD LAUGH LIKE ELMER FUDD IN A JUICER?": AFTER ITS SEVEN-YEAR RUN AS CULTURAL PHENOMENON AND CATCHPHRASE PRODUCER, *SEINFELD* AIRS ITS LAST EPISODE.

1998

THE YEAR WAS 1998: HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DISCOVERY CHANNEL VIEWERS WATCH

THE ECO-CHALLENGE ON TV. IT IS THE FOURTH YEAR IN EXISTENCE AND INCLUDES A SEA KAYAKING LEG ALONG THE MOROCCAN COAST. MANY RACERS FIND IT THE MOST CHALLENGING OF THE EVENTS, HAVING ONLY BEEN IN A BOAT A FEW TIMES. AND SOME TEAMS ARE DISQUALIFIED. SOUNDS TO US LIKE THEY SHOULD HAVE FOUND PERCEPTION A LITTLE EARLIER. OR PERHAPS THEY SHOULD HAVE CONSIDERED PADDLING SOLO IN EITHER THE SHADOW OR ECLIPSE. THIS WAS THE FIRST YEAR OF THEIR PRODUCTION, REVOLUTIONIZING TOURING KAYAKS IN TERMS OF COMFORT AND EFFICIENCY.

On the Water:

Whitewater recreational flows are restored to the Class V La Grande Canyon of the Nisqually River, WA beginning a three-year evaluation period to determine the feasibility and demand for whitewater boating.

On the Tube:

Bob Barker celebrates the 5,000th episode of *The Price Is Right*.

The Navy finally drops bellbottoms. Geez, and they were just coming back into style...

On the Radio: Hanson puts out "Mmm Bop," which is pretty much the same noise their career made while hitting the bottom after the single played out.

page 46 Photo: Ron Dahlquist



[prism™]

WHAT DO YOU CALL IT WHEN A FEW OVERWORKED DESIGNERS FORGET TO PUT A DECK ON A TOURING KAYAK? PURE GENIUS. THE PRISM™ IS THE PERFECT BOAT FOR SPORTSMEN AND GENERAL OUTDOORS ENTHUSIASTS. ITS LONG, SLEEK LINES LET YOU EFFORTLESSLY AND EFFICIENTLY COVER THE OPEN SEA AND STAY ON COURSE FOR FUN. AND YOU CAN EASILY STORE YOUR GEAR OR RODS AND REELS INSIDE OR ON TOP OF THE BOAT ITSELF. MAKING THE PRISM AN EXCELLENT MULTI-DAY TRIPPER.

SPECS:

LENGTH	142" / 432 cm
WIDTH	27" / 69 cm
WEIGHT	61 lbs / 28 kg
PADDLER LEVEL	beg - adv.
MAX. LOAD	325 lbs / 147 kg

█ Prismatic █ Sparrow Yellow █ Sparrow

- STANDARD FEATURES:**
- MOLDED-IN SEAT
 - SELF-BAILING DRAIN HOLES
 - ACCESSORY SEAT READY
 - BOW AND STERN GRAB HANDLES
 - DRAIN PLUG
- SPECIAL FEATURES:**
- KEYPERS™ FOOTBRACES
 - CUP HOLDER
 - ACCESSORY DECK LOOPS
 - LARGE BOW AND STERN HATCHES WITH GEAR STRAPS
 - MIDSHIP GRAB HANDLES
 - OPTIONAL ANODIZED RUDDER



[swing™]

WHETHER YOU'RE FISHING, SCUBA DIVING, SNORKELING OR JUST GETTING OUT FOR A LEISURELY PADDLE, THIS BOAT'S THE ONE TO GET YOU INTO THE SWING AND OUT INTO THE WATER. THE SWING™ IS QUICK, IT'S MANEUVERABLE, AND IT CUTS THROUGH WAVES AND CHOP WITH NO WORRIES. THE INNOVATIVE HULL DESIGN HAS SPECIAL TRACKING CHANNELS TO ADD STIFFNESS AND KEEP YOU ON COURSE. AND IF YOU NEED TO STOW A LITTLE GEAR, IT HAS EXCEPTIONAL STOWAGE CAPACITY, INCLUDING A SPECIALLY DESIGNED CRADLE FOR YOUR SCUBA TANK.

SPECS:

LENGTH	133" / 404 cm
WIDTH	30 1/2" / 77 cm
WEIGHT	66 lbs / 29 kg
PADDLER LEVEL	beg - adv.
MAX. LOAD	375 lbs / 170 kg

█ Prismatic █ Sunset Orange █ Sparrow Yellow █ Sparrow

- STANDARD FEATURES:**
- MT-2000™ SUPER-LINEAR POLYETHYLENE
 - MOLDED-IN SEAT
 - SELF-BAILING DRAIN HOLES
 - ACCESSORY SEAT READY
 - HOV BOTTLE SLOT
 - BOW AND STERN GRAB HANDLES
 - DRAIN PLUG
- SPECIAL FEATURES:**
- INTEGRAL KID'S SEAT
 - KEYPERS™ FOOTBRACES
 - ACCESSORY DECK LOOPS
 - SCUBA TANK/COOLER CRADLES
 - LARGE BOW HATCH
 - MIDSHIP GRAB HANDLES
 - ACCESSORY STORAGE STRAPS
 - OPTIONAL ANODIZED RUDDER



THE OTTER PROJECT™

Everybody loves sea otters. They are easily observed, resting on their backs - sometimes nursing a small pup on their chest - bobbing in the nearshore kelp beds. And they are in serious trouble. Recently, another conservation group complained that kayakers were disturbing sea otters and should be banned from many popular kayaking spots in Monterey Bay. There is truth in what they said: some kayakers find otters irresistible and approach much too close. Because of this, the Otter Project, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, area kayaking stores and Perception Kayaks worked together to find a positive solution to address the problem. Together they've heldd (actually headed) kayaking docents to educate the paddling public. Kayak docents are not aqua-cop. But they are a knowledgeable resource for visiting kayakers. Early signs show the program is working. Better-informed kayakers are being transformed from casual visitors to sea otter and marine conservation advocates. — Steve Strmek



[five-o™]

AERIALS, LOOPS, KILLER CUTBACKS. WHATEVER YOU'RE PULLING, THE FIVE-O™ WILL HELP PUSH YOU OVER THE EDGE OF MEDIOCRITY AND INTO THE REALM OF MASTERY. DESIGNED BY DICK WOULD, THE SUPREME SURFMASHER HIMSELF, THE FIVE-O IS STABLE ENOUGH FOR A FIRST-TIME PADDLER, YET AMAZINGLY MANEUVERABLE FOR YOU EXPERT COM-PETITORS. AND NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU'RE SHREDDING, YOU'LL BE THROWING TRICKS IN STYLE. BECAUSE THE FIVE-O IS TRICKED-OUT ITSELF WITH A MOLDED-IN SEAT, PADDED THIGH STRAPS AND ADJUSTABLE BULK-HEAD FOOT SUPPORT. SO SURF IT, DANNO.

Specs:

LENGTH	9'9" / 297 cm
WIDTH	28.1/2" / 72 cm
WEIGHT	43 lb / 20 kg
PADDLER LEVEL	begin - adv.
SAFG. PADDLER WT.	100 - 220 lbs
	45 - 104 kg

■ Firecracker
 ■ Sunset Orange
 ■ Sunrise Yellow
■ Snake

- STANDARD FEATURES:**
- MT-2000™ SUPER-LINEAR POLYETHYLENE
 - MOLDED-IN SEAT
 - SELF-BAILING DRAIN HOLES
 - H2O-BOTTLE
 - DRAIN PLUG
 - PADDED THIGH STRAPS
 - INFINITELY ADJUSTABLE BULK-HEAD FOOT SUPPORT
 - REMOVABLE FIN
 - STORAGE HATCH W/MESH BAG
 - THREE CARRY POINTS W/MOLDED HANDLES
 - OPTIONAL FOOT STRAP/SEATBELT KIT



Photo: Christopher Smith

WIDESPREAD PANIC PUTS OUT THEIR LAST CD ON CARRICORN RECORDS, TIL THE MEDICINE TAKES, FEATURING GUEST TURNTABLIST COLIN BUTLER AND GOSPEL DIVA, DOTIE PEOPLES. FROM HERE ON OUT, THEIR MUSIC WILL APPEAR ON THEIR OWN LABEL, WIDESPREAD RECORDS.

On the Screen: THE PLAN WITH PROJECT OFFER IS AUDIENCE MEMBERS REPORT SIGHTINGS OF INEXPUGNABLE PHENOMENA AND SOME GIRL WHO JUST WON'T SHUT UP



ON THE TUBE:
ZOOM returns to PBS after a 20-year hiatus.

Regis Philbin asks perhaps the dumbest question of all time: Who Wants to be a Millionaire.

Photo: Christopher Smith

THE YEAR WAS 1999: IT SEEMS LIKE THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO WEREN'T FRETTERING ABOUT THE Y2K SCARE WERE TEAM GREENPEACE, WHO WINS ECO-CHALLENGE PATAGONIA IN A RECORD FIVE DAYS, THIRTY-THREE MINUTES. THIS RACE SAW PARTICIPANTS PADDLE THEIR TOURING BOATS ON ENORMOUS FIORD-LIKE, AQUAMARINE LAKES INSTEAD OF THE USUAL ROUGH SEAS OF PAST EVENTS. MEANWHILE ON THE WHITEWATER FRONT, PACIFICORP SIGNS AN AGREEMENT TO REMOVE CONDIT DAM FROM THE WHITE SALMON RIVER IN WASHINGTON, PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN MILES OF YEAR-ROUND BOATING OPPORTUNITIES.

1999



[torrent™]

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

SPECS:

LENGTH 10'11" / 307 cm
 WIDTH 31" / 79 cm
 WEIGHT 53 lbs / 24 kg
 PADDLER LEVEL Beginner
 SUGG PADDLER WT 100 - 250 lbs
 45 - 113 kg



- STANDARD FEATURES:**
- M1-2000™ SUPER-LINEAR POLYETHYLENE
 - ERGONOMIC MOLDED-IN SEAT
 - SELF-BAILING DRAIN HOLES
 - BOW AND STERN GRAB HANDLES
 - H2O BOTTLE
 - DRAIN PLUG
 - PADDED THIGH STRAPS
 - KEEPERS* FOOTBRACES
 - STORAGE HATCH W/MESH BAG

WOODSTOCK '99, THE 30-YEAR ANNIVERSARY TAKES PLACE. KIDS GET MUDDY, AND IT'S MADE INTO A TIDE AD. FREE LOVE IS OFFICIALLY DECLARED DEAD.

BRITNEY SHEARS MAKES THE NEWS OVER AND OVER AGAIN, NOT BECAUSE OF HER MUSIC, BUT BECAUSE PEOPLE CAN'T BELIEVE SHE'S GOING OUT WITH THAT GUY FROM 'N SYNC.

STARBUCKS® OPENS ITS 3,300TH STORE.

In the News: President Clinton signs the Water Resources Development Act finalizing authorization on a number of critical habitat restoration programs.

Photo: Ice Trek, Patagonia | Erik Phillips



THE YEAR WAS 2000: FORMER PRESIDENT CLINTON MAY NOT HAVE INHALED, BUT HE ALLOWED MANY PEOPLE TO EXHALE A SIGH OF RELIEF WHEN HE SIGNED THE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT, FINALIZING AUTHORIZATION ON A NUMBER OF CRITICAL HABITAT RESTORATION PROGRAMS. PERCEPTION ITSELF RELEASES FIVE NEW WHITEWATER BOATS, FOUR NEW TOURING KAYAKS AND TWO NEW RECREATIONAL BOATS. NOT A BAD YEAR, FOR A COMPANY THAT JUST TURNED THE RIPE-OLD AGE OF TWENTY-FOUR.

2000



Paddler: Clay Wright | **Photo:** Jed Weingarten

CAMERON CROWE DIRECTS ALMOST FAMOUS, LOOSELY BASED ON HIS OWN LIFE AS A TEENAGE ROCK CRITIC FOR ROLLING STONE.

[safe paddling!] LIKE ALL WATERSPORTS, PADDLING CAN BE DANGEROUS IF YOU EXCEED YOUR PERSONAL LIMITS OR THE CAPABILITY OF YOUR BOAT — SO OBTAIN PROPER PADDLING INSTRUCTION FROM YOUR LOCAL PERCEPTION DEALER OR PADDLING CLUB BEFORE VENTURING OUT ON YOUR OWN. ALWAYS WEAR A COAST GUARD-APPROVED PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE, AND USE A HELMET WHEN RUNNING RIVERS. THEN, BE SURE TO USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM AND NEVER PADDLE ALONE. CAREFULLY SUPERVISE CHILDREN, AND NEVER, EVER LET THEM PADDLE ALONE. REMEMBER, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND PADDLING DON'T MIX — AND CAN SOMETIMES BE FATAL. FINALLY, READ YOUR OWNER'S MANUAL — AND CALL US IF YOU NEED ANOTHER.

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[warranty information]

WARRANTY: PERCEPTION KAYAKS ARE FAMOUS FOR THEIR QUALITY, INGENUITY AND SOPHISTICATED ENGINEERING. EVEN SO, OCCASIONALLY A PRODUCT IMPERFECTION DOES OCCUR. IF THIS IMPERFECTION IS DUE TO A DEFECT IN MATERIALS OR MANUFACTURING, IT'S COVERED BY THE PERCEPTION FIVE-YEAR WARRANTY PROGRAM AND WILL BE REPAIRED OR REPLACED. THE WARRANTY COVERS THE HULL FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS AS SET FORTH BY THE PROBATED REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE. THE WARRANTY ALSO COVERS THE INTERNAL COMPONENT PARTS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. ANY ITEMS REPAIRED OR REPLACED WILL BE COVERED AS IF THEY WERE THE ORIGINAL PARTS PURCHASED. PERCEPTION WILL PAY SHIPPING COSTS TO AN AUTHORIZED PERCEPTION WARRANTY CENTER. THE FIVE-YEAR WARRANTY IS EXTENDED ONLY TO THE ORIGINAL BOAT OWNER AND IT IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO OTHER PARTIES. THE WARRANTY IS ACTIVATED UPON RECEIPT BY PERCEPTION OF THE COMPLETED WARRANTY REGISTRATION CARD. CONSULT A PERCEPTION OWNER'S MANUAL FOR FURTHER WARRANTY INFORMATION. PADDLING GEAR AND ACCESSORIES ARE COVERED UNDER INDIVIDUAL WARRANTIES.



The Conservation Alliance



Utah Rivers Council



[conservation]

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING MORE ESSENTIAL TO KAYAKING THAN A KAYAK, AND THAT'S WATER. HEALTHY RIVERS, LAKES, STREAMS AND OCEANS ARE IMPORTANT TO US AS PEOPLE. AS PADDLERS AND AS INHABITANTS OF THE PLANET, THAT'S WHY AS A COMPANY, WE DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE RESOURCE. WHEN YOU PURCHASE A PERCEPTION PRODUCT, YOU'RE HELPING TO SUPPORT NUMEROUS MAJOR CONSERVATION EFFORTS. CRITICAL PROGRAMS, ASSOCIATIONS AND FOUNDATIONS LIKE THE ONES LISTED HERE:

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CALIFORNIA HYDRO DUCKS UNLIMITED	NEW ENGLAND F.L.O.W.	SAN JUAN MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION
ECO-CHALLENGE ENVIRONMENTAL TRAVELING COMPANIONS	NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WHITEWATER RODEO (NOW)	TALLULAH FALLS HERITAGE ASSOCIATION
FRIENDS OF HURRICANE CREEK	OREGON NATURAL DESERT ASSOCIATION	THE CONSERVATION ALLIANCE
FRIENDS OF THE CHEAT	PACIFIC RIVERS COUNCIL	TRADE ASSOCIATION OF PADDLESPORTS (TAPS)
FRIENDS OF THE RIVER	PROJECT RAFT	TROUT UNLIMITED
IDAHO RIVERS UNITED	PROJECT KEY WEST	UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER KEEPER
MAINE ISLAND TRAIL	RIVER CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR AWARDS	UTAH RIVERS COUNCIL
MOUNTAIN RIVER ACTION NETWORK	RIVER ODYSSEYS WEST	WASHINGTON WATER TRIALS
	RIVERS ALLIANCE OF CONNECTICUT	WEST VIRGINIA RIVERS COALITION
	RIVER NETWORK	WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

ROB LESSER FOR HELPING US WITH
THE PADDLING HISTORY IN THE CATA-
LOG. HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO
COULD REMEMBER SPECIFIC DATES
FOR EXPEDITIONS, BOATS AND
SUCH. AS WE'VE SAID BEFORE: FOR
THE REST OF US, IT'S ALL A LITTLE
FUZZY.

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