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Kayaking

When you hear the word "Kayaking," you might conjure images of fearless adventurers challenging rivers deep in desert canyons or olympic athletes carving turns, as they sprint down a narrow slalom course.

Actually, kayaking offers you a full range of experiences on the water. You can explore a glassy lake to the rhythm of a morning breeze...take your kids on a coastal voyage to discover your favorite shelling spot...or hang at the beach and catch a wave.

There is no limit to the number and variety of paddling adventures you can discover with your kayak!

getting

started

And here is where you start.
This Perception/
Aquaterra catalog
combines product
profiles, technical
specifications and
a personal look at
the many aspects
of kayaking.

Whether you are looking
for some serious relaxing,
serious exercise or serious
adventure, read on.

We are eager to introduce
you to the pure fun of
using our products.

Inside:

Each Perception/ Aquaterra kayak is built to exacting specifications... scrutinized at every manufacturing step... protected by our 5 Year Warranty Program... and is your assurance of dependability.

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PaddlingGear

We earn our reputation with every boat.

Kayaking has been a way of life for us for the past twenty years, a continuous thread spun of good times and pride in bringing you good products to enjoy the outdoors through.

We feel the foundation of our success is based on a commitment to quality and a responsibility to you, our customer, as well as our community and environment.

Kayaking is one of life's paths that lets us explore the world in our own individual way. Twenty years along, our kids are following—reminding us that to love, play and smile is what life is all about.

Thank you for considering our products to use in your valuable free time. We design and build them for the kid in us all.

Bill Masters
President



We continue to innovate and improve our designs, manufacturing methods and service to the retail store personnel who can help you make your decision.

St. Joe River, ID





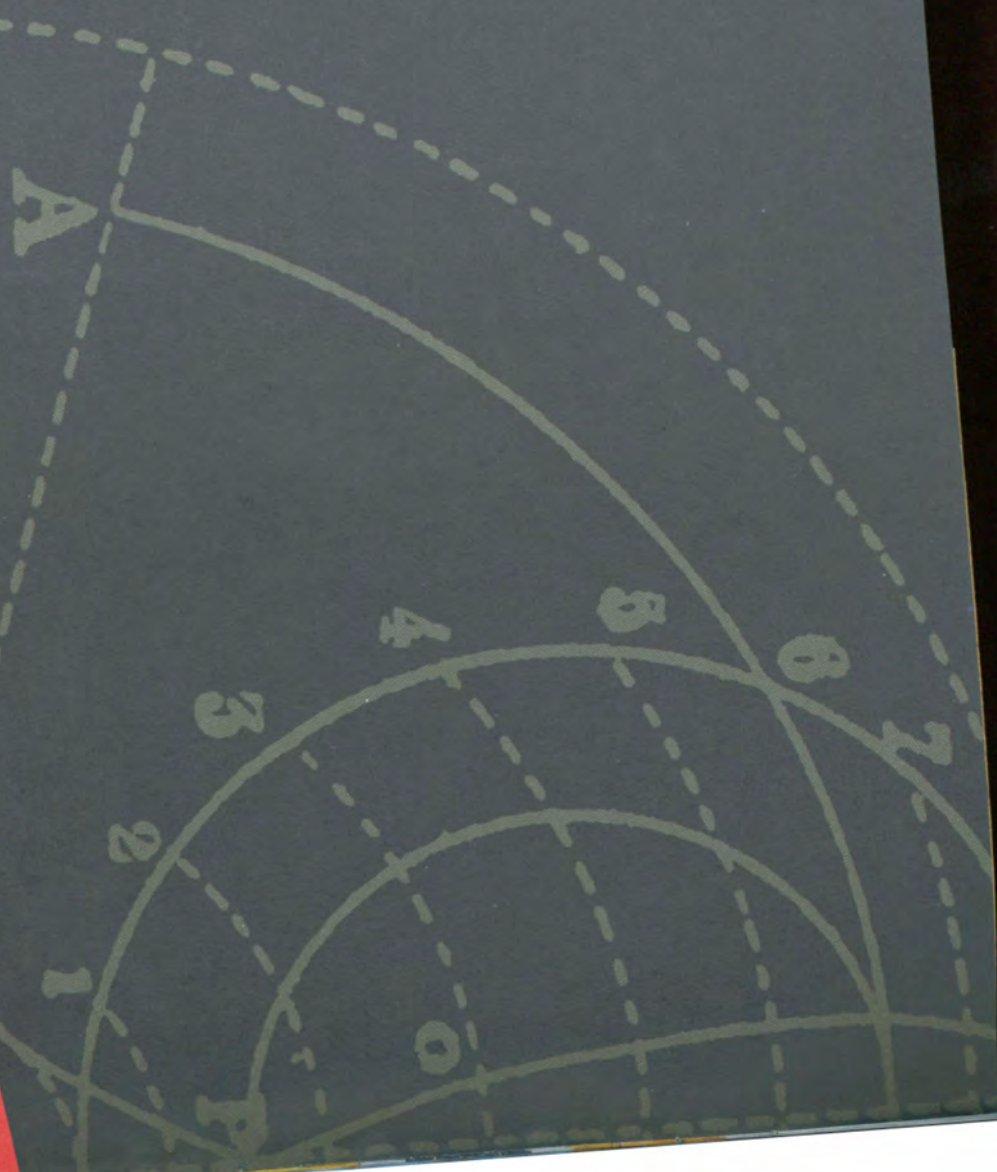
The
Whitewater
Standard
Worldwide

Perception boats are a fixture at whitewater play, both on the nearest river and the farthest continent. Each year Perception sponsors major events like the National Organization of Whitewater Rodeos, a series of whitewater events which tests the skill of recreational paddlers in whitewater play boats. The Perception Pirouette and Corsica series are the boats of choice for most first place finishes in rodeos across the country.

Perception boats have been used on "first descents" and other expeditions around the world that are too numerous to mention. Excursions to Nepal, Chile and Labrador, never mind some wild rides in Oregon, Colorado, New Hampshire and North Carolina, have used Perception kayaks, almost exclusively, through the years.

WATERSHED

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Blike Turner competing at the Ocoee Rodeo. TM

“Durability, innovative design work and excellent customer service are trademarks. Krazy Sturges Cof. Bar Lodge”

100% reality.

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Stable, predictable, forgiving. That's what you want, whether you're just learning or you're an experienced creeker hitting micro-eddies and Class V slots.

*Technical Fun...
Whenever, Wherever
You're Ready.*

Sandy Loftis

Available for Roxanne Wedemeyer, Cozee Roden, TM



This boat is very stable and spins well. Very nimble!
Dan K. Gavere
MT

Corsica S™
Our most popular model... great for beginners who want secure stability and predictable turning. Super for experts who want to surf a wild hole and accurately "boof" tight, technical drops. Great for everyone in between!

Corsica™
Your choice for stable, predictable performance. Generous volume, large keyhole cockpit and roomy outfitting accommodate big and tall paddlers.

Corsica S and Corsica are also available in the ProLine series, with an exciting new mid-size Corsica, the Matrix.

The Corsicas Deliver!

The Corsicas™

From extended expeditions to annual white-water festivals, Perception equipment sets the standard with boats that fit your experience and energy level.

Comfortable.

Durable.

Like a reliable friend, they won't let you down.

Dancer XS™
The only high performance white-water playboat specifically scaled down for kids and very small adults. It is similar in design to the Dancer, just a bit narrower and shorter.

Dancer™
The most popular whitewater kayak ever. Introduced in 1982, the Dancer quickly established the performance standard for white-water play. Today, the Dancer is padded extensively on nearly every contour by beginners, intermediates and experts alike. There are now many other brands which have borrowed its features, but the Dancer remains the gold standard in design - against which others are compared. Where there are kayaks, there are Dancers.

Dancer XT™
Extra roomy with large cockpit and generous outfitting. Perfect for those who like the Dancer design and handling, yet need a bit more room for themselves and/or storage.

Perception provides every paddler a chance to seek his or her personal level of involvement with whitewater. The Class V series of boats fits everyone, from a gung-ho 95 pound eleven year old taking any challenge...to the paddler who kayaks once or twice a year and wants to feel at ease on the water.

Choose Class V when lighter boat weight and top quality share equal billing. Molded to the same exacting standards as our ProLine, Class V kayaks are equipped with features that are a Perception hallmark. Outfitting includes Keepers™ foottraces on all K-1's. Two patented innovations - watertight, mold-through grab loop channels and an air-craft cable security loop are standard on most models.

The Classic Line

Still Cruising and Surfing.
Perception value at an exceptional price.

Mirage™
Cruising is defined by this stable, high volume, still popular design.

Spirit™
A great casual river runner. Features longer length for good hull speed.

Sabre™
Here's the choice for ocean surfing. Distinct edges for "squirt boat" turning control.

Class V™

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Perception is an Official Supplier to the United States Canoe and Kayak Team. We also work closely with coaches on the US Junior Slalom and Wildwater Teams.



Tony Tickle

Richard Fox, eight-time Kayak Slalom World Champion (above), designed our Reflex II.

Reflex II™

The flat hull design with its upswept bow gives sure acceleration and quick precision turns. Great for big water surfing. Achieve racing performance!

Paul Rickard gives us an insider's view of the Elite Slalom. *By James Chute*

Snappy handling in slalom-style paddling. Carves turns, accelerates, spins well.



James Chute

Scott Spiker

Kayak racing is a popular sport in Europe, and is rapidly growing in popularity in the US. It was little known here until 1989, when the World Championships were held for the first time, on the Savage River in Maryland.

Whitewater kayak slalom was a medal sport in the '92 Summer Olympics (where Perception was the Official Kayak of the Olympic Whitewater course) for the first time since 1972. With the reality of Olym-

pic kayak slalom racing in the United States in 1996, interest in kayak racing continues to grow.

Racing is a terrific way for kids to explore whitewater—they can develop skills and build confidence with their peers, under the watchful eye of experienced coaches. In addition to racing style kayaks such as the Reflex II and Slasher, we are, with the Dancer XS, the only manufacturer of durable polyethylene kayaks that are size-appropriate to young paddlers.

Gyramax C-1™

Introduce yourself to the thrill of "C" boating with the most popular recreational C-1 around. Stable, friendly, yet responsive. Outfitting includes a custom saddle and webbed nylon/Velcro™ closure thighstrap.

Slasher C-1™

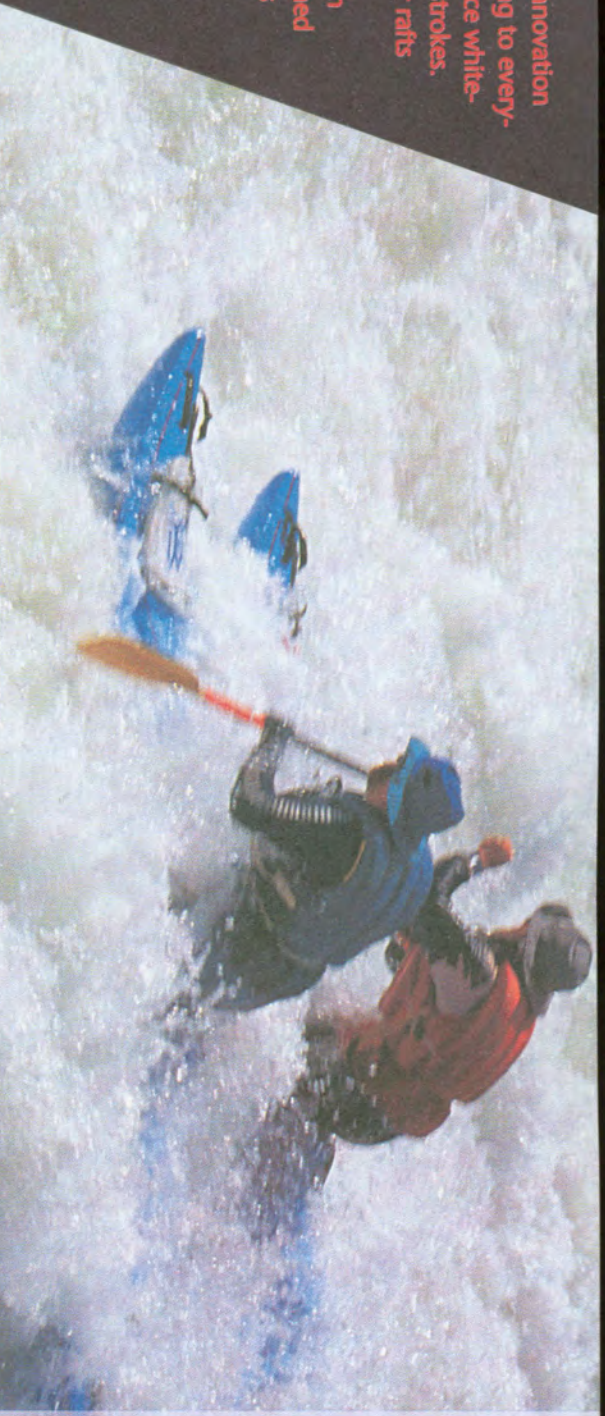
Slalom racing features are available now to C-1 recreational paddlers. Lots of rocker, a pivot point behind the cockpit and sharp chines allow accurate control. The Slasher is stable enough for intermediates who want to learn performance paddling.

What's a C-1?
It looks a lot like a kayak. Technically speaking, it's a decked canoe, because you paddle in the kneeling position and use a single-bladed canoe paddle.

PERCEPTION SLASHER C-1™

The Revolution Cataract is a bold innovation that brings whitewater river running to everyone. Are you a beginner? Experience whitewater safely, with just a few basic strokes. Have you taken trips in whitewater rafts and want more excitement? Now you can tackle the rapids with confidence. Maybe you're a seasoned river runner. Take a friend who has never been and share your fun!

Inspired by the river craft used in the former Soviet Union, the Revolution Cataract provides new features for whitewater river runners:



Side-by-side seating— Allows partners to communicate easily.

Two-position seating— Kneel to run the rapids— When it's time to float, you can sit back on the seat, stretch out and relax.

Ease of assembly— Snap-together design requires no tools.

Super maneuverability— Handle rapids, catch waves, spin or stop with a few basic strokes.

Stability— The twin hulls of the Revolution are locked in a flexible system, allowing each hull to react independently to water conditions, for the most stable ride on whitewater.

Generous storage capacity— Four large, watertight hatches swallow your food, camping and safety gear.

Durability— Rotomolded polyethylene hulls are much tougher than inflatables.

The Bio Bio, Chile

David Huff

Chile's Rio Bio Bio, often compared to our Grand Canyon, is one of the world's most outstanding whitewater rivers.

It is currently threatened by hydropower projects even though suitable, cost-effective alternatives exist. You can help Chilean conservationists prevent the damming of this magnificent wild river.

Contact:
 River Conservation International
 1200 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
 Washington, DC 20036
 202/463-4378

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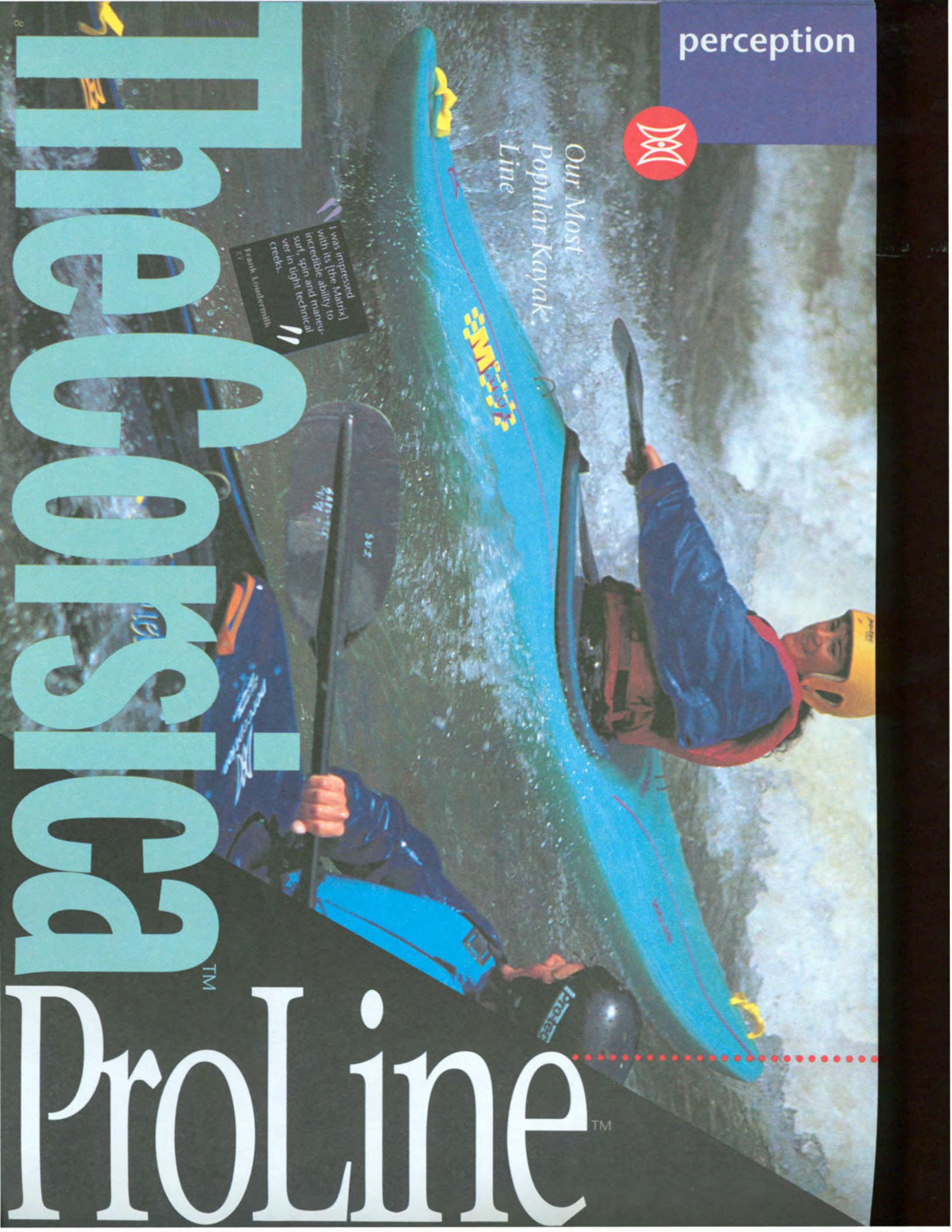
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Our Most Popular Kayak Line

I was impressed with its [the Matrix] incredible ability to surf, spin and maneuver in tight technical creeks.

Frank Londermilk
KT

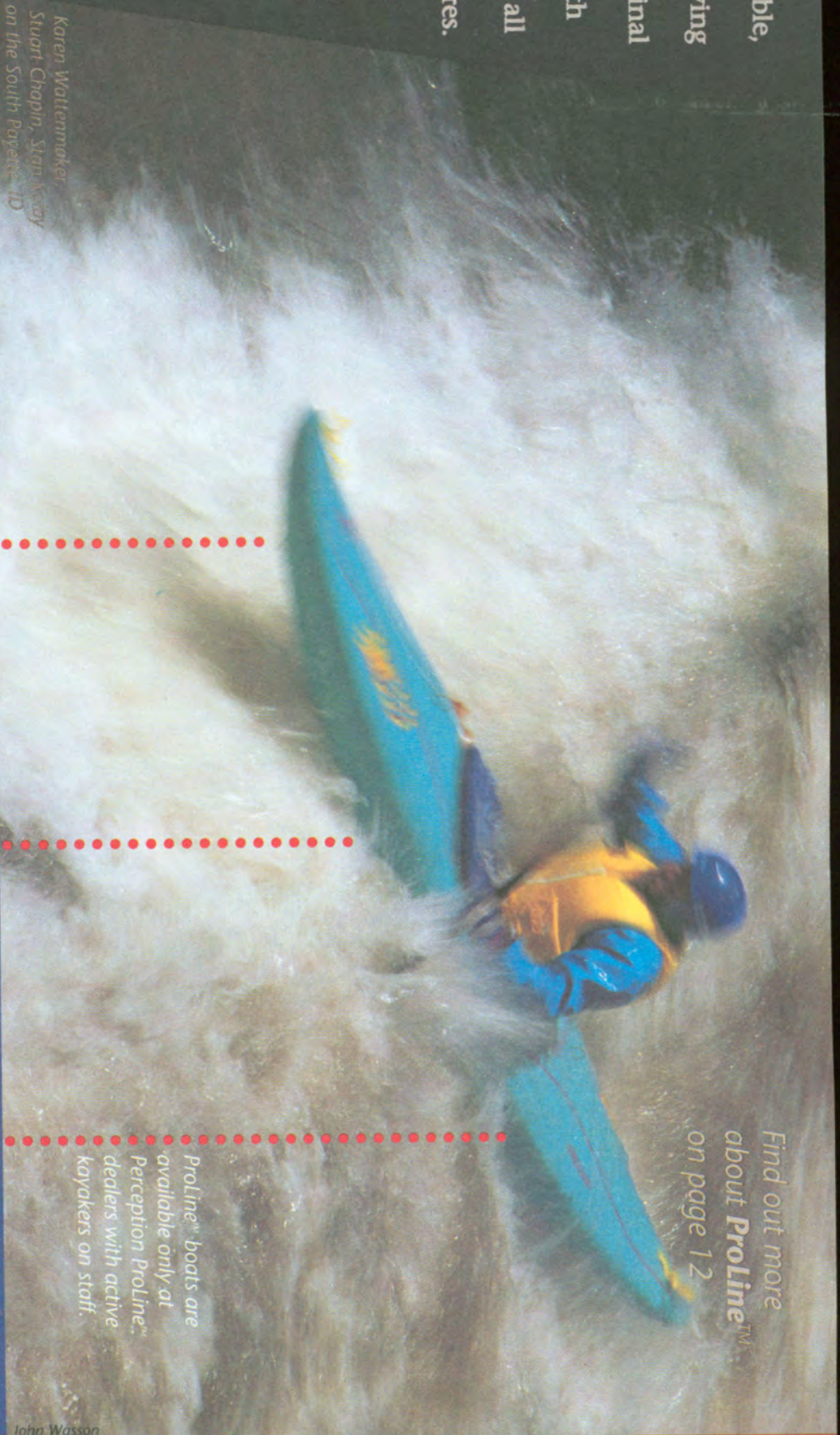


The Course!

ProLine™

The very same stable, predictable, forgiving design of the original Corsica Series, with the added plus of all the ProLine features. Available in three versions, to suit every size body.

Karen Wattenmayer,
Stuart Chapin, Stan Kelly
on the South Poyette, ID



Find out more
about **ProLine™**
on page 12

ProLine™ boats are
available only at
Perception ProLine™
dealers with active
kayakers on staff.

John Wasson

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Corsica S™

Our best selling whitewater boat. Corsica stability, lower volume and handling ease are the reasons.

And surfing is a breeze.

Corsica Matrix™

Flat center hull section under seat for stability. Rails for quick turns and sure "boofs." Turned-up ends make it great for back and front surfing. Mid-sized.

Corsica™

The first and the biggest. New features: more room at the cockpit, seat and thighbraces for folks who really want it.

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Agile.

Fluid.

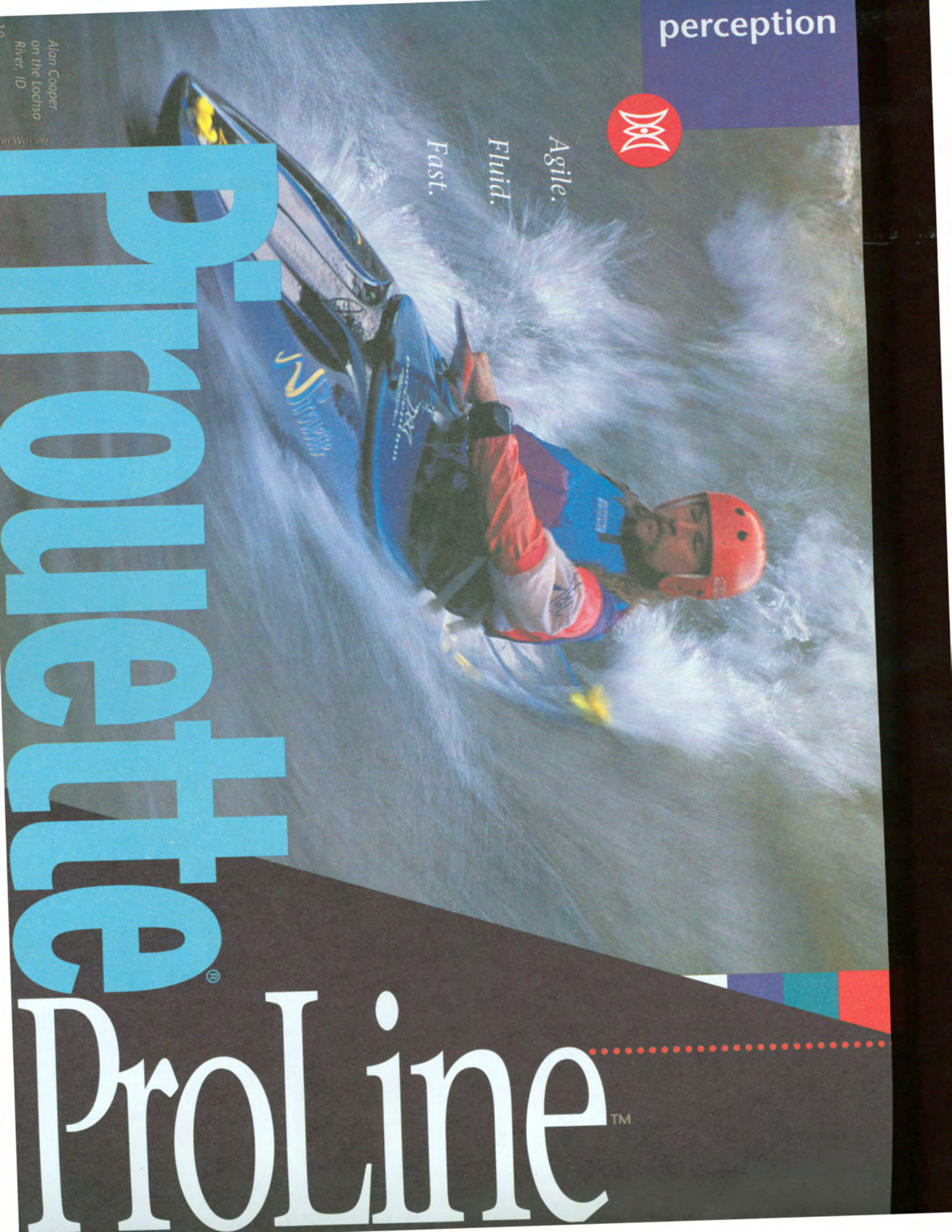
Fast.

Pinnacle

ProLine™

Alan Cooper
on the Lochsa
River, ID

in Watson



Proline™

The Perception Pirouette S and Pirouette both boast these Proline™ features:

ABS reinforced walls

Bulkhead foot braces

Gear loops

Mimicell seat padding for a custom fit

and, of course, Keyhole cockpits

Mold through grab loop channels

Security loops

Perception quality and dependability.

Find out more about **Proline™** on page 12

Proline™ boats are available only at Perception Proline™ dealers with active kayakers on staff.

Pirouette

Sue Wagness
on the Nantahala, NC



Christopher Smith

Pirouette S™

Scaled down in size, not performance! The Pirouette S is designed for super surf and airtime. Low profile deck makes rolling, leaning back a cinch. Seat and thighbrace easily accommodate smaller paddlers. Unique system permits easy access to rear storage and lower back support.

Pirouette™

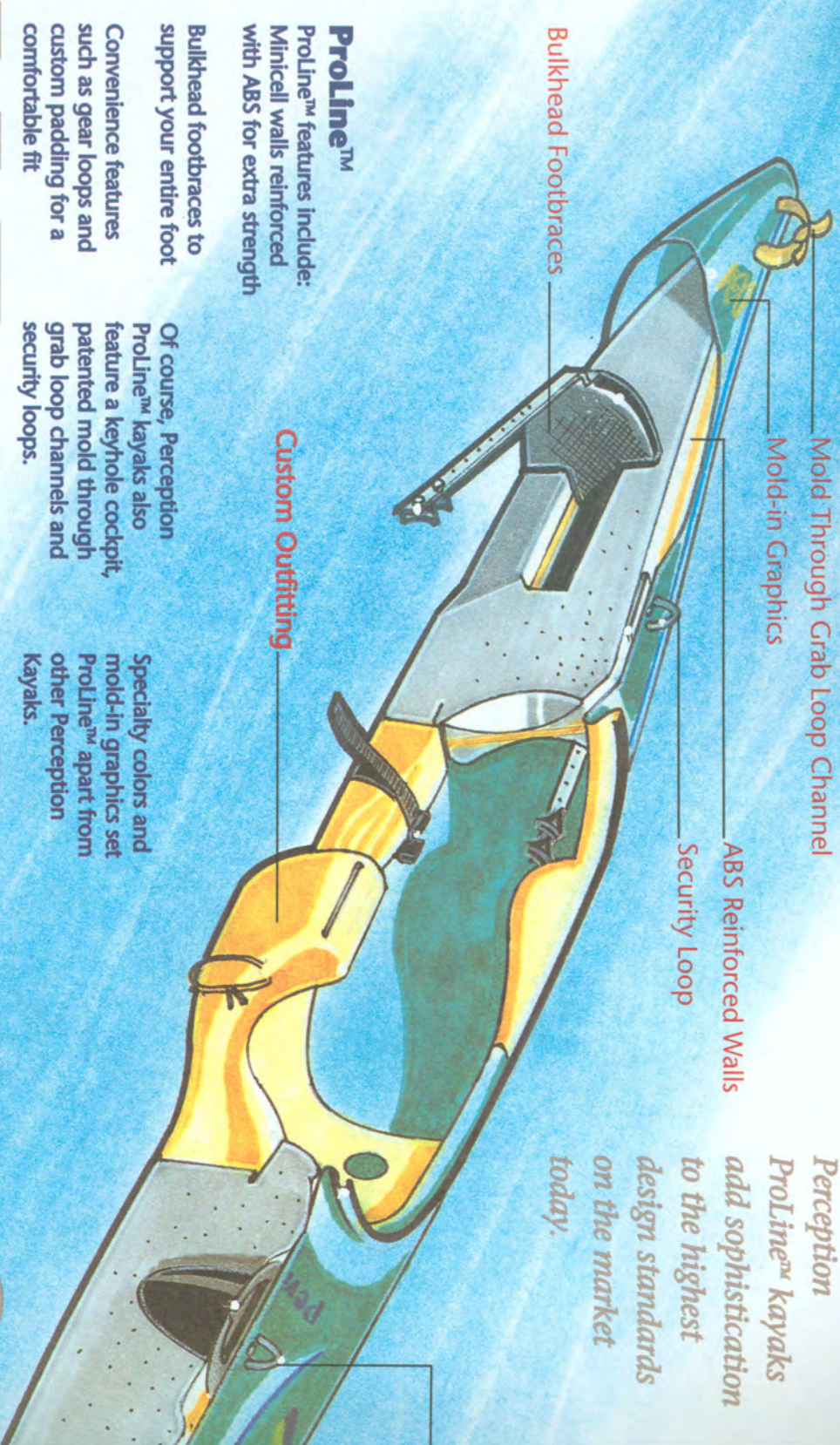
The Pirouette challenges even the whitewater experts to discover what they can do. This ultimate playboat accelerates like a shot across eddy lines for a "must" ferry. Turns on a dime. Loves to surf, do 360's and pop-ups. Yes, it pirouettes like crazy.

PURPLE FUN!

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ProLine™



ProLine™

ProLine™ features include: Minicell walls reinforced with ABS for extra strength

Bulkhead foottraces to support your entire foot

Convenience features such as gear loops and custom padding for a comfortable fit

Mold-Through Grab Loop Channel
Mold-in Graphics

ABS Reinforced Walls
Security Loop

Custom Outfitting

Of course, Perception ProLine™ kayaks also feature a keyhole cockpit, patented mold through grab loop channels and security loops.

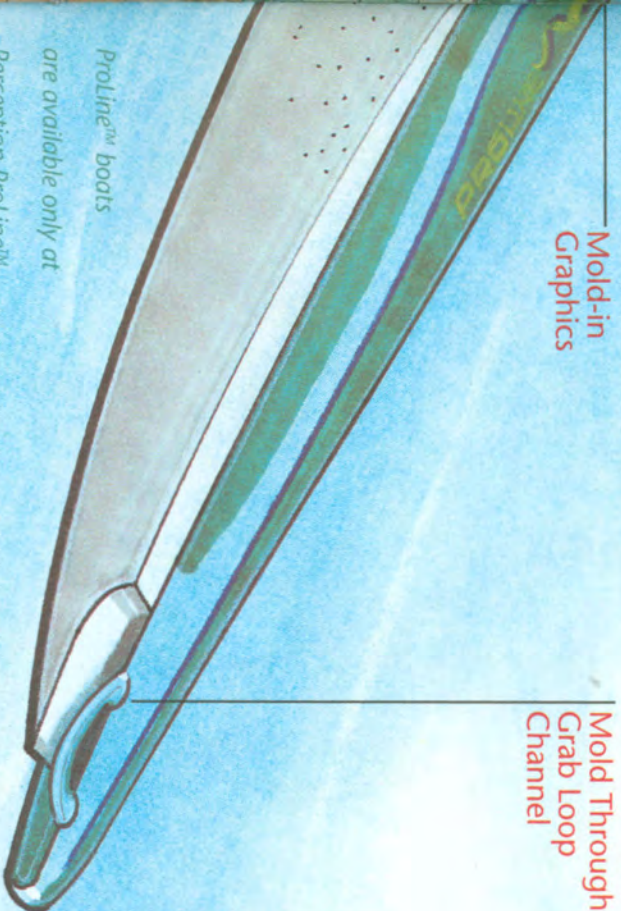
Specialty colors and mold-in graphics set ProLine™ apart from other Perception kayaks.

Perception ProLine™ kayaks add sophistication to the highest design standards on the market today.

What's It?

Standard Features	
	Bulkhead Footbrace
	ABS/Foam Laminated Walls
	Dual Security Loops
	Foam Outfitting
	Structurally Integrated Seat & Wall
	Bow Security Loop Only
	Keeps Footbraces
	Roto-molded Thighbraces
	Mold Through Grab Loop Channels

*on most models



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are available only at
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paddlers on staff.

Care & Feeding of Your Kayak

Our boats are tough and maintenance is simple. Here are a few tips that will prolong your boat's useful life:

Cartopping

Tie the boat securely to your roof rack. Run bow and stern lines directly to your car, with minimal tension. These provide insurance, in case the lines holding your boat to the rack loosen. Too much tension on the bow and stern lines will distort the shape of your boat.

The Takeout

Dragging the boat from the takeout to the car is tempting. Use common sense: Grass, dirt and sand won't hurt your boat. *Avoid dragging your boat over asphalt, gravel and sharp rocks.*

Storage

The best way to store your boat is on end, upside down or on its side (see our *Yak Rak*, page 35). Do not hang it by the grab loops. Store it out of direct sunlight, to keep the plastic supple and the color vivid. Use the cockpit cover to keep dust, crud and critters out of your boat.

Fit

When you paddle a kayak you want it to move and react on the water quickly and comfortably, as an extension of your body. To do this, it needs to fit well. There are two main components of a proper fit: boat size and cockpit/seat area outfitting. Deter-

mining proper fit is an individual and subjective decision, but achieving it will be worth the effort. A comfortable fit enhances your paddling and your enjoyment.

Sizing

Perception/Aquaterra offers boats designed to handle a wide range of shapes and sizes. *Consult the charts on pages 14 & 24 to determine which boats are sized for you.*

Outfitting

Cockpit outfitting can be as simple as adjusting the footbraces. You want a snug—not restrictive—fit, with boat contact made at the hips and thighs.* We offer fit kits, complete with instructions to help you attain this goal.

Experiment

Duct tape lets you make temporary adjustments, even on the water. Sandpaper, Dragonskin™ or a Sure-form™ lets you shape foam outfitting to match your shape. It will take some tweaking to get it right...but good outfitting transforms "just any" boat into your boat.

*This level of outfitting is not necessary to enjoy paddling boats in Aquaterra's Sport Line.

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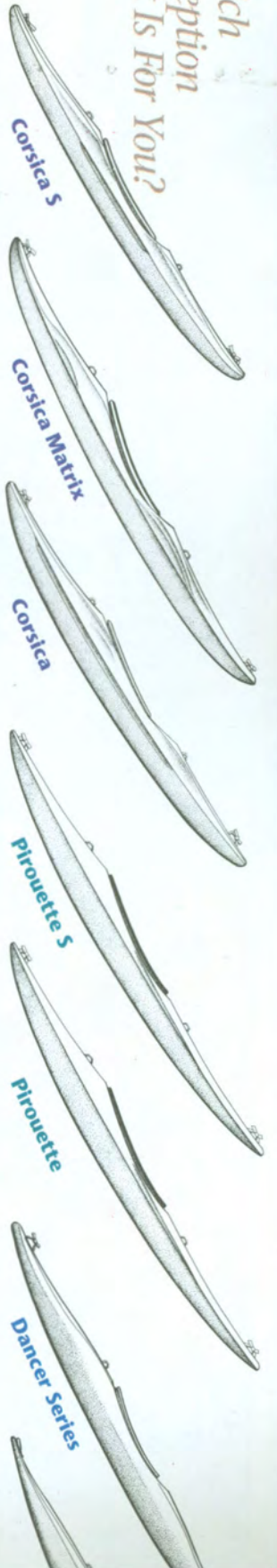


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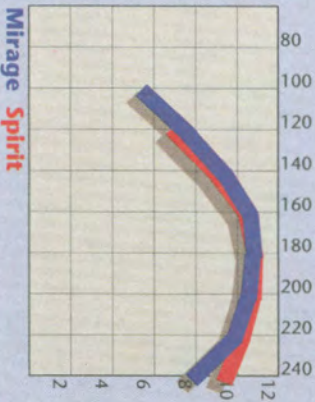
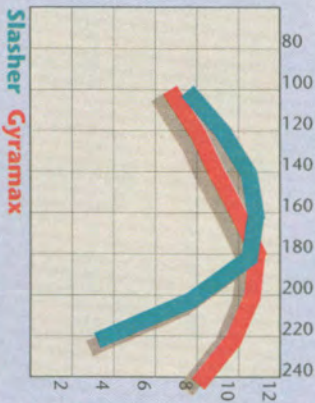
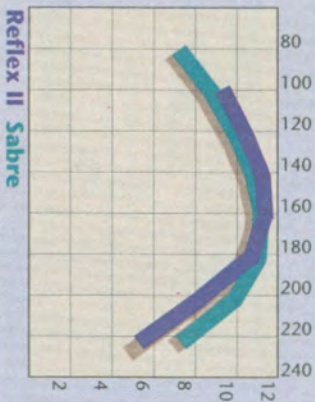
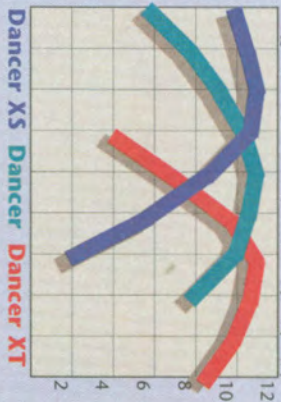
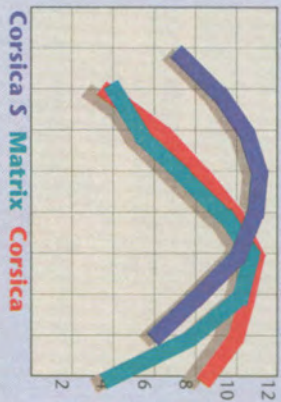




Which Perception Boat Is For You?



Performance By Paddler Weight



Model	Rating	80	100	150	200	250
Corsica S Class V	X	10	12	12	10	8
Corsica S Proline	X	10	12	12	10	8
Corsica Matrix	X	10	10	10	10	8
Corsica Class V	X	10	10	10	10	8
Corsica Proline	X	10	10	10	10	8
Pirouette S	X	10	12	12	10	8
Pirouette	X	10	10	10	10	8
Dancer XS	X	10	12	12	10	8
Dancer	X	10	10	10	10	8
Dancer XT	X	10	10	10	10	8
Reflex II	X	10	12	12	10	8
Slasher	X	10	10	10	10	8
Gyramax	X	10	10	10	10	8
Sabre	X	10	10	10	10	8
Mirage	X	10	10	10	10	8
Spirit	X	10	10	10	10	8

- White
- Yellow
- Salmon
- Hot Red
- Magenta
- Purple
- Teal Blue
- Aqua
- Light Blue



Key Features	Key Benefits						Suitable Skill Level			Length	Width	Volume	Weight	Cockpit	Colors
	ProLine			ProLine			Beginner	Easy Going Intermed.	Advanced						
Lots of Rocker	X	S	R	X	X	X	X	X	X	10'-7"	24"	74.5gal 282 liters	39 lbs 17.75 kg	Large	Yellow, Magenta, Aqua
Flat Hull	X	S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	10'-7"	24"	74.5gal 282 liters	39.5 lbs 18 kg	Large	Hot Red, Purple, Teal Blue, White
Length S/M/L	X	S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	10'-8 1/2"	24 1/2"	76gal 288 liters	40 lbs 18.25 kg	Large	Hot Red, Purple, Teal Blue, White
Rails	X	S	R	X	X	X	X	X	X	10'-9 1/2"	25 1/2"	79gal 300 liters	41 lbs 18.6 kg	Large	Yellow, Magenta, Aqua
Bulkhead	X	S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	10'-9 1/2"	25 1/2"	79gal 300 liters	42 lbs 19 kg	Large	Hot Red, Purple, Teal Blue, White
Footbraces	X	S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	10'-9 1/2"	25 1/2"	79gal 300 liters	42 lbs 19 kg	Large	Hot Red, Purple, Teal Blue, White
Laminated Wall	X	S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11'	22"	62gal 235 liters	37 lbs 16.75 kg	Large	Hot Red, Purple, Teal Blue, White
Forward Speed	X	S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11'-2"	23 1/2"	69gal 261 liters	39 lbs 17.75 kg	Large	Hot Red, Purple, Teal Blue, White
Initial Stability	X	S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	10'-4"	23"	50gal 190 liters	30 lbs 13.5 kg	Stand.	Yellow, Magenta
Secondary Stability	X	S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	10'-4"	23"	50gal 190 liters	30 lbs 13.5 kg	Stand.	Yellow, Magenta
Side Surf	X	S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11'-7"	24"	66gal 250 liters	36 lbs 16.25 kg	Stand.	Yellow, Light Blue, Magenta
Front Surf	X	S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11'-9"	24 5/8"	74gal 280 liters	37 lbs 16.75 kg	Large	Yellow, Light Blue
Easy to Roll	X	S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11'-9"	24 5/8"	74gal 280 liters	37 lbs 16.75 kg	Large	Yellow, Light Blue
Quick Turning	X	S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11'-9 1/2"	24"	54gal 204 liters	35 lbs 16 kg	Stand.	Light Blue, Salmon
Foot Comfort	X	S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11'-9 1/2"	24"	54gal 204 liters	35 lbs 16 kg	Stand.	Light Blue, Salmon
Stiffness	X	S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12'	27 1/4"	55gal 208 liters	39 lbs 17.75 kg	C-1 Standard	Yellow, Light Blue
Beginner	X	S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12'-8"	27"	80gal 300 liters	40 lbs 18.25 kg	C-1 Standard	Yellow, Aqua
Easy Going Intermed.	X	S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12'-8"	27"	80gal 300 liters	40 lbs 18.25 kg	C-1 Standard	Yellow, Aqua
Gung-Ho Intermed.	X	S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12'-2"	24"	51gal 193 liters	34 lbs 15.5 kg	Stand.	Yellow
Advanced	X	S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12'-2"	24"	51gal 193 liters	34 lbs 15.5 kg	Stand.	Yellow
	L	L	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	13'	24"	79gal 300 liters	39 lbs 17.75 kg	Stand.	Yellow
	L	L	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	12'-10"	24"	82gal 310 liters	39 lbs 17.75 kg	Stand.	Yellow

S Short
M Medium
L Long
R Available as retrofit kit

Specifications



Kayaking is more

adventure

than rock & roll.

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There's more to kayaking than escaping hydraulics and dodging rocks.

There's a big world out there where fast is not the only fun & personal discovery is the real adventure.

Aquaterra kayaks are especially designed for discovering this new world. *Touch the water.*

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S P O R T™

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Soy it:
"Key-o-wee."

Our most popular kayak.

Is fun your primary objective? Choose a boat from our Aquaterra Sport line. These kayaks are well suited to pursuing your favorite activities, from fishing to diving to birding. We designed the Sport line boats for specific water conditions, from ocean surf & class II rivers to more protected waters. Each one is easy to paddle and control.

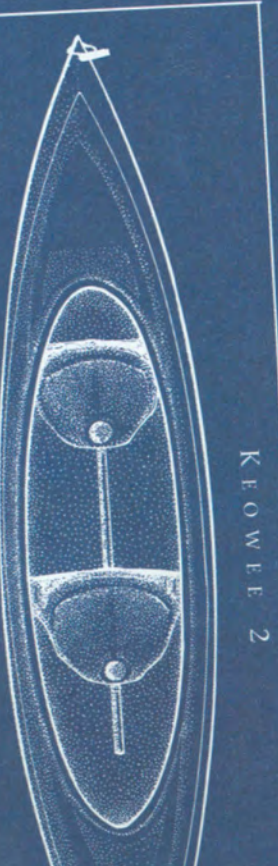


Ted Ramsaur

Use this boat if:
You're a kid.
You're an adult.
You can paddle a kayak.
You can't paddle a kayak.
You fish.
You bird watch.
You hunt.
You explore.
You picnic.
It is that quick.
It is that stable.
It is that easy.
It is that roomy.
It is that simple.
It is that much fun.

Thanks, very much!
We've been out on one
like this and I love
the Keowee's stability
and control!
"Ted Ramsaur"

Matt Dellinger explores Lake Jocassee, SC



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