White Water Kayaks
Choosing the right boat

A rich pedigree of white water excellence

Perception cut its teeth in white water. Think of a river and the chances are Perception has been there. Think of a design and the chances are Perception influenced it. Dream your ultimate experience and chances are we've lived it.

What does white water kayaking mean to you?

Playboating, steep creeks, surfing, Alpine holidays, river trips or developing skills? To us it is all of these things and so much more.

That is why Perception offers a broad selection of kayaks to meet the most diverse needs of discerning paddlers. Every kayak offers exceptional performance, versatility and comfort; which is why paddlers of every level choose Perception kayaks.

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Perception Proline kayaks are for experienced boaters and progressive paddlers looking to gain maximum performance in optimum comfort. Our Proline range includes free riders, creakers, river runners and general purpose kayaks to suit a wide variety of paddler profiles and requirements. Fully adjustable outfitting allows you to tailor the fit to suit your personal preference and adapt to different conditions.

Classic kayaks are perfect for intermediate general purpose paddling where time will be spent on both flat and moving water. They offer user friendly and fun performance with comfortable outfitting.

Our Club specification kayaks are ideal for beginners looking to develop their paddling skills. These proven designs are outfitted to offer the perfect mix of low maintenance outfitting and comfortable control.

Our boat descriptions should help you differentiate between the various models. We have tried to keep these as jargon free as possible. Through our entire range versatility, manoeuvrability and predictable handling are key features.

Our kayaks are packed with outfitting features to reflect their intended use and help you make the most of your time afloat. Comfort and control are key design features of a Perception kayak. Our goal is to offer you the best possible control in the maximum comfort.

Whichever Perception kayak you choose, you can be confident that it has been manufactured to the exacting standards that have earned us an exceptional reputation for consistent high quality.

We build quality into every kayak

Perception kayaks are built to last. Your guarantee of consistent and reliable quality comes from our use of the finest materials and the most up to date manufacturing techniques.

Perception hulls last longer because the Superlinear Polyethylene we use has exceptional levels of impact and abrasion resistance. They also perform better for longer because our material has excellent shape retention.

Perception's industry leading rotational moulding machines are custom built to suit our specific requirements for high quality production of our boats. They use purpose designed software to ensure optimum strength in the areas that are subjected to greatest wear and stress by controlling the positioning of material in minute detail. Our policy of development and investment in leading technology guarantees the continuation of these high standards into the future.

For consistent quality across our range from extreme white water kayaks to fleet boats we use the same materials and manufacturing techniques for them all.

Of course the better you look after your kayak, the longer it will last.
The Blazes incorporate all the performance requirements for freestyle kayaks that play hard and run rivers. The ingenious volume distribution gives real comfort on river trips and allows greater control for running drops and bigger waves.

So you get the best of both worlds: you can throw ends, launch air and surf every which way at a play spot; then run the best lines and play when you head off down stream. For optimum performance, the Proline comfort control cockpit is packed with adjustable features. The vacuum formed seat, thigh braces, bulkhead footrest and ratchet backrest all adjust to allow the boat to be fully personalised for maximum comfort and control.

### Blaze 6.9 & 7.1

**Proline Outfitting**
- Superlinear Polyethylene shell
- Adjustable seat system
- Adjustable thigh braces
- Adjustable bulkhead footrest with two plates sizes
- Ratchet adjustable backrest
- Two Security Bars
- Microcell foam walls

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The Java is a kayak you can rely on in tight technical situations or large volume rivers.

**Proline Outfitting**
- Superlinear Polyethylene shell
- Adjustable seat
- Adjustable thigh braces
- Adjustable bulkhead footrest
- Ratchet adjustable backrest
- Three Security Bars
- Quick Exit front wall
- Microcell foam rear wall

**Java**

**Proline Outfitting**
- Superlinear Polyethylene shell
- Adjustable seat
- Adjustable thigh braces
- Adjustable bulkhead footrest
- Ratchet adjustable backrest
- Three Security Bars
- Quick Exit front wall
- Microcell foam rear wall

**Type** Creek Boat

**User Guide** Beginner - Advanced

**Paddler weight** <90kg

**Length** 236cm

**Width** 62cm

**Volume** 252 ltrs

**Weight** 20kg

Precise control to run the best lines comes from aggressive chines for accurate forward paddling combined with a rounded hull for softer landings. Balanced volume distribution further aids control and ensures quick surfacing after drops. The Proline outfitting is geared for safety, all day comfort and responsive control. Safety features include three security bars and a moulded Quick Exit front wall to form a step in vertical pin situations and prevent folding around your legs. The Java has won an awesome reputation on the toughest rivers from Norway to New Zealand as a serious boat for serious water.
The Sonic and Super Sonic are river runners’ dreams come true; designed with the high levels of comfort and predictable performance demanded by today’s white water paddler.

Whatever your ability you will appreciate the control afforded by the balanced volume distribution, softened chines, forgiving rails and highly responsive hull, even on the most unpredictable water. These kayaks are loved by coaches and any paddler who wants to spend all day in the assured comfort our Proline outfitting offers. The Sonic is ideal for small to medium sized paddlers whilst the Super Sonic excels with a larger paddler at the helm.

These legendary freeride kayaks are fun river runners that love to play. They thrill advanced paddlers with their performance, yet maintain a forgiving nature for the less experienced.

This versatility comes from the freestyle hull, even volume distribution and soft contoured deck styling. Relax for comfortable all day paddling or tighten up for a play session by tailoring your cockpit with the easily adjustable Proline outfitting. Fantastic potential is available from the Madness for bigger paddlers, whilst the Method Air is a nimble all river craft for medium to small kayakers.
The Arc and Sparc are well proportioned and forgiving kayaks for virtually every situation. These kayaks are extremely popular for flat and moving water general purpose paddling and instructional use. This pair deliver predictable performance on calm water thanks to the soft contours and our combination hull. The hull is remarkably true tracking whilst still fun and manoeuvrable on moving water. Excellent comfort is provided by our Classic outfitting whilst our Club outfitting is perfectly tuned for fleet operators and clubs.

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The Whip-It and Whiplash both offer an exciting playful edge, yet will surprise you with their forgiving temperaments.

This is the perfect introduction to freeride kayaking with a flat hull and pronounced rails. Even volume distribution gives predictable control and handling on river trips and when playing. The Whip-It is ideal for small to medium sized paddlers with the Whiplash suiting larger kayakers. Your needs and comfort are completed by either the Classic or Club outfittings depending on your requirements.

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This is a classic freeride kayak designed with the smaller paddler in mind. The Method Junior’s forgiving nature and stability is ideal for beginners. Paddlers love the responsiveness provided by the combination of the freestyle hull, even volume distribution and contoured deck styling. The Method Junior is a fun kayak that is hard to grow out of.

**Classic Outfitting**
- Superlinear Polyethylene shell
- Adjustable seat
- Thigh braces
- Adjustable pedal footrests
- Adjustable padded backrest
- Microcell foam walls

**Type**
- User Guide: Beginner – Advanced

**Paddler weight**
- <70kg

**Length**
- 221cm

**Width**
- 63cm

**Volume**
- 155 ltrs

**Weight**
- 15kg

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Dancer Pro

A classic kayak which turns your early kayaking experiences into safe and comfortable adventures. The extended waterline provides predictable directional handling even in novice hands. Confidence inspiring stability combined with a large easy access and exit cockpit help to produce a great start to the kayaking experience.

**Club Outfitting**
- Superlinear Polyethylene shell
- Adjustable seat
- Adjustable pedal footrests
- Adjustable padded backrest
- Microcell foam walls

**Type**

**Paddler weight**
- <90kg

**Length**
- 350cm

**Width**
- 61cm

**Volume**
- 255 ltrs

**Weight**
- 17kg
Richard Fox, the five times World slalom champion, designed this kayak so you can be sure of its slalom pedigree. This fast and agile kayak has competition performance whilst maintaining the benefit of a durable polyethylene construction. Outfitting reflects the need for competition level control with contoured thighbraces, adjustable footrests and supportive backrest that combine for a personal fit. The Fox is the ideal boat to tackle the rigours of slalom initiation and competition.

**Wavehopper**

The Wavehopper is a true white water racing design in the ideal construction for an introduction to competition. This quick yet forgiving design is extremely popular with clubs and individuals for both training and competition. It is also a proven favourite for multi sport events. The Wavehopper is endorsed by most Federations for use in competition. Perception sponsors the British Canoe Union’s Wavehopper Challenge which has been established to grow participation in white water racing and show the excitement of this high action sport.