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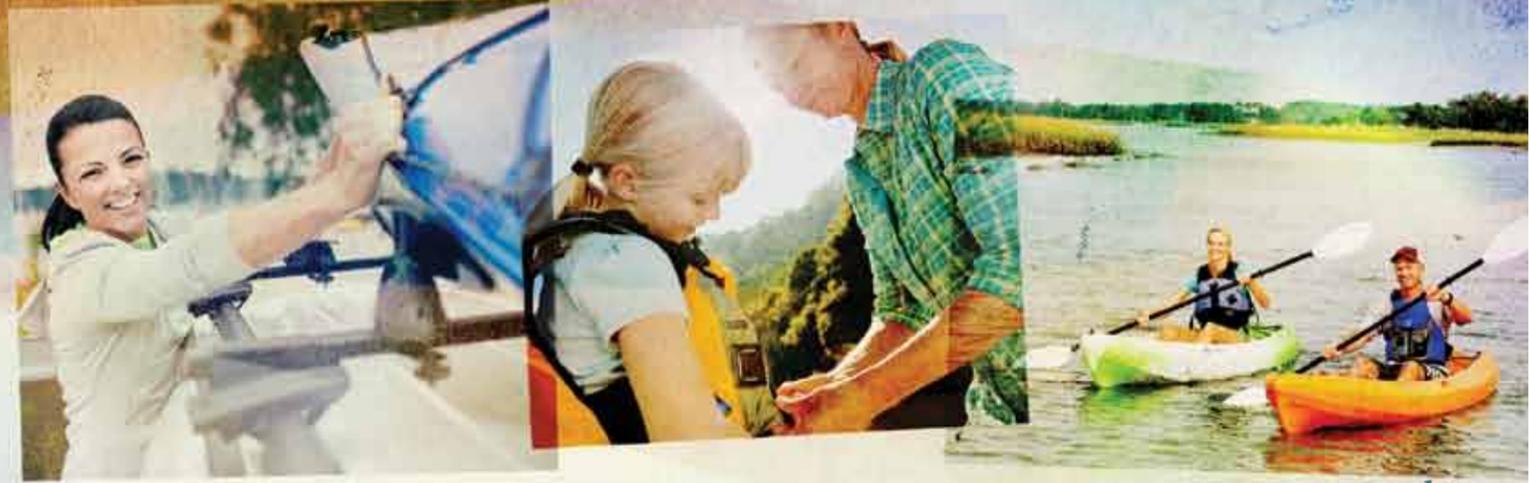
2012 PRODUCT GUIDE

You Have a Story That's Worth Telling

The race to live life to the fullest can sometimes leave you running on empty. Sometimes the most rejuvenating moment is just shared simplicity. For over 30 years, Perception has been helping people bring that little bit of simplicity back into their lives and share it with the ones they love, one paddle stroke at a time.

Our heritage of performance, dependability, and versatility is born out of our respect for our customers and for the outdoors.

We know that with the right kayak you can write a story worth telling, with moments worth sharing.



We want those moments to be available to everyone. That's why we make the best quality models at a value unmatched by any other in the industry.

Maybe now is the time to start thinking about the next chapter in your story and who you want to share it with. Which moments will stand out? What will you discover? We want to hear all about it. Let Perception make this chapter a great one.

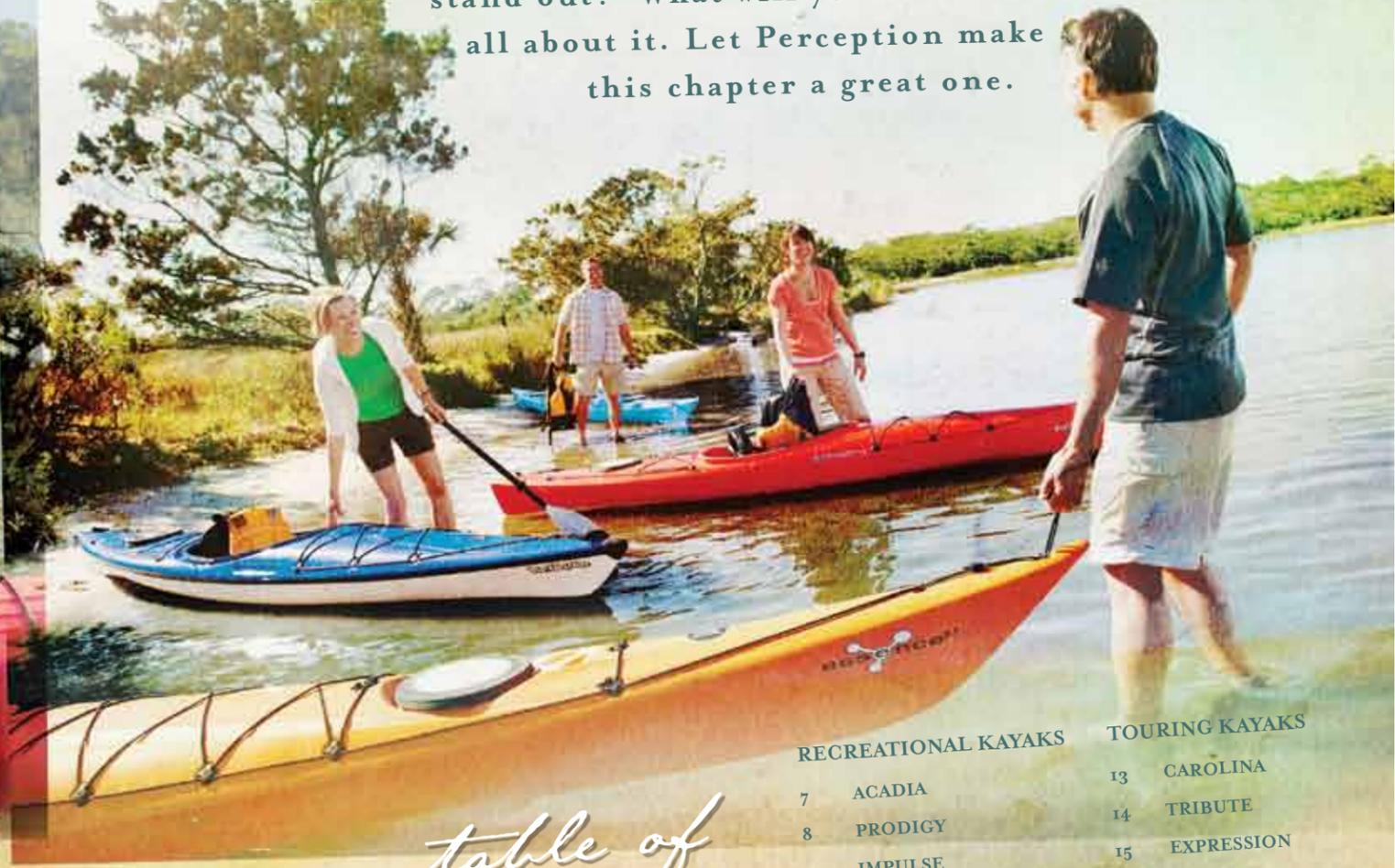
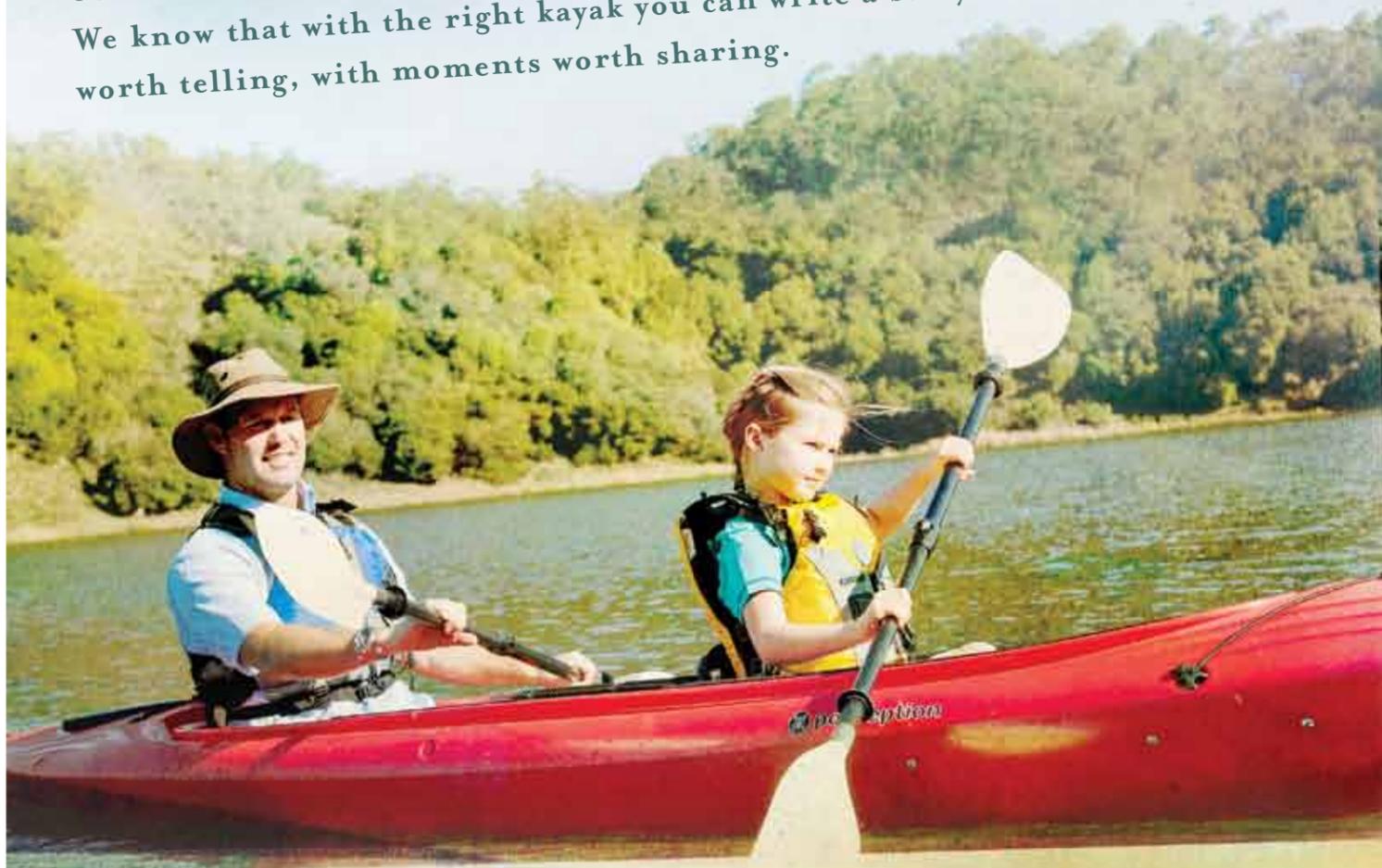


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How to choose a kayak

When choosing your perfect kayak, there are many factors to take into consideration. We recommend talking to your local Perception dealer to help with this decision. Information provided here will help you understand kayak differences and steer you in the right direction.

STEP ONE: PADDLING STYLE

Where do you want to kayak and what will you be doing? Perception kayaks fall into three categories. Each category has the right combination of size options, outfitting, gear, storage, and performance features for the intended uses outlined in the chart below.

FACTORS TO CONSIDER	RECREATIONAL	TOURING	EXPEDITION KAYAKING
IDEAL TYPES OF WATER	Ponds, small lakes, bays, slow moving rivers	Lakes, bays, moving rivers, currents, limited ocean use	Lakes, bays, moving rivers, rougher currents, ocean
TRIP DURATION	Day trips	Day or weekend trips (less than 20 miles)	Day or weekend trips, expeditions
SKILL LEVELS	Beginner to intermediate	Intermediate to Advanced	Intermediate to Advanced
GEAR STORAGE	Low to Moderate	Moderate	Moderate to High

STEP TWO: PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

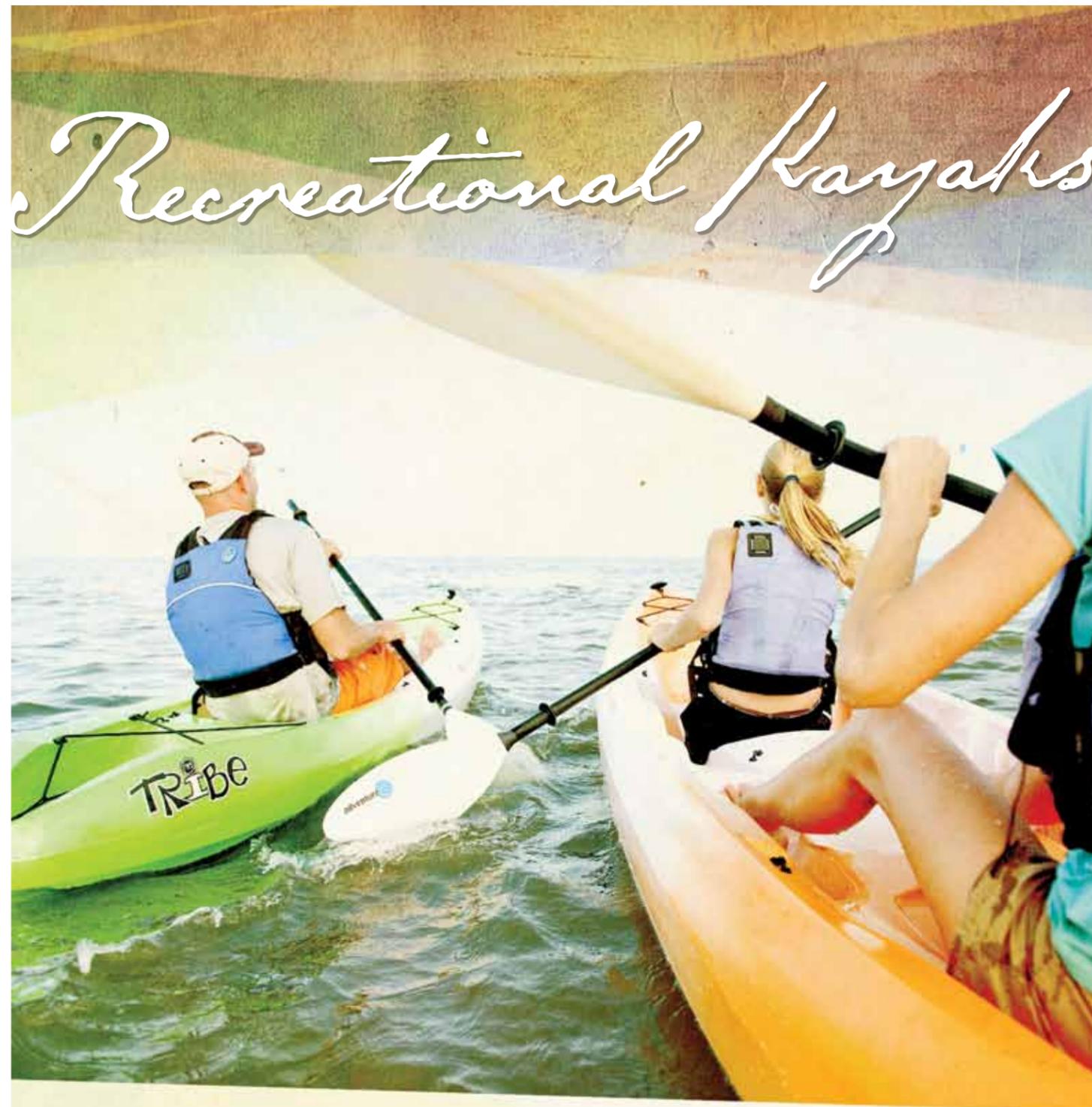
There are a variety of design factors affecting performance and many kayaks share features with more than one category. The chart below will help you compare how you want to paddle with the typical performance attributes of each category relative to the others.

CHARACTERISTIC	RECREATIONAL	TOURING	EXPEDITION KAYAKING	DEFINITIONS
STABILITY	Best	Better	Good	Stability – general capability of boat’s resistance to tipping over under normal conditions.
SPEED / GLIDE	Good	Better	Best	Speed – boat’s efficiency moving through the water and potential for higher velocity.
TRACKING	Good	Better	Best	Tracking – boat’s ability to stay in a straight line.
MANEUVERABILITY	Best	Better	Good	Maneuverability – boat’s ability to turn easily.
CONTROL	Good	Better	Best	Control – Ability to use advanced techniques for precision movement on each axis, in varied terrain and conditions.

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Find your kayak and contact your local Perception dealer!





Recreational Kayaks

The story behind our recreational kayaks is simple – fun on the water for everyone. Our recreational kayaks offer speed, control and comfort you'd never expect, with the manageability and stability you do. It's amazing how simplicity can make you so interesting.

ACADIA SCOUT 10.0 | \$399

Childhood memories that last a lifetime don't happen in front of the TV. That's why the Acadia Scout is designed just for kids in every way. The lowered deck is the perfect height for visibility while the hull isn't too wide to paddle easily around lakes and ponds. Add in the speedy design and simple, tough outfitting and this trip's one for the photo album.

COLORS:



SPECS:
 Max Capacity: 150 lbs / 68 kg
 Length: 10' / 305 cm
 Width: 23" / 58 cm
 Deck Height: 10.5" / 26 cm
 Boat Weight: 26 lbs / 12 kg
 Cockpit Length: 28" / 71 cm
 Cockpit Width: 18" / 46 cm

FEATURES:
 Molded-In Seat with Adjustable Backband
 SlideLock Adjustable Foot Braces
 Soft Touch Handles

ACADIA 11.5 | \$679

Ready to get into paddling, but worried your only options are bulky and uncomfortable recreational boats? Then quit worrying, pack the picnic, and head to the lake in the Acadia 11.5. It offers the stability you'll need, but the shallow V-hull delivers unexpected speed. Instantly after sitting in the comfortable, adjustable Zone® outfitting system, you'll know you made the right choice.

COLORS:



SPECS:
 Max Capacity: 365 lbs / 166 kg
 Length: 11'3" / 343 cm
 Width: 28" / 71 cm
 Deck Height: 13.5" / 34 cm
 Boat Weight: 47 lbs / 21 kg
 Cockpit Length: 38" / 97 cm
 Cockpit Width: 21" / 53 cm

FEATURES:
 Zone Seat
 SlideLock Adjustable Foot Braces
 Stern Hatch
 Bungee Deck Rigging
 Soft Touch Handles
 Stern Bulkhead

ACADIA II 14.0 | \$829

It's true—getting out on the water in a tandem with a friend, the family, or even the dog is as fun as you think. Don't do it in just any kayak, pick the most fun recreational tandem on the market. Three comfortable, sliding seats for all sized paddlers and a high seat back combine with signature Acadia series performance to share the adventure.

COLORS:



SPECS:
 Max Capacity: 650 lbs / 295 kg
 Length: 14'3" / 434 cm
 Width: 33.25" / 84 cm
 Deck Height: 13.75" / 35 cm
 Boat Weight: 80 lbs / 36 kg
 Cockpit Length: 86.75" / 220 cm
 Cockpit Width: 24.5" / 62 cm

FEATURES:
 Adjustable Tandem Seating
 Keepers Adjustable Foot Braces
 Stern Hatch
 Bungee Deck Rigging
 Soft Touch Handles
 Stern Bulkhead

SPECS:
 Max Capacity: 275 lbs / 125 kg
 Length: 10' / 305 cm
 Width: 29.5" / 75 cm
 Deck Height: 15.25" / 39 cm
 Boat Weight: 41 lbs / 19 kg
 Cockpit Length: 51" / 130 cm
 Cockpit Width: 23" / 58 cm

FEATURES:
 Zone DLX Seat
 Zone Knee / Thighpad
 SlideLock Adjustable Foot Braces
 Stern Hatch
 Bungee Deck Rigging
 Soft Touch Handles
 Stern Bulkhead
 Skid Plate

PRODIGY 10.0 | \$499

This is what made recreational kayaking such a popular outdoor pastime. From lakes to slow-moving rivers, the no-hassle Prodigy 10.0 is ready to get on the water, easy to throw on your car and easy to store. And it's affordable, so there's nothing keeping you from your active lifestyle. Top of the line seating and storage systems make the Prodigy 10.0 one of the most comfortable and best performing kayaks in its class.

COLORS:



PRODIGY 13.5 ^{NEW} 2012 | \$799

Four-legged friends, welcome! The Prodigy 13.5 rounds out the series with the industry's first true companion kayak. The unique, over-sized cockpit, adjustable seating system and removable kid's seat make it ideal for paddling with a child, a dog or extra gear on calm, open water. The Prodigy 13.5 is versatile and built for stability, just the way the modern families need it to be.

PRODIGY 13.5 WITH RUDDER* ^{NEW} 2012 | \$1019

COLORS:



SPECS:
 Max Capacity: 450 lbs / 205 kg
 Length: 13'6" / 411 cm
 Width: 28.5" / 72 cm
 Deck Height: 14.75" / 37 cm
 Boat Weight: 62 lbs / 28 kg
 w/ Rudder: 66 lbs / 30 kg
 Cockpit Length: 80" / 203 cm
 Cockpit Width: 20" / 51 cm

FEATURES:
 Zone DLX Seat
 Zone Knee / Thighpad
 SlideLock Adjustable Foot Braces
 Stern Hatch
 Bow and Stern Bungee
 Deck Rigging
 Soft Touch Handles
 Stern Bulkhead
 Rudder Capable
 Skid Plate
 Paddle Park
 Kid Seat

*Keepers Rudder Foot Brace
 BTS Rudder

SPECS:
 Max Capacity: 350 lbs / 159 kg
 Length: 12'2" / 369 cm
 Width: 27.25" / 69 cm
 Deck Height: 15.25" / 39 cm
 Boat Weight: 51 lbs / 23 kg
 Cockpit Length: 51" / 130 cm
 Cockpit Width: 23" / 58 cm

FEATURES:
 Zone DLX Seat
 Zone Knee / Thighpad
 SlideLock Adjustable Foot Braces
 Stern Hatch
 Bungee Deck Rigging
 Comfort Carry Handles
 Stern Bulkhead
 Skid Plate

PRODIGY 12.0 | \$699

Explore what's a little farther from land – load up the water-tight storage compartment for that all-day trip in a Prodigy 12.0. Or maybe just relax and bring your bird watching or fishing gear. Efficient performance and exceptional comfort in the upgraded seating and storage systems help you make the most of any day.

COLORS:



PRODIGY II 14.5 WITH RUDDER* | \$1219

More than a kayak with extra seats, The Prodigy II 14.5 is a completely unique experience with families and partners in mind. Outfitting features a pair of ergonomic and comfortable seats with thigh padding and multiple adjustment options for both paddlers, including an "on the fly" movable bow seat that adjusts to pets, kids, or to go solo. With performance inspired by the much-loved, swift and speedy Prodigy, it's the tandem everyone's been asking for.

PRODIGY II 14.5 | \$999

COLORS:



SPECS:
 Max Capacity: 550 lbs / 249 kg
 Length: 14'6" / 442 cm
 Width: 31.25" / 79 cm
 Deck Height: 15.75" / 40 cm
 Boat Weight: 73 lbs / 33 kg
 w/ Rudder: 77 lbs / 35 kg
 Cockpit Length: 90" / 229 cm
 Cockpit Width: 22.75" / 58 cm

FEATURES:
 Zone DLX Seat
 Zone Knee / Thighpad
 Tandem Footbraces (stern)
 SlideLock Adjustable Foot Braces
 (bow & solo position)
 Stern Hatch
 Bungee Deck Rigging
 Soft Touch Handles
 Stern Bulkhead
 Skid Plate
 Kid Seat

*Tandem Footbrace (stern)
 Keepers Rudder Foot Brace
 BTS Rudder

IMPULSE 10.0 | \$399

When it comes to versatility and simplicity, the Impulse is the best value around. From fishing to bird watching, or relaxing day cruising, this comfortable and light-weight kayak is the perfect fit for the on-the-go lifestyle. It's stable and zippy on all kinds of flatwater, packed with durable features like a self-draining tankwell, gear tray, and cupholder that you'd expect to find on pricier kayaks. The Impulse is ready to go, just get in!

COLORS:



SPECS:
 Max Capacity: 275 lbs / 125 kg
 Length: 10' / 305 cm
 Width: 29.5" / 75 cm
 Deck Height: 16.5" / 42 cm
 Boat Weight: 44 lbs / 20 kg
 Cockpit Length: 54.25" / 138 cm
 Cockpit Width: 23.25" / 59 cm

FEATURES:
 Comfort Seating System (CSS)
 Keepers Adjustable Foot Braces
 Bungee Deck Rigging
 Mold-In Bow & Stern Handles
 Mold-In Dashboard w/Bungee
 Tankwell w/Scuppers
 Self-Bailing Scuppers

TRIBE 9.5 | \$449

The Tribe 9.5 is an affordable, easy-going, great looking sit-on-top that performs terrifically in surf and rough ocean conditions, but is also speedy and maneuverable on flat water and lazy rivers. With side handles built-in, plus additional bow and stern handles, carrying and car topping is a breeze.

COLORS:



SPECS:
 Max Capacity: 300 lbs / 136 kg
 Length: 9'5" / 287 cm
 Width: 31.25" / 79 cm
 Deck Height: 16.25" / 41 cm
 Boat Weight: 46 lbs / 21 kg
 Seating Well Length: 53" / 135 cm
 Seating Well Width: 20.5" / 52 cm

FEATURES:
 Molded-In Seat
 SOT Seat
 Molded-In Footwells
 Tankwells with Bungee
 Mold-In Side Handles
 Soft Touch Handles
 Skid Plate
 Stackable
 Self-Bailing Scuppers

TRIBE 11.5 | \$549

A great all-around sit-on-top for most any sized paddler, the added length on the Tribe 11.5 gives a boost of speed, extra storage and even adventure potential over the smaller size. Beginners and veterans will find the Tribe a joy to paddle in both choppy and flat water like lakes and lazy rivers.

COLORS:



SPECS:
 Max Capacity: 350 lbs / 159 kg
 Length: 11'5" / 348 cm
 Width: 30.25" / 77 cm
 Deck Height: 16" / 41 cm
 Boat Weight: 52 lbs / 24 kg
 Seating Well Length: 53" / 135 cm
 Seating Well Width: 19" / 48 cm

FEATURES:
 Molded-In Seat
 SOT Seat
 Molded-In Footwells
 Tankwells with Bungee
 Mold-In Side Handles
 Soft Touch Handles
 Skid Plate
 Stackable
 Self-Bailing Scuppers

TRIUMPH 13.0 NEW 2012 | \$699

The Triumph is a breath of fresh air to the sit-on-top world, proving that performance is not something only offered in a sit-inside kayak. Evolved from the touring line, it is speedier and easier to paddle than other sit-on-top kayaks. The molded-in kid's seat, cup holders and ample flat locations add versatility and maintenance-free ease for fishing, camping, bird watching or any type of activity in the ocean swell, lakes, and rivers.

COLORS:



SPECS:
 Max Capacity: 350 lbs / 159 kg
 Length: 13'5" / 409 cm
 Width: 29.5" / 75 cm
 Deck Height: 15.75" / 40 cm
 Boat Weight: 58 lbs / 26 kg
 Seating Well Length: 53" / 135 cm
 Seating Well Width: 22" / 56 cm

FEATURES:
 High Back Sit-On-Top Seat
 Molded-in Side Carry Handles
 Molded-in Kid's Seat
 Keepers Adjustable Foot Braces
 Bow and Center Hatches
 Tankwell with Bungee
 Paddle Park
 Soft Touch Handles
 Rudder Capable
 Bungee on Bow
 Molded In Cup Holder
 Drain Plug
 Self-Bailing Scuppers
 Skid Plate
 Thighstrap Attachment Loops

TRIBE 13.5 | \$649

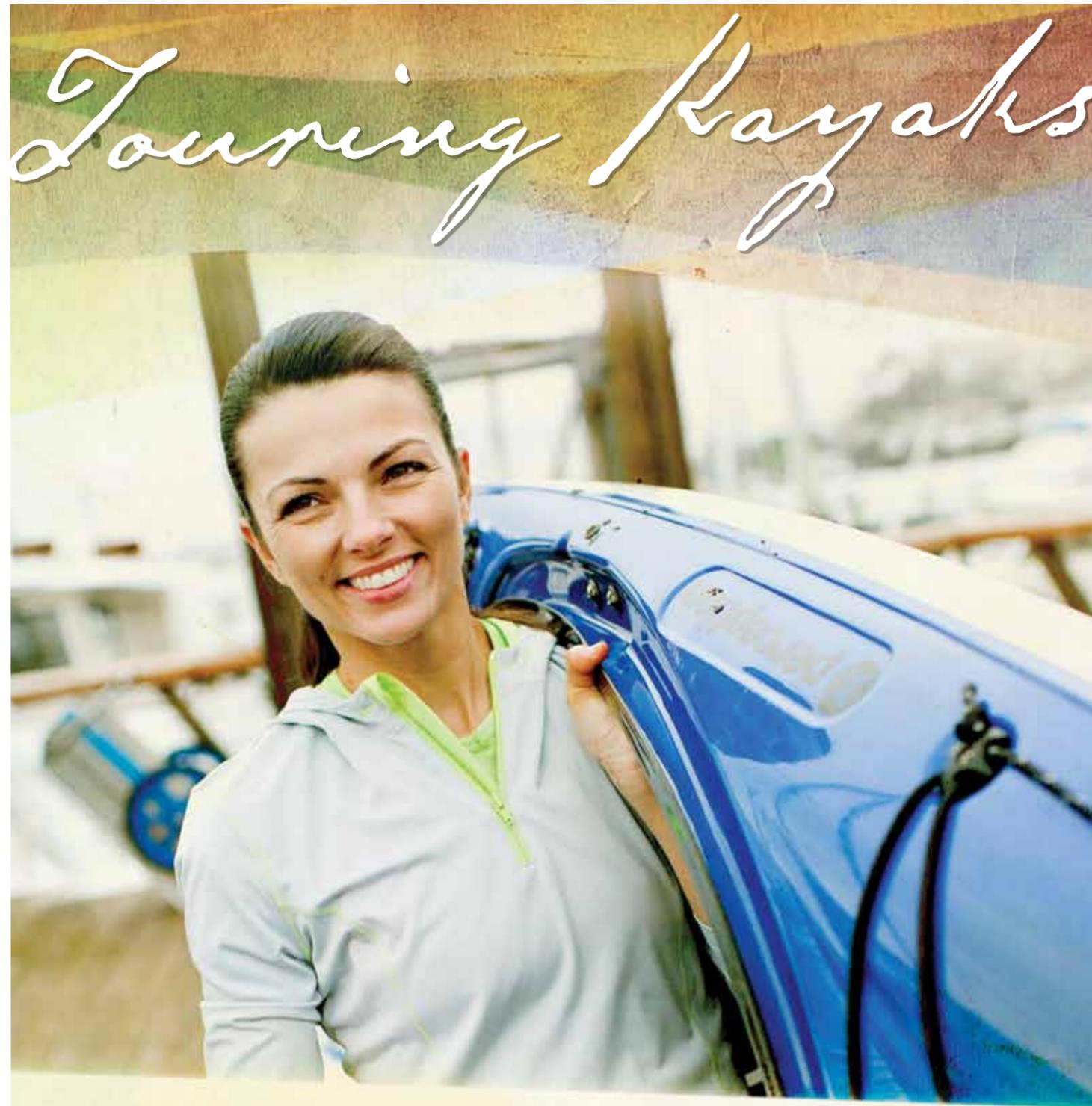
Three is company in the Tribe 13.5 tandem. The versatile sit-on-top design features a 3-seat configuration for up to two adults and a small child or pet. Other features include self-bailing scupper tubes and bow and stern storage areas with bungees to safely secure backpacks, picnic baskets, and coolers. You also have the option to paddle solo from the center seat – it's up to you!

COLORS:



SPECS:
 Max Capacity: 500 lbs / 226 kg
 Length: 13'5" / 408 cm
 Width: 33.75" / 86 cm
 Deck Height: 17" / 43 cm
 Boat Weight: 67 lbs / 30 kg
 Seating Well Length: (B) 52" / 132 cm
 (S) 46.5" / 118 cm
 Seating Well Width: (B) 22" / 56 cm
 (S) 20" / 51 cm

FEATURES:
 Molded-In Seats
 SOT Seats (2)
 Small Molded-In Center Seat
 Molded-In Footwells
 Tankwells with Bungee
 Mold-in Side Handles
 Soft Touch Handles
 Skid Plate
 Stackable
 Self-Bailing Scuppers



Touring Kayaks

Discover abounding possibilities and expanding environments in a Perception touring kayak. Predictable yet advanced performance takes beginners or experts a step beyond recreational kayaks. Surrendering to possibility never felt so liberating.

CAROLINA 12.0 | \$869

From the popular Carolina series, this day or weekend tripper offers exceptional acceleration, stability, and speed in a soft chined, V-shaped hull. The 12-footer is easy to load while still offering plenty of dry storage to help you make the most of its versatile capabilities.

COLORS:



SPECS:
 Max Capacity: 275 lbs / 125 kg
 Length: 12' / 366 cm
 Width: 26" / 66 cm
 Deck Height: 14.5" / 37 cm
 Boat Weight: 49 lbs / 22 kg
 Cockpit Length: 39.5" / 100 cm
 Cockpit Width: 21.5" / 55 cm

FEATURES:
 Zone DLX Seat
 Zone Knee / Thighpad
 SlideLock Adjustable Foot Braces
 Bow and Stern Hatches
 Bungee Deck Rigging
 Soft Touch Handles
 Bow and Stern Bulkheads

CAROLINA 14.0 WITH RUDDER* | \$1169

A little more can take you a long way in this 14-foot Carolina. More speed and even better tracking compliments the added storage space for longer distances or extended weekend camping. The optional rudder keeps windy conditions from standing in the way of your destination by giving added control.

CAROLINA 14.0 | \$949

COLORS:



SPECS:
 Max Capacity: 300 lbs / 136 kg
 Length: 14' / 427 cm
 Width: 24.5" / 62 cm
 Deck Height: 14.5" / 37 cm
 Boat Weight: 57 lbs / 26 kg
 no Rudder: 53 lbs / 24 kg
 Cockpit Length: 39.5" / 100 cm
 Cockpit Width: 21.5" / 55 cm

FEATURES:
 Zone DLX Seat
 Zone Knee / Thighpad
 SlideLock Adjustable Foot Braces
 Bow and Stern Hatches
 Bungee Deck Rigging
 Soft Touch Handles
 Bow and Stern Bulkheads

*Tandem Footbrace (stern)
 Keeps Rudder Foot Brace
 BTS Rudder

SPECS:
 Max Capacity: 225 lbs / 102 kg
 Length: 10' / 305 cm
 Width: 26" / 66 cm
 Deck Height: 13" / 33 cm
 Boat Weight: 36 lbs / 16 kg
 Cockpit Length: 39.5" / 100 cm
 Cockpit Width: 22" / 56 cm

TRIBUTE 10.0 | \$649

Roll up the yoga mat and take the workout to the outdoors! The Tribute is specially engineered for smaller framed paddlers, but unlike others in its class, maintains performance and roomy comfort. With good tracking, maneuverability, and surprising speed, there's no better recreational kayak for that cardio exercise or a full day of paddling.

COLORS:



FEATURES:
 Zone DLX Seat
 Zone Knee / Thighpad
 SlideLock Adjustable Foot Braces
 Stern Hatch
 Bungee Deck Rigging
 Soft Touch Handles
 Stern Bulkhead

SPECS:
 Max Capacity: 240 lbs / 109 kg
 Length: 12' / 366 cm
 Width: 24.5" / 62 cm
 Deck Height: 13.5" / 34 cm
 Boat Weight: 41 lbs / 19 kg
 Cockpit Length: 35" / 89 cm
 Cockpit Width: 19.5" / 49 cm

TRIBUTE 12.0 | \$799

A kayak that is ergonomically engineered for women or small paddlers that also offers sporty performance used to be unheard of. Today, the Tribute 12.0 continues to gain popularity as people experience effortless paddling in a manageable kayak sized just right for them.

COLORS:



FEATURES:
 Zone DLX Seat
 Zone Knee / Thighpad
 SlideLock Adjustable Foot Braces
 Stern Hatch
 Bungee Deck Rigging
 Soft Touch Handles
 Stern Bulkhead

SPECS:
 Max Capacity: 240 lbs / 109 kg
 Length: 12' / 366 cm
 Width: 24.5" / 62 cm
 Deck Height: 13.5" / 34 cm
 Boat Weight: 34 lbs / 15 kg
 Cockpit Length: 35" / 89 cm
 Cockpit Width: 19.5" / 49 cm

TRIBUTE 12.0 AIRALITE | \$1229

The rugged outdoors get a makeover with the sleek design of the Tribute 12.0 Airlite. And this time looks aren't deceiving, this one's a true performer with stiff, ultralight construction that gives great control and speed for smaller paddlers.

COLORS:



FEATURES:
 Zone DLX Seat
 Zone Knee / Thighpad
 SlideLock Adjustable Foot Braces
 Kajaksport Stern Hatch
 Bungee Deck Rigging
 Soft Touch Handles
 Stern Bulkhead

TRIBUTE 14.0 | \$899

You love that "just right" fit of the Tribute – now you just want a little more performance! The added length on the Tribute 14.0 gives a nice boost in speed, and the roomier cockpit and comfy outfitting make for fun, more efficient paddling on longer excursions than the smaller size.

COLORS:



TRIBUTE 14.0 WITH RUDDER* | \$1219

EXPRESSION 14.5 NEW 2012 | \$999

The Expression 14.5 is for the adventure-seeker who wants the best of both touring and expedition kayaks: a fun, maneuverable day-kayak that remains stable and predictable when loaded down with gear. The up-swept bow nose and peaked deck shed water quickly, adding speed and performance to the design. Pair with the Expression 15 for a perfect 'his' and 'hers' pair of kayaks.

COLORS:



SPECS:
 Max Capacity: 250 lbs / 113 kg
 Length: 14' / 427 cm
 Width: 23.75" / 60 cm
 Deck Height: 13.75" / 34 cm
 Boat Weight: 48 lbs / 22 kg
 w/ Rudder: 52 lbs / 24 kg
 Cockpit Length: 35" / 89 cm
 Cockpit Width: 19.25" / 49 cm

FEATURES:
 Zone DLX Seat
 Adjustable, Padded Thigh Braces
 SlideLock Adjustable Foot Braces
 Bow and Stern Hatches
 Bungee Deck Rigging
 Soft Touch Handles
 Bow and Stern Bulkheads

*Keeps Rudder Foot Braces
 BTS Rudder

SPECS:
 Max Capacity: 300 lbs / 136 kg
 Length: 14'6" / 442 cm
 Width: 23.25" / 59 cm
 Deck Height: 13.5" / 34 cm
 Boat Weight: 54 lbs / 25 kg
 Cockpit Length: 35.25" / 90 cm
 Cockpit Width: 19.5" / 50 cm

FEATURES:
 Zone DLX Seat
 Adjustable, Padded Thigh Braces
 SlideLock Adjustable Foot Braces
 Bow and Stern Hatches
 Bow and Stern Bungee
 Deck Rigging
 Soft Touch Handles
 Bow and Stern Bulkheads
 TTS Skeg
 Rudder Capable

EXPRESSION 15.0 NEW 2012 | \$999

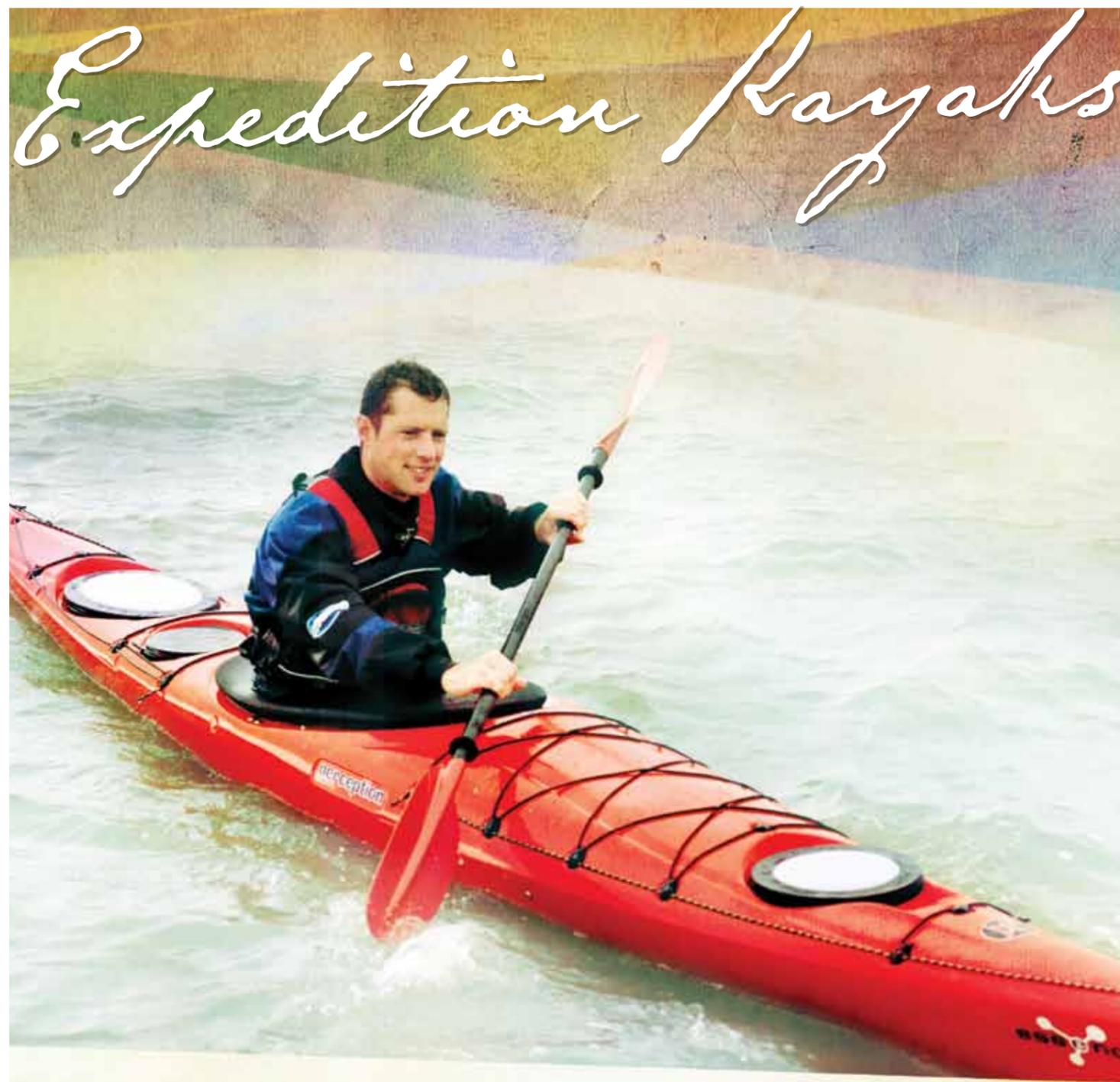
Like its smaller sister, the Expression 15.0 offers forgiving handling and stability expected of a touring design with the performance of an expedition kayak. The progressive rocker offers maneuverable handling for confident paddling in tight, technical waters and coastlines, while the slightly larger cockpit and additional length make it a little faster and roomier than the 14.5.

COLORS:



SPECS:
 Max Capacity: 325 lbs / 148 kg
 Length: 15' / 456 cm
 Width: 24" / 61 cm
 Deck Height: 14.5" / 37 cm
 Boat Weight: 57 lbs / 26 kg
 Cockpit Length: 35.25" / 90 cm
 Cockpit Width: 19.5" / 50 cm

FEATURES:
 Zone DLX Seat
 Adjustable, Padded Thigh Braces
 SlideLock Adjustable Foot Braces
 Bow and Stern Hatches
 Bow and Stern Bungee
 Deck Rigging
 Soft Touch Handles
 Bow and Stern Bulkheads
 TTS Skeg
 Rudder Capable



Expedition Kayaks

There's no room for boundaries when you're pushing the limits of kayaking. Whether it's a multi-day expedition, or the technical handling needed for rough conditions, our kayaks offer an athletic grip on all types of water, so nothing's holding you back.

ESSENCE 16.5 | \$1299

The thrill and performance of expedition kayaking isn't just for experts. The predictable handling of the Essence 16.5 gives women or smaller paddlers all the tracking and maneuverability needed for that great expedition in a stable, comfortable package. Drop the skeg and open up a whole new level of excitement that pushes your abilities.

COLORS:



SPECS:
 Max Capacity: 325 lbs / 147 kg
 Length: 16'6" / 503 cm
 Width: 22.25" / 57 cm
 Deck Height: 15.5" / 39 cm
 Boat Weight: 59 lbs / 27 kg
 Cockpit Length: 35" / 89 cm
 Cockpit Width: 19.5" / 49 cm

FEATURES:
 Zone EXP Seat
 Adjustable, Padded Thigh Braces
 SlideLock Adjustable Foot Braces
 Bow, Stern Hatches & Center Day Hatch
 Bungee Deck Rigging
 Soft Touch Handles
 Bow, Center, & Stern Bulkheads
 TTS Skeg
 Rudder Ready

ESSENCE 16.5 AIRALITE | \$1799

Innovative Airlite construction unleashes the full performance capabilities of the Essence 16.5 with less weight and even tighter control. For those longer journeys, this design is focused on efficiency, tracking and stability to provide a paddler with a boat that is not only very predictable, but also offers splendid edge control in a light-weight package.

COLORS:



SPECS:
 Max Capacity: 325 lbs / 147 kg
 Length: 16'6" / 503 cm
 Width: 22.5" / 57 cm
 Deck Height: 15.5" / 39 cm
 Boat Weight: 48 lbs / 22 kg
 Cockpit Length: 35" / 89 cm
 Cockpit Width: 19.5" / 49 cm

FEATURES:
 Zone EXP Seat
 Adjustable, Padded Thigh Braces
 SlideLock Adjustable Foot Braces
 Kajaksport Bow, Center & Stern Hatches
 Bungee Deck Rigging
 Soft Touch Handles
 Bow, Center & Stern Bulkheads
 TTS Skeg
 Rudder Ready

ESSENCE 17.0 | \$1299

If your expedition requires a map, then you're going to need the added speed, comfort, and storage found in the Essence 17.0. It's everything you need for that week-long, once in a lifetime trek, or a more exciting day on the water that can only be had with a design that's truly an extension of your body.

COLORS:

ESSENCE 17.0 AIRALITE* | \$1799

Go ahead, be demanding. If you want a kayak that has it all, the Essence 17.0 Airlite adds length while reducing weight for the maximum performance available. Offering comfortable outfitting, plenty of dry storage, speed, and maneuverability, it's the perfect start to the perfect day...or week.

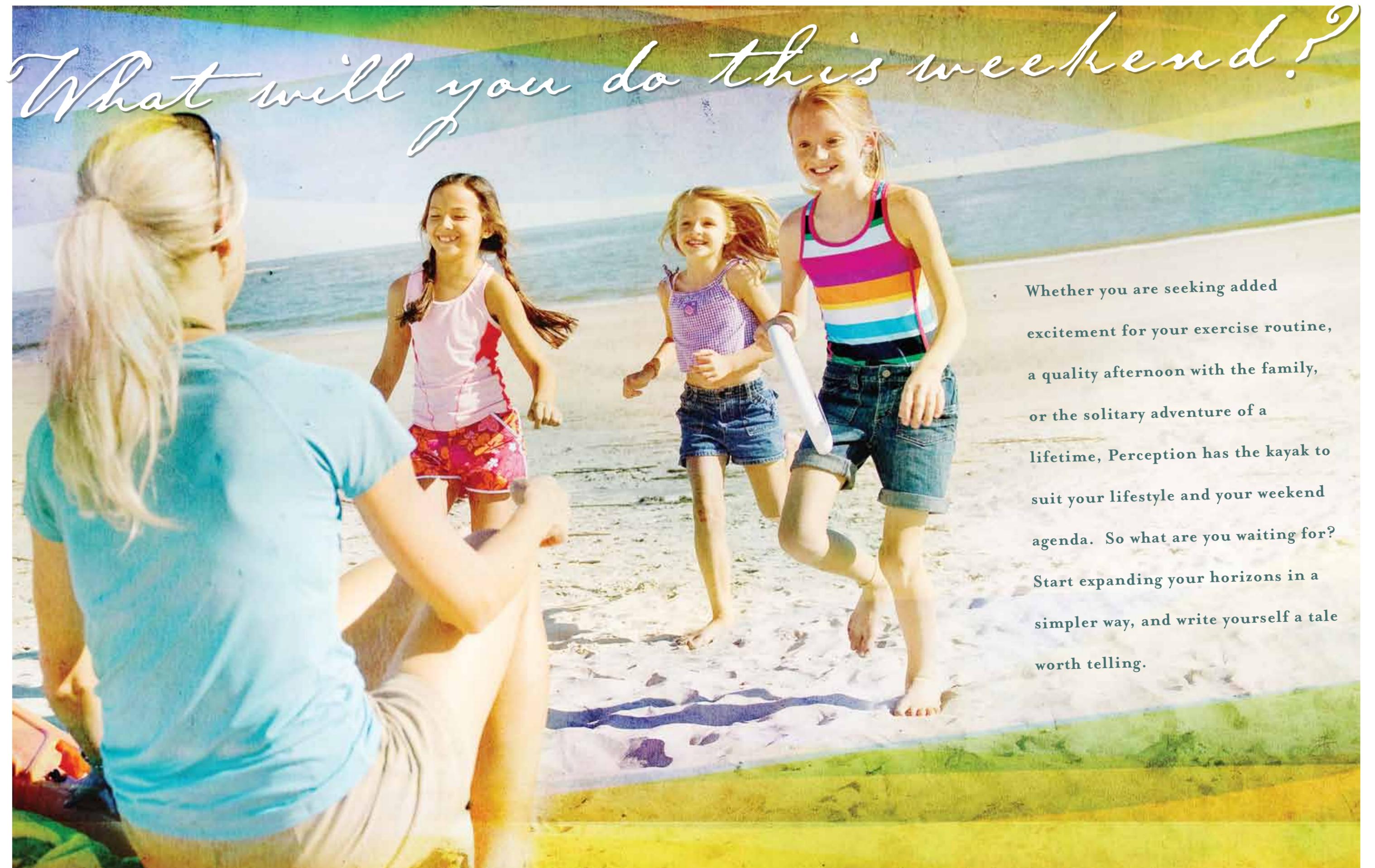
AIRALITE COLORS:



SPECS:
 Max Capacity: 350 lbs / 159 kg
 Length: 17' / 518 cm
 Width: 23" / 58 cm
 Deck Height: 16.5" / 42 cm
 Boat Weight: 65 lbs / 30 kg
 *Airlite : 50 lbs / 23 kg
 Cockpit Length: 35" / 89 cm
 Cockpit Width: 19.5" / 49 cm

FEATURES:
 Zone EXP Seat
 Adjustable, Padded Thigh Braces
 SlideLock Adjustable Foot Braces
 Bow, Stern Hatches & Center Day Hatch
 Bungee Deck Rigging
 Soft Touch Handles
 Bow, Center, and Stern Bulkheads
 TTS Skeg
 Rudder Ready

*Kajaksport Bow, Center, and Stern Hatches



What will you do this weekend?

Whether you are seeking added excitement for your exercise routine, a quality afternoon with the family, or the solitary adventure of a lifetime, Perception has the kayak to suit your lifestyle and your weekend agenda. So what are you waiting for? Start expanding your horizons in a simpler way, and write yourself a tale worth telling.

Outfitting

foot braces



SLIDELOCK™ FOOT BRACES

Patented system delivers precision adjustment of footpegs for comfort and control is simple and convenient. Side located wands make it possible to reposition by hand on the fly without leaving the seat.



KEEPERS™ FOOT BRACES

Durable footpegs reposition smoothly to one of many length settings by reaching forward with your hands to engage with track. Featured on most sit-on-top and rudder models.

handles



SOFT TOUCH HANDLES

Ergonomic handle conforms to the shape of your hand. The soft rubber underside delivers a secure and comfortable grip for easy loading, unloading, and carrying of your kayak.



COMFORT CARRY HANDLES

Comfortable handles conform to your hand, while the durable design ensures secure carrying of your kayak from one adventure to the next for years to come.

hatches



KAJAK SPORT HATCH COVERS

The industry standard in rugged hatches, the Kajak Sport offers a reliable, water tight seal from the combination of a double sealing design and next-gen material construction.



DUAL DENSITY HATCH COVERS

Durable push-on hatch covers make gear access easier than ever, while offering a true-fitting seal for exceptionally watertight storage.

rudders



BTS RUDDER

Take control and gain paddling efficiency in choppy conditions or in fast current. Ruddered kayak models come with the BTS Rudder kit pre-installed.



RUDDER READY MODELS

Many models ship "rudder ready" with internal tubing that houses rudder cables pre-installed for simple, rapid addition of after-market rudder kits.

seating systems



COMFORT SEATING SYSTEM (CSS)

Lightweight EVA foam seat pads and contoured, padded seat backs provide exceptional grip and comfort for pushing performance limits.



ZONE® EXP SEATING SYSTEM

Trek to parts unknown without the punishment in our expedition grade outfitting. Patented, adjustable leg support, thigh braces, flexible wings, and backband are ergonomically designed for all day comfort.

skeg



TRUTRAK SKEG SYSTEM

Durable construction and hydrofoil shape offer more efficient water mending for an overall improved paddling performance when deployed. The system enclosure has also been reengineered for even more durability.

accessories



ZONE® DLX SEATING SYSTEM

Patented, multiple adjustment options for ultimate ergonomic support and fit for the touring paddler. Easily tuned components include flexible wings, leg support, and backrest.



HARMONY

Get the most of the kayaking experience with accessories and outfitting. Harmony offers a full selection of gear, from sprayskirts, to personal flotation, to dry storage and much more. <http://harmonygear.com>



BOMBER GEAR

Premium sprayskirts and dry technical apparel for sea kayaking and touring. Features material bonding techniques that set the standard in innovation and durability. <http://bomborgear.com>



ADVENTURE TECHNOLOGY (AT) PADDLES

Don't let your paddle deter your quality experience with your Perception performance kayak. Adventure Technology's line of ergonomic, high performance paddles will complement your Perception to perfection. <http://atpaddles.com>

Comparison

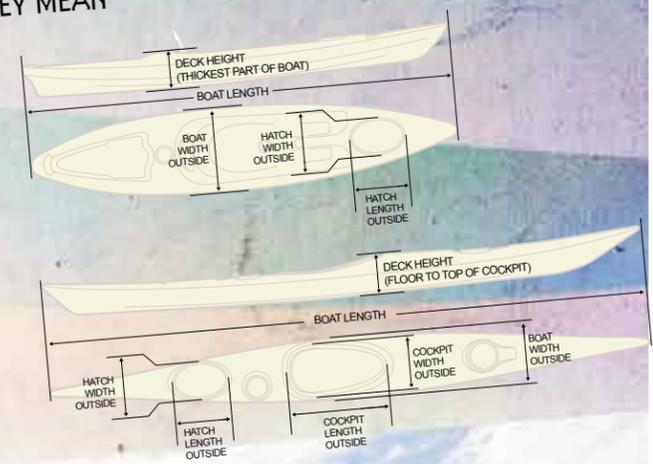
MODEL	MAX CAPACITY	BOAT LENGTH	BOAT WIDTH	BOAT WEIGHT	DECK HEIGHT	COCKPIT / SEAT WELL LENGTH	COCKPIT / SEAT WELL WIDTH	STERN HATCH / TANK WELL LENGTH	STERN HATCH / TANK WELL WIDTH	BOW HATCH / TANK WELL LENGTH	BOW HATCH / TANK WELL WIDTH
ACADIA											
ACADIA SCOUT 10.0	150 lbs / 68 kg	10' / 305 cm	23" / 58 cm	26 lbs / 12 kg	10.5" / 26 cm	28" / 71 cm	18" / 46 cm	N/A	12" / 30 cm	N/A	N/A
ACADIA 11.5	365 lbs / 166 kg	11'3" / 343 cm	28" / 71 cm	47 lbs / 21 kg	13.5" / 34 cm	38" / 97 cm	21" / 53 cm	17" / 43 cm	10.5" / 27 cm	N/A	N/A
ACADIA II 14.0	650 lbs / 295 kg	14'3" / 434 cm	33.25" / 84 cm	80 lbs / 36 kg	13.75" / 35 cm	86.75" / 220 cm	24.5" / 62 cm	10.5" / 27 cm	N/A	N/A	N/A
PRODIGY											
PRODIGY 10.0	275 lbs / 125 kg	10' / 305 cm	29.5" / 75 cm	41 lbs / 19 kg	15.25" / 39 cm	51" / 130 cm	23" / 58 cm	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PRODIGY 12.0	350 lbs / 159 kg	12'2" / 369 cm	27.25" / 69 cm	51 lbs / 23 kg	15.25" / 39 cm	51" / 130 cm	23" / 58 cm	17" / 43 cm	12.25" / 31 cm	N/A	N/A
PRODIGY 13.5	450 lbs / 205 kg	13'6" / 411 cm	28.5" / 72 cm	62 lbs / 28 kg	14.75" / 37 cm	80" / 203 cm	20" / 51 cm	17" / 43 cm	12" / 30 cm	N/A	N/A
PRODIGY 13.5 W/ RUDDER	450 lbs / 205 kg	13'6" / 411 cm	28.5" / 72 cm	66 lbs / 30 kg	14.75" / 37 cm	80" / 203 cm	20" / 51 cm	17" / 43 cm	10.5" / 27 cm	N/A	N/A
PRODIGY 14.5	550 lbs / 249 kg	14'6" / 442 cm	31.25" / 79 cm	73 lbs / 33 kg	15.75" / 40 cm	90" / 229 cm	22.75" / 58 cm	10.5" / 27 cm	10.5" / 27 cm	N/A	N/A
PRODIGY II 14.5 W/ RUDDER	550 lbs / 249 kg	14'6" / 442 cm	31.25" / 79 cm	77 lbs / 35 kg	15.75" / 40 cm	90" / 229 cm	22.75" / 58 cm	10.5" / 27 cm	N/A	N/A	N/A
IMPULSE											
IMPULSE 10.0	275 lbs / 125 kg	10' / 305 cm	29.5" / 75 cm	44 lbs / 20 kg	16.5" / 42 cm	54.25" / 138 cm	23.25" / 59 cm	N/A	15" / 38 cm	N/A	N/A
TRIUMPH											
TRIUMPH 13.0	350 lbs / 159 kg	13'5" / 409 cm	29.5" / 75 cm	58 lbs / 26 kg	15.75" / 40 cm	53" / 135 cm	22" / 56 cm	38" / 97 cm	12" / 30 cm	10.5" / 27 cm	10.5" / 27 cm
EXPRESSION											
EXPRESSION 14.5	300 lbs / 136 kg	14'6" / 442 cm	23.25" / 59 cm	54 lbs / 25 kg	13.5" / 34 cm	35.25" / 90 cm	19.5" / 50 cm	17" / 43 cm	16" / 41 cm	18.5" / 47 cm	12.5" / 32 cm
EXPRESSION 15.0	325 lbs / 148 kg	15'0" / 456 cm	24" / 61 cm	57 lbs / 26 kg	14.5" / 37 cm	35.25" / 90 cm	19.5" / 50 cm	17" / 43 cm	16" / 41 cm	31" / 79 cm	14.5" / 37 cm
TRIBE											
TRIBE 9.5	300 lbs / 136 kg	9'5" / 287 cm	31.25" / 79 cm	46 lbs / 21 kg	16.25" / 41 cm	53" / 135 cm	20.5" / 52 cm	29" / 74 cm	19" / 48 cm	40" / 102 cm	21.5" / 55 cm
TRIBE 11.5	350 lbs / 159 kg	11'5" / 348 cm	30.25" / 77 cm	52 lbs / 24 kg	16" / 41 cm	53" / 135 cm	19" / 48 cm	40" / 102 cm	(B) 22" / 56 cm (S) 20" / 51 cm		
TRIBE 13.5	500 lbs / 226 kg	13'5" / 408 cm	33.75" / 86 cm	67 lbs / 30 kg	17" / 43 cm	(B) 52" / 132 cm (S) 46.5" / 118 cm	(B) 22" / 56 cm (S) 20" / 51 cm	21.5" / 55 cm	12" / 30 cm	10.5" / 27 cm	10.5" / 27 cm
CAROLINA											
CAROLINA 12.0	275 lbs / 125 kg	12' / 366 cm	26" / 66 cm	49 lbs / 22 kg	14.5" / 37 cm	39.5" / 100 cm	21.5" / 55 cm	17" / 43 cm	10.5" / 27 cm	N/A	N/A
CAROLINA 14.0	300 lbs / 136 kg	14' / 427 cm	24.5" / 62 cm	53 lbs / 24 kg	14.5" / 37 cm	39.5" / 100 cm	21.5" / 55 cm	17" / 43 cm	10.5" / 27 cm	N/A	N/A
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TRIBUTE											
TRIBUTE 10.0	225 lbs / 102 kg	10' / 305 cm	26" / 66 cm	36 lbs / 16 kg	13" / 33 cm	39.5" / 100 cm	22" / 56 cm	10.5" / 27 cm	12" / 30 cm	10.5" / 27 cm	10.5" / 27 cm
TRIBUTE 12.0	240 lbs / 109 kg	12' / 366 cm	24.5" / 62 cm	41 lbs / 19 kg	13.5" / 34 cm	35" / 89 cm	19.5" / 49 cm	10" / 25 cm	12" / 30 cm	10.5" / 27 cm	10.5" / 27 cm
TRIBUTE 12.0 AIRALITE	240 lbs / 109 kg	12' / 366 cm	24.5" / 62 cm	34 lbs / 15 kg	13.5" / 34 cm	35" / 89 cm	19.5" / 49 cm	10" / 25 cm	12" / 30 cm	10.5" / 27 cm	10.5" / 27 cm
TRIBUTE 14.0	250 lbs / 113 kg	14' / 427 cm	23.75" / 60 cm	48 lbs / 22 kg	13.75" / 34 cm	35" / 89 cm	19.25" / 49 cm	17" / 43 cm	12" / 30 cm	10.5" / 27 cm	10.5" / 27 cm
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ESSENCE											
ESSENCE 16.5	325 lbs / 147 kg	16'6" / 503 cm	22.25" / 57 cm	59 lbs / 27 kg	15.5" / 39 cm	35" / 89 cm	19.5" / 49 cm	17" / 43 cm	12" / 30 cm	10.5" / 27 cm	10.5" / 27 cm
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BOAT SPECS- HOW WE GET THEM, WHAT THEY MEAN

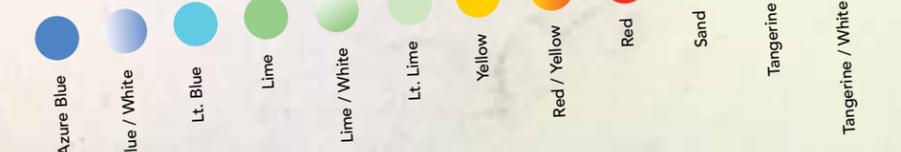
WEIGHT
Based on a fully assembled boat including all outfitting. (NOTE: Other companies may not include outfitting in their weight specifications.)

CAPACITY
Field tests determine each model's capacity, with maximum being the greatest load the model can carry and still perform under typical conditions.

DIMENSIONS
Measured at points indicated by the accompanying diagrams.



ROTOMOLDED COLORS



AIRALITE COLORS



Prices shown are based on US Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price and are subject to change.
Colors may vary slightly from those shown in catalog. Color combinations (Red/Yellow, Camo, Azure/White, Lime/White, Tangerine/White) will vary from those shown in catalog and are unique for each boat we produce. Variations in color are not covered by warranty.
Polyethylene expands and contracts with changes in temperature and humidity. Actual dimensions can vary from those shown in the Specifications Chart due to molding process and/or exposure to extreme hot or cold temperatures. Slight variations are not covered by warranty.
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