



## Owner's Manual



## Pleasure and Responsibility

Congratulations! You have just purchased a Heritage Kayak. The kayak business is changing and Heritage is at the leading edge of this change. Our kayaks are produced in a zero waste/zero landfill factory. We are committed to protecting the environment.

We encourage you to read this Owner's Manual carefully and consider the recommended safety tips. Important navigation techniques, maintenance procedures, care, and storage are explained in this manual to better assist you.

As a valued consumer, your comments or questions are always appreciated.

### CONTACTS

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Website : [www.heritagekayaks.com](http://www.heritagekayaks.com)



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# REGISTRATION & DECLARATION

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## Warranty Registration

A section of our website [www.heritagekayaks.com](http://www.heritagekayaks.com) is dedicated to the warranty registration. Please fill out and complete the warranty registration within 30 days following the product's purchase date. This information will be very important should you require assistance from our customer service department.

## Declaration of Origin

Certain states and/or provinces in North America require that we provide a declaration of origin. This declaration of origin is provided on page 10.

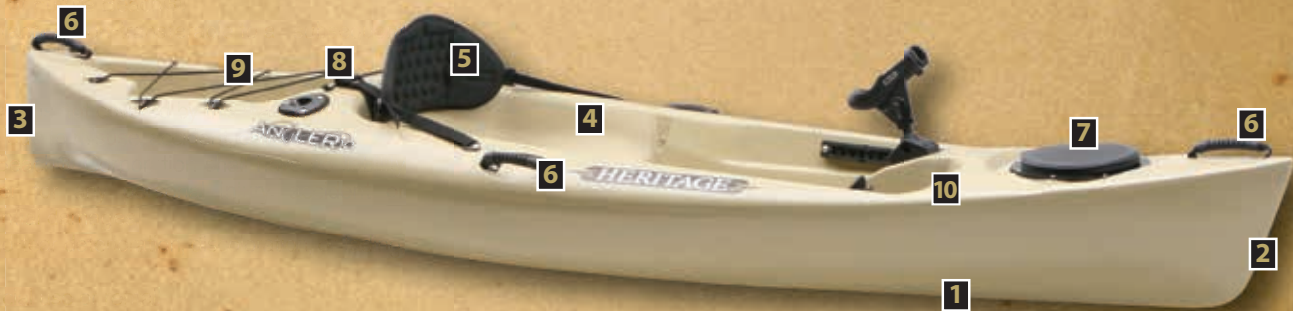
*We strongly recommend that you consider all the information provided. Keep this owner's manual in a safe place.*

# KAYAK FEATURES



Read carefully, discover and learn the major kayak components.

- 1 Hull
- 2 Bow
- 3 Stern
- 4 Cockpit
- 5 Seat
- 6 Carry handles
- 7 Hatches
- 8 Deck
- 9 Bungees cord
- 10 Foot rest



# READY TO PADDLE AND NAVIGATION

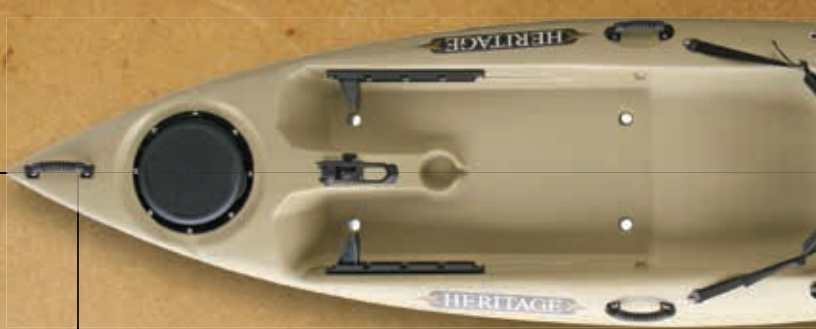
- It is strongly recommended that you take a certified kayak initiation course to learn the basic techniques and security measures.
- When boarding, place one foot in the center of the kayak while holding on both sides of the cockpit.
- Sit comfortably into the seat back and adjust your feet on the graduated foot wells or adjustable foot rests.
- It is important to wear a USCG (United States Coast Guard) approved life-jacket or a personal floatation device.
- Your kayak should have the basic emergency equipment on board (spare paddle, first aid kit, whistle)
- Before heading to the water make sure that all drain plugs are closed.



# EQUIPMENT

It is important to wear a USCG (United States Coast Guard) approved life-jacket or a personal floatation device. The following list of equipment will make your experience safer and more enjoyable.

- Spare Paddle
- Sunglasses
- Suntan lotion
- First-Aid kit
- Sound-Signaling device (whistle)
- Non-skid foot wear



## **Weather and water conditions:**

Always verify the weather and water conditions in the area you will be boating. Your kayak is only designed for use in sheltered waters, lakes and slow moving streams. Your kayak is not recommended for white water use. **NEVER** go kayaking in severe winds, rain, thunderstorms, choppy waters, strong currents, flood waters, or where tides will seriously affect your ability to steer your kayak back to shore.

# SAFETY MEASURES AND WARNING

All paddle sports can be dangerous and physically challenging. Paddle sports can cause serious injuries or death if appropriate safety measures are not followed. **The user assumes all risks and accepts all & any responsibility for any damage or injury that may occur. Heritage Kayaks® shall have no liability whatsoever for any personal injury, accident or consequential damages.**

We recommend that you receive instruction in proper paddling techniques, safety and security on the water and first aid techniques before using your kayak.

Our Owner's Manual gives you a summary of the important points to follow for a pleasant and safe experience.

## Hypothermia

Hypothermia is a dangerous drop in the body's core temperature below the normal level (37°C or 98.6°F). Marine accidents are very dangerous and can be more so if you are poorly prepared for the cold water.

## Location

Before setting out, make sure you are familiar with your surroundings. Be aware of permitted navigation hours, emergency services, and locate the danger zones.

## Physical Capacity

Realistically evaluate your physical capacities and resistance should you have to swim to the shore.

## Slippery Hull

Your kayak becomes extremely slippery when wet. Therefore, it is recommended that you wear slip-resistant shoes and that you remain in the middle of your kayak at all times.

## Do not stand in your kayak

Your kayak may capsize if you stand in it.

## Children

Never allow children to kayak without adult supervision.

## Coast guard regulations

Always abide by Coast Guard regulations, State and local laws, ordinances, and rules concerning boating and boating safety.

*Your kayak was designed for calm water; it was not designed for rapids or white water*

# MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

## Maintenance

The best way to clean your kayak is with water. However, with tougher stains you can use some soft soap and a non-abrasive plastic brush.

## Storage

The easiest way to store your kayak is to sit it on a flat surface. If your kayak remains outdoors, you should keep it covered and out of direct sunlight. Do not leave any straps tightly cinched around your kayak for long periods, especially in warm weather. This can distort the shape of the kayak.

## Warning

You may find an accumulation of water between the hull and the deck due to paddle handling, rain, or condensation. Most Heritage Kayaks are equipped with drain plugs to remove this accumulated water.

*To empty the water from your kayak, remove the drain plug and prop up the kayak vertically on its stern*



# LIMITED 2 YEAR WARRANTY

## Limited Consumer Warranty

Heritage Kayaks® Corporation warrants your new kayak to be free from defect in materials and workmanship, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- Heritage Kayaks® warrants the hull of your new kayak to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of 2 (two) years from the date of retail sale.
- The kayak components are covered for a period of 1 (one) year from the date of purchase.
- The warranty is applicable to Heritage Kayaks® products registered and normally operated in North America. Under this warranty, Heritage Kayaks® is limited to the repair or replacement of the components at the option of Heritage Kayaks®.
- This warranty is non-transferable to a subsequent owner.

The following is not covered by this warranty:

- Damage due to misuse, accident, collision, etc.
- Heritage Kayaks® Corporation shall have no liability whatsoever for any personal injury, accident or consequential damages.
- Wear-and-tear deterioration, discoloration, or fading, etc.
- Commercial use or rental.
- Damage or surface corrosion caused by the environment.

- Damage caused by the use of aggressive chemical cleaning solvents.
- All incidental or consequential damages.
- Any damage incurred in transport from Heritage Kayaks® to the customer.
- Any transportation charges to and from an authorized repair facility.
- Labor to install new or replacement components

Customers are responsible for inspecting their kayak upon arrival for any shipping damage and must notify Heritage Kayaks® in writing within 5 (five) days of the date of delivery. ([service@heritagekayaks.com](mailto:service@heritagekayaks.com))

Transportation charges for hulls and / or replacement components are the responsibility of the purchaser. This warranty is limited to the purchase price of the product, and is nontransferable to a subsequent owner.

## Repair or return of boats

All requests for a return authorization number must be sent by email to [service@heritagekayaks.com](mailto:service@heritagekayaks.com). The return of any boats will not be accepted by Heritage Kayaks® without an authorization number.

This warranty is the sole and exclusive warranty by Heritage Kayaks® in connection with its boats and Heritage Kayaks® makes no warranties or representations, expressed or implied (including warranties of merchantability and or fitness for a particular purpose)

in such connexion except as specifically described in this warranty.

All incidental and/or consequential damages are excluded from this warranty. Implied warranties are limited to the life of this warranty. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts or the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you. This warranty gives you special legal rights, and you may also have other legal rights which may vary from state to state.

During the warranty period Heritage Kayaks® Leisure Products is obliged only to repair or replace, at its discretion, the above mentioned parts, at either its manufacturing plant, or at an authorized dealer store or service center, as decided by Heritage Kayaks®. Transportation costs back to the appointed place of repair or replacement are at the expense of the consumer. Heritage Kayaks® is not responsible for any damages incurred in transport, charges for storage or transportation fees, nor for inconvenience or loss of time or money while repairs are being made.

# MANUFACTURER'S DECLARATION OF ORIGIN

The undersigned corporation hereby certifies that the new boat described below, has been transferred this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, Year \_\_\_\_\_, on invoice # \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ whose address is \_\_\_\_\_

Type of boat: Kayak

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_

The corporation further certifies that this was the first transfer of such new boat in ordinary trade or commerce.



President



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# REMINDER

## Your kayak information

(Please keep following information along with this user manual in a safe place for further reference.)

## Warranty Registration

It is important to proceed with this registration within 30 days following the product's purchase date.

Registration can be done electronically at :  
[www.heritagekayaks.com](http://www.heritagekayaks.com)

Serial #

Date of purchase

Store name and address

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