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OWNER'S MANUAL



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FeelFree, The name conjures up a euphoric state of freedom unleashed by breaking the bonds of convention. FeelFree products are all about you having the freedom to be in a natural environment and be able to handle and experience all the challenges and delights that the natural world offers.

Just relax or lose yourself adventuring, with our products and discover another side to your life.

Our global team's years of experience in the pursuit of perfection within the paddle sports industry guarantees you the best experience possible.

Our mission is to delight you, the user of our products through innovation in design and quality of engineering. Our products are feature rich and are made to withstand anything that Mother Nature can throw at you.

We simply want to give you the best feeling on water.



THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING A FEELFREE PRODUCT

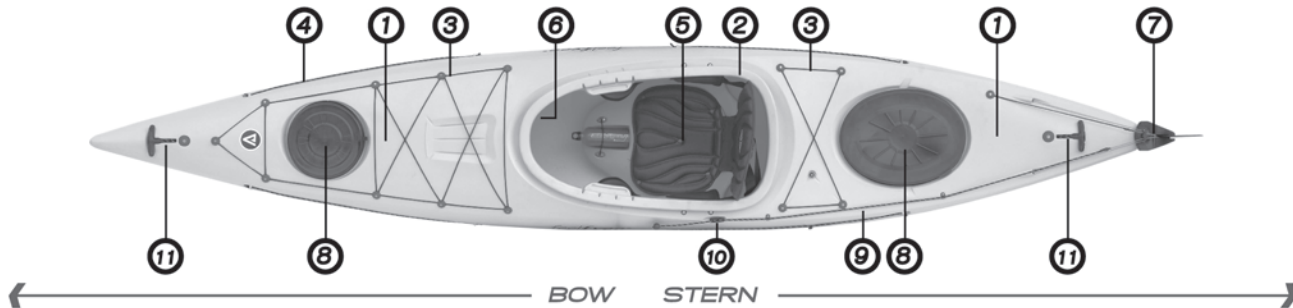
We stand behind our products, and know you will get years of enjoyment from them. If you have any questions outside of this information please contact your local dealer. We also value your comments and suggestions so you can contact us via our website www.feelfreekayak.com

This owner's manual will demonstrate how to properly care for your FeelFree kayak so that it will deliver the best feeling on water for years to come.

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GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH YOUR SIT-INSIDE KAYAK



➤ **Decks(1) Bow and stern** - It has a coaming(2) (a raised flange) around the cockpit. The coaming deflects water but also holds the spray skirt (extra accessories) and cockpit cover (extra accessories).

➤ **Deck rigging(3)** - The lines on top of the deck are for securing gear.

➤ **Perimeter lines(4)** - If your kayak has perimeter lines running along the sides, they can be used as attachment points, safety lines or for holding on to the kayak while swimming beside it.

➤ **Seats(5)** - Our single person sit-inside kayakers have seats with moveable backrests. You can store equipment behind the seat

- If your kayak has a thermofoam seat, it can be adjusted using the buckle. Also gear can be stored behind the seat.

➤ **Foot brace position(6)** - Kayak without rudders - The front foot braces can be adjusted using the tabs. To adjust, unlock the foot braces and slide along the track. Adjust so that you have a slight bend in your knee. You should be able to brace against them.

➤ **Raising/Lowering Rudder** - Use the nylon line(9) provided, located by the side of the cockpit coaming. To lock the rudder in position, push the line into the jam cleat(10).

➤ **Rudder with foot pedal system(6)+(7)** - The front foot pedals can be locked as braces or used as rudder pedals. For use as braces, follow the foot brace position step. For rudder pedals, begin by unlocking the tabs. Then, adjust the length so you have a slight bend in your knee, and tighten using the strap/buckles attached, so that the rudder is center-aligned when your feet are evenly extended. If you desire to use the rudder as a counter to wind or current for an extended paddle, you can lock the rudder at the angle you choose.

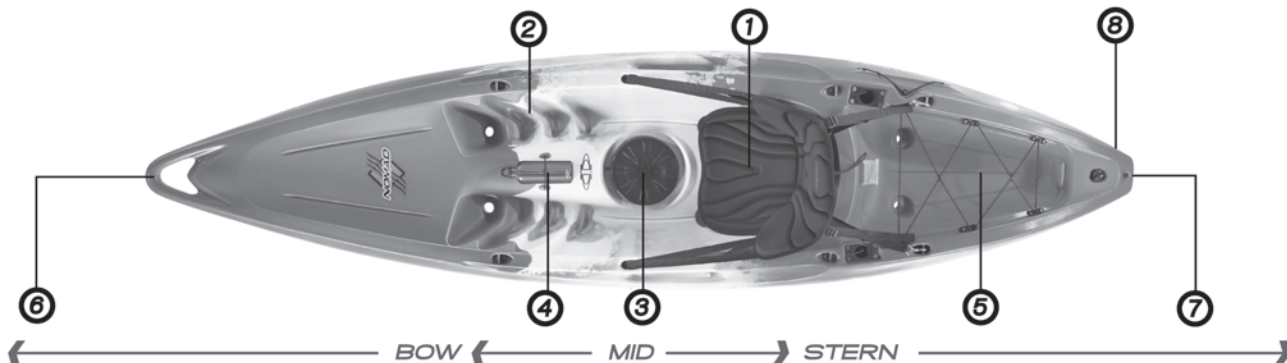
➤ **Floatation** - Some kayakers include floatation pods under the decks. These ensure the kayak will float should it become swamped. Some kayakers have one or more watertight bulkheads. When the hatch(8) is closed the bulkhead provides floatation. If your kayak has a thermofoam seat, it also has floatation from the foam pad underneath the seat. Some kayakers like X-Press has floatation in its bow deck pillar.

➤ **Carrying your kayak (Portaging)** - Two people can carry the kayak with one using the handles(11) hoisting the cockpit coaming over the shoulder.

➤ **Car topping** - We recommend straps with buckles. We do not recommend strings or ratcheting tighteners. Strings may not be secure enough. Ratcheting can cause pressure to deform the hull.

➤ **Accessories** - Please ask your local dealer for details.

GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH YOUR SIT-ON-TOP KAYAK



› **Seat – Detachable Seat(1)** – Attach the included seat(s) to the molded-in steel pins via the brass clips. Both left and right sides of the seat have fore and aft brass clips. Adjust the aft seat straps so the seat back is vertical.

› **Foot brace position** – each seat position has molded-in foot braces(2). Select the foot braces that gives you a slight bend in your knee. You should be able to brace against them.

› **Hatches(3)** – If your kayak has one or more hatches with mesh bags(extra accessories) inside. You can remove the mesh bag. To re-install the mesh bag, push the ring underneath the flange of the inside hatch. It will pop into place.

› **Bottle holder(4)** – Secure a water bottle into the molded water bottle holder with the bungee cord.

› **Perimeter lines** – If your kayak has perimeter lines running along the sides, they can be used as attachment points, safety lines or for holding on to the kayak while swimming beside it. Also you can secure gear bags with them.

› **Storage space(5)** – This area is not able to protect your belongings from water. We recommend keeping your belongings in dry bag or waterproof case before being put in this storage space.

› **Carrying your kayak (Portaging)**

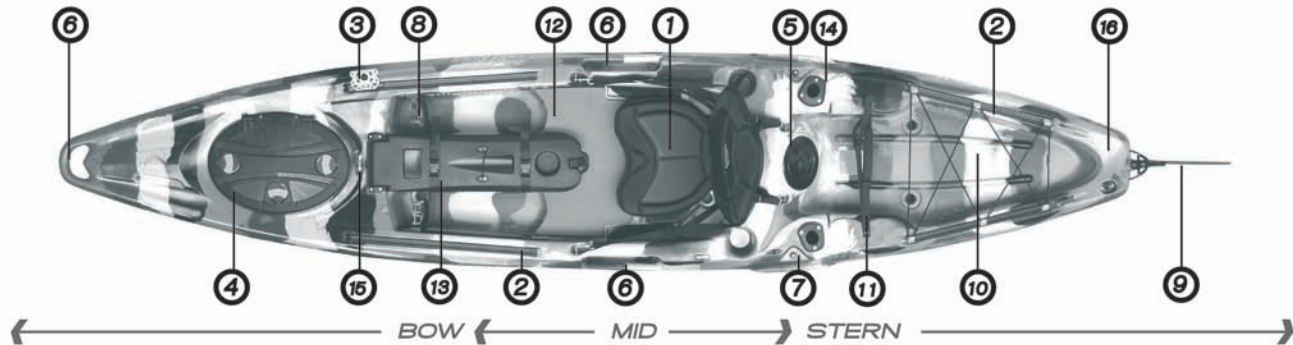
– Two persons can carry the kayak with one using the bow handle(6) and the other using the stern handle(7), located under the drain plug. Do not carry the kayak with the perimeter lines. They are not intended to carry the weight of the kayak. Most of our single-person sit-on-top kayaks can be carried by one person if he/she use the optional thigh strap over his/her shoulder as a shoulder pad.

– **Kayaks with a wheel in the keel(8)** can be carried by one person, lifting the bow by the handle and dragging the kayak.

› **Car topping** – We recommend straps with buckles. We do not recommend strings or ratcheting tighteners. Strings may not be secure enough. Ratcheting can cause pressure to deform the hull. And we recommend that the seat(s) should be removed before car topping to prevent the deformation of the seat and backrest.

› **Accessories** – Please ask your local dealer for details.

GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH YOUR FISHING KAYAK



➤ **Seat - Detachable seat (1)** - Attach the included seat to the molded-in steel pins via the brass clips. Both left and right sides of the seat have fore and aft brass clips. Adjust the aft seat straps so the seat back is vertical.

➤ **Track Rail (2)** - Feelfree's unique track rail takes all of our quick release accessories, including the Uni-Track adaptor, quick release hooks and quick release padeyes.

➤ **Uni-Track Adaptor Plate (3)** - The optional Uni-Track adaptor accepts all major fishing accessories for easy customization. Allows multiple accessory placement without drilling and cutting. Move or remove accessories with ease. Cam levers parallel to rail to lock. Open levers at a right angle to rail to release.

➤ **Easy Seal Hatch (4)** - Three latches and a rubber gasket seal make this the driest hinged hatch on the market. Large opening makes loading large dry bags or a Camel Trolley easy. Turn latches to open or close.

➤ **Access Hatch (5)** - If your kayak has a quarter-turn hatch, it allows access to area below seat for storage or rigging.

➤ **Molded-in Handles (6)** - Comfortable molded handles allow easy transport. Center handles are at balance point for lifting. Stern features deep pockets that allow for a comfortable carry.

➤ **Paddle Park (7)** - Secures your paddle while at rest or holds a stakeout pole until you are ready to fish.

➤ **Smart Track Footbrace (8)** - Easy adjustment and solid bracing. Rudder option includes Toe Pilot pedals which allow simultaneous steering and bracing.

➤ **Smart Track Rudder (9)** - Efficient foil design lets you steer with a minimum of drag. Spring loaded blade drops down automatically when deployed and rides over obstacles without damage. Comes standard with Toe Pilot pedals which allow simultaneous steering and bracing.

➤ **Tank well (10)** - Stores dry bags or accessories. Bungee cords secure loads and mount to quick release hooks. Quick release padeyes available for extra security. **Crate Recess (11)** - Holds your crate securely with two provided straps.

➤ **Standing Platform (12)** - Full width platform with textured foam allows you to sight fish in comfort.

➤ **Center Console (13)** - Dry, sealed center console is sized to fit popular tackle boxes and features water bottle holders on top.

➤ **Flush Rod Holders (14)** - Two flush-mount rod holders are standard and up to 6 can be fitted.

➤ **Stand-Up Leash Cleat (15)** - Secure anchor point to mount a stand-up assist leash to help you sit and stand while on the water.

➤ **Wheel-in-the-keel (16)** - Feelfree's integrated wheel is standard in all models and makes transport easy.

➤ **Options:** Contact your Feelfree dealer for a complete listing of options available to custom outfit your fishing kayak.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

➤ **Rudder system** – We recommend periodically dry-waxing the rudder cables where they may rub against working parts. This will keep your rudder turning smoothly. We also recommend periodically lubricating the area where the blade pivots upward with a silicone-base spray. Avoid situations where your rudder may become clogged with mud or sand by raising the rudder. Do not beach your kayak with the rudder down. This will expose the working parts to elements which may clog the working parts.

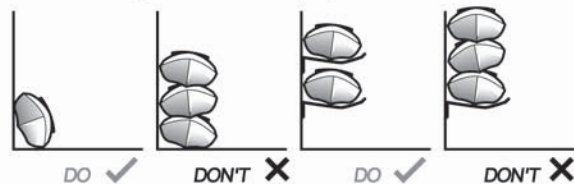
➤ **Short term storage** – The kayak may be stored on its side or vertically. Never store a ruddered kayak with the stern down, you will damage the rudder. Empty any water inside and let the kayak ventilate.

➤ **Long term storage** – Follow short term storage. Clean your kayak and look for wear. If possible, store your kayak out of direct sunlight. Do not store your boat long-term by leaving a tarp directly over it. This will create an "oven effect" that can damage or deform. A tarp suspended over the boat will protect the boat from ultraviolet sunlight.

➤ **Cleaning** – Wash with mild soap and water. To beautify exterior surfaces, use a vinyl protectant product. Do not use car wax on any surfaces.

➤ **Light hull deformation** – Leave your boat in sunlight for 48 hours. In time it should return to normal.

➤ **Small dents** – Place the boat in sunlight with a black plastic bag over the area for 2-3 hours to heat the plastic. Passing a hair dryer over the area to heat the surface also works. The heat should cause the plastic to soften and return to its original shape. Applying pressure to the opposite side of the dent (if possible) should help it return to shape. DO NOT leave the kayak in with a plastic bag applied for long term storage. For more severe dents, please see Repair, below.



REPAIR

➤ **Deep dents** – If the polyethylene becomes sharply dented, use a heat gun(1) to soften the plastic and allow the material to return to its original shape. Pass the heat back and forth over the area to heat the material. Do not allow the plastic to become too hot to touch. Apply pressure to the opposite side of the dent (if possible).

➤ **Light scratches** – Pass a heat gun or hair dryer back and forth over the area to lightly melt the surface. The scratch will disappear.

➤ **Gouges and punctures** – Please see your Feelfree kayak dealer. Your dealer can supply you with a polyethylene welding or patch kit(2).

➤ **Leaks** – Determine the source of the leak by filling up your kayak with water. Examine the kayak for water leaks. Many pinhole hull leaks can be repaired by lightly melting the plastic with a heat gun. If a hatch is leaking where the cover meets its flange, try applying petroleum jelly around the o-ring. Contact your dealer for instructions.



SAFETY WARNING

- › Never paddle alone
- › For sit-inside kayaks, always take a bailer with you in case of swamping.
- › Scout unfamiliar areas before you enter the water
- › Never use alcoholic beverages while paddling
- › Before heading out, check your gear to ensure all is working properly
- › Always wear a government-approved personal flotation device
- › Paddling can be physically demanding so know your limits. If in doubt consult your physician before doing any physically demanding paddling
- › The user of this product accepts that paddling can be inherently dangerous - water and weather conditions can change abruptly, causing injury or death
- › Check local tide and weather forecasts prior to paddling

WARRANTY

› Feelfree Kayak warrants this kayak to be free of manufacturing defects in workmanship and materials for a period of one year from the date of purchase. Upon prepaid shipment of the defective kayak, we will elect to repair or replace it free of charge, excluding return shipping. Damage caused by abuse, alteration or repair by user are not covered. This warranty applies to personal kayak use only. To obtain warranty service, contact your local dealer. Or you may contact us at info@feelfreekayak.com.

REGISTRATION

› Please register your kayak within 30 days to ensure warranty registration and receive product information at www.feelfreekayak.com. Fill in all information about your kayak such as model name, serial number, date of purchase and dealer name. The serial number and boat model is in the certificate enclosed with your kayak. The serial number on the boat is located at the stern.



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› For more information about Feelfree products or feed back on our products, please visit our website at www.feelfreekayak.com.

› We do not sell our products direct. Please note that the specifications may differ from those shown in certain countries. Please contact your local dealer for more detailed information



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