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There are still 60 minutes in an hour, 24 hours in a day, and 365 days in a year, right? Yet somehow things seem to be constantly accelerating. The journey through life feels like a race against the clock. Except when you paddle. When you shove off from the shore, fall into a soothing cadence of strokes, and notice that the buzzing stops. Then you remember that life is just a journey, not a race. Start your journey here.

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**MEC's Rock Solid Guarantee:
Straight Goods, Straight Talk**



All gear you get from MEC is guaranteed. We also guarantee the product selection advice offered through our catalogue, website, and staff. Rock solid advice. Rock solid gear. That's our guarantee.

A full-page photograph of two kayakers in red gear navigating a turbulent white-water rapid on a river. The kayaker in the foreground is seen from behind, wearing a black helmet and a red jacket with a black life vest. They are holding a black paddle and are in the middle of a large splash of white water. The kayaker in the background is also in a red kayak, wearing a black helmet and a red jacket, and is looking towards the camera. The river is surrounded by dark, rocky banks. The text "NO RIVER IS EVER THE SAME TWICE. LANDSLIDES HAPPEN. WATER LEVELS CHANGE. IT'S A NEW EXPERIENCE EVERY TIME. [RYAN, MEC MEMBER]" is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

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CLOTHING



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1 Kokatat Rogue GORE-TEX® Drytop

Arguably the most technologically advanced drytop around. GORE-TEX Evolution fabric for the body. GORE™ XCR® on the side panels and sprayskirt tunnel for maximum breathability, comfort, and mobility. GORE-TEX Cordura® reinforcements on the shoulders, elbows, and forearms. Superstretch neoprene neck and wrist cuffs. *Mango, Radish (shown).*

[unisex] S-XXL.

5007-205 S-XL 725g **\$395**

5007-205 XXL * 730g **\$440**



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2 Kokatat Helix Drytop

This affordable, lighter-duty drytop offers the comfort of Kokatat's proprietary Tropos waterproof-breathable fabric. Factory sealed seams. Tropos Light inner skirt. Dual-adjustable outer skirt incorporates hook-and-loop compatible neoprene. Latex wrist and neck gaskets with super-stretch neoprene self-draining cuffs and collar. Self-draining, zippered chest pocket with key lanyard.

[m] *Cobalt Blue (shown), Radish.*

[w] *Mango, Radish.* [m] S-XXL [w] S-L.

5009-913 [m] S-XL 675g **\$215**

5009-913 [m] XXL * 675g **\$230**

5009-914 [w] * 625g **\$215**



3 NEW Kokatat TecTour XCR® and Tropos Anoraks

Superbly designed and detailed touring tops. Easy off-and-on dual-adjustable outer skirts; roll-away integral storm hoods; glued latex gaskets with protective LYCRA® overcuffs; high-visibility reflective tape; and zippered, bellowed, self-draining sleeve pockets (two on the XCR, one on the Tropos). Choose GORE-TEX XCR for maximum breathability and durability, or Tropos for affordable waterproof-breathability.

Mango (shown), Radish. [unisex] S-XXL.

5012-961 XCR S-XL 700g **\$399**

5012-961 XCR XXL * 715g **\$445**

5012-927 Tropos S-XL * 675g **\$275**

5012-927 Tropos XXL * 685g **\$290**

5 McNett Wet/Drysuit Shampoo

Cleans and conditions neoprene, latex seals, coatings, laminates, and synthetic and natural elastic fibres (including LYCRA®).

1999-028 236ml **\$4.50**

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3 NEW

4 Kokatat GMER/GMED Drysuits

Made of waterproof-breathable Evolution 3-ply GORE-TEX®, specially designed for comfort, performance, and durability. A built-in relief zipper (full dropseat on the women's) makes life easier afloat and ashore. Integral GORE-TEX socks let you customize the insulation and overshoes. The overskirt/waistband seals tightly to your sprayskirt. Metal-toothed zipper is waterproof to 30ft. Competition Cut underarms maximize freedom of movement. *Cobalt Blue (shown), Mango, Radish (m only).* [m] S-XXL [w] S-L, XL Short.

5009-928 [m] S-XL 950g **\$995**

5009-928 [m] XXL * 975g **\$1085**

5009-930 [w] * 625g **\$1060**

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1 Level Six The Mack Drytop

Three-ply waterproof-breathable Eclipse™ fabric boasts a moisture-wicking hydrophilic scrim membrane, a Teflon® laminate, and a burly but beautiful matte-finish nylon face fabric. Mesh chest pocket with key loop. Dual-cinch waist system for a dry sprayskirt seal.

Mustard/Charcoal, Navy Blue/Silver (shown). [m] S-XXL. 🍁

5010-068 885g **\$295**

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2 Kokatat Tropos Re-Action Jacket

The custom waterproof-breathable coating provides total waterproofness, while allowing moisture vapour to escape. An affordable midpoint between clammy non-breathable coatings and high-end GORE-TEX®. Nylon Taslan® outer fabric. Double skirt seals to sprayskirt. Grippy neoprene waistband. Latex wrist gaskets with coated LYCRA® overcuffs. Zippered mesh chest pocket. Factory-sealed seams.

Cobalt Blue (shown), Grey, Mango.

[unisex] S-XL.

5002-966 520g **\$155**

3 Kokatat Tropos Light Full Blast Jacket

A full-featured splash jacket for warm water. It offers the comfort of Tropos Light, a soft nylon with a waterproof-breathable urethane coating, and the watertightness of an adjustable double skirt, and Smoothskin neoprene/bungee drawcord waistband. Adjustable, coated LYCRA® collar and cuffs. Zippered mesh chest pocket with key lanyard.

Cobalt Blue (shown), Orange. [unisex] S-XL.

5009-907 475g **\$115**

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4 Kokatat Tropos Light Breeze Jacket

A simple, effective, and affordable recreational pullover that protects against wind, spray, sun, and rain. Made of Tropos Light fabric, a soft nylon with a waterproof-breathable urethane coating. Factory-sealed seams. Adjustable, coated LYCRA® collar and cuffs. Zippered, self-draining left sleeve pocket with key lanyard. Adjustable bungee drawcord waist.

Cobalt Blue, Orange (shown). [unisex] S-XL.

5009-905 375g **\$69**

5 Kokatat Tropos Swift Dry Pants

Latex ankle gaskets (with protective neoprene overcuffs) keep you dry during wet launches and wading. Waterproof-breathable Tropos fabric assures comfort in the boat and on the beach. Neoprene trim. High-back, Smoothskin neoprene waistband. Adjustable bungee drawcord waist. Factory-sealed seams.

Grey. [unisex] S-XL.

5007-208 470g **\$125**

Kokatat Tropos Deluxe Boater's Pants*

Great for splash protection in the boat. Like the Tropos Swift Dry Pants (item 5) but without the waterproof latex seals.

Grey. [unisex] S-XXL.

5007-207 400g **\$90**

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6 Bare Sunguard Short-Sleeved and Long-Sleeved Shirts

Lightweight, four-way stretch tops that protect against sun, salt, wind, and rash. Great for summer paddling or trips to the tropics. Spandex fabric moves with you and dries quickly. It also provides wind and abrasion protection. 50+ UV protection blocks 99% of UVA/UVB rays. Flat-sewn seams for comfort and durability. [m] Blue (shown), Grey (shown), Red. [w] Pink (shown), Turquoise, Violet (shown). [m] S-XL [w] S-L.

5010-535 [m] S/S 160g **\$35**

5010-536 [w] S/S 160g **\$35**

5010-384 [m] L/S 210g **\$39**

5010-386 [w] L/S 190g **\$39**

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7 Bare Chillguard Paddling Shirts

This long-sleeved shirt will help fend off chilly breezes while you're in the boat or on the beach. Wear it alone or as a layer. Made of brushed LYCRA® fleece fabric that wicks moisture away from the body. Flat seams throughout for long-term comfort. Brown (shown), Navy Blue. [m] S-XL [w] S-L.

5010-380 [m] 380g **\$57**

5010-383 [w] 380g **\$57**

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8 Level Six The Pro Guide Neoprene Lined Shorts

The styling look of board shorts, with a welcome bit of warmth from a 0.5mm neoprene liner. Cargo patch pockets. Buckle closure. Outer fabric is quick-drying 100% polyester microfibre. Black, Green Camo (shown), Navy Blue. [m] 30-36.

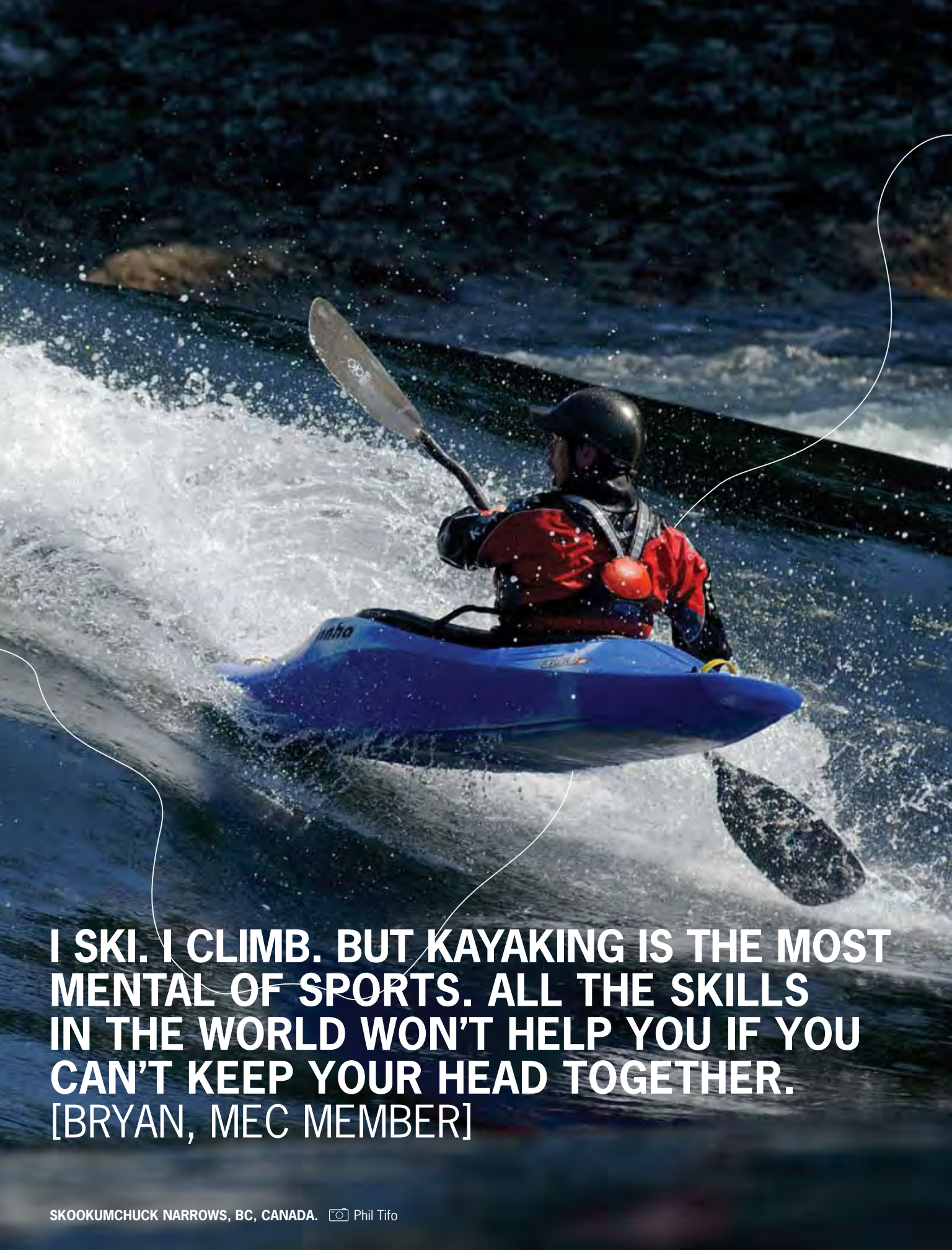
5007-190 350g **\$79**

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[BRYAN, MEC MEMBER]**

WHITEWATER KAYAKS



Piranha Whitewater Kayaks: Piranha is synonymous with cutting-edge designs and materials. Roto-moulded Meta-Lite ultralinear polyethylene makes their boats stiffer than most North American boats. Piranha was still tweaking the specs on many of their new models at catalogue press time, so final sizes may vary a bit from those shown. Piranha's Connect 30 outfitting includes a drilled-out seat and hull stiffener to reduce weight. Combined with injection-moulded thigh grips and their precise moulding, this makes for some of the lightest fully outfitted kayaks available. Piranha also offers Rapid Plus (RP) outfitting on select boats. It's basic yet fully functional rigging for a great price.



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2 Piranha 420 and 420RP

One of the lightest kayaks around, it's short and aggressive, with all the control and power needed for air time and reliable, consistent sequences. ●● Assorted.

Length: S/M 6ft. 1in., M/L 6ft. 3in. Beam: S/M 25in., M/L 25.5in.

5010-058 420 30lb. (M/L) \$1200

5013-059 NEW 420 RP* 30lb. (M/L) \$945



4 NEW



4 NEW Piranha Ammo C30

A freerider, ideally suited to tighter, narrower, more technical creeks. Once there, it also allows you to play in whatever features you might find. Aggressive front and rear rocker boofs with ease, rides over boils, and keeps the bow from pearling. Flat hull spins readily; narrow width makes for easy edge to edge switching for surfing. ●● Assorted. Length: S 6ft. 9in., M 7ft. 2in., L 7ft. 4in. Beam: S 25in., M 25.5in., L 26in.

5013-054 35lb. (M) \$1300



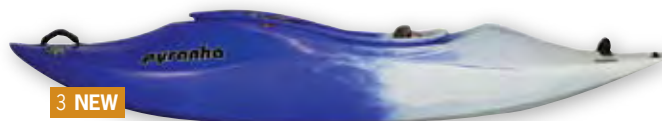
1 NEW



1 NEW Piranha Recoil RP

Combines a play boat and a river running kayak to deliver possibly the best all-rounder on the market this year. It's aimed at those who are going to play their way down the river. The edges are predictable and help keep you on line. Front surfing and catching waves is nearly effortless. Loose enough to spin with ease, it has enough bounce to build up to bigger moves. ●● Assorted. Length: S 6ft. 7in., M 6ft. 8in., L 7ft. 2in. Beam: S 25in., M 25.5in., L 25.8in.

5013-058 33lb. (M) \$1100



3 NEW



3 NEW Piranha Stretch RP

An excellent all around river running play boat. Higher volume for freeriding fun. Beginners will find it forgiving, great for learning surfing, flat spins, or cartwheels. Work a river, eddy hop, or surf the whole river, not just a few spots. ●● Assorted. Length: M/L 7ft. 3in., L/XL 7ft. 4in. Beam: M/L 25.5in., L/XL 26in.

5013-057 33lb. (M/L) \$945

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Tech Talk

A RAPID, IRREVERENT GUIDE TO RIVER RATINGS

River class ratings overlap a bit. A Class III+ is pretty close to a Class IV-. Ratings are also somewhat subjective and local: what's Class IV in one area may be Class V elsewhere. However, the following guidelines are a good start.

CLASS I: Few obstacles, all easily avoided. Swimming not hazardous. Extracting yourself is easy. Makes a good first run with your granny or girlfriend/boyfriend.

CLASS II: Some manoeuvring required around rocks and moderate waves, but the right line through them is obvious without scouting. Swimmer injury is rare. Pleasant paddle for trained paddlers.

CLASS III: Strong eddies and powerful currents, with waves big enough to swamp open boats. Tight channels may call for quick, precise manoeuvring. Scouting recommended for inexperienced paddlers. You can probably still self-rescue, but help from your buds will avoid long swims and missing gear. Buying the beer is expected once you're extracted.

CLASS IV: Rapids are intense, but predictable. May involve "must moves" and/or unavoidable waves and passages. Roll or swim. And you won't want to swim: self-rescue is very difficult, and you're going to be churned like a frog in a blender.

CLASS V: Long, violent, and unrelenting rapids, with few chances to eddy out. Swimming is dangerous; rescue is difficult. And Class V+? Think "The Perfect Storm."

CLASS VI: "Extreme and exploratory." Translation: "Are you out of your frickin' mind?" Think going over Niagara Falls. Without the barrel.

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Photo Ryan Creary



1 Pyranha BURN C30

Because so many folks loved the H3 for creeking and expeditions, Pyranha decided to update it with a little more volume and style. The BURN puts the emphasis on getting down the river with safety, speed, and finesse. Designed as a river-running creek boat, it can replace a couple of boats in your quiver. Experienced creekers will like the flatter bottom as it will feel like a familiar play boat; beginners will love the forgiveness and edge control. ● Assorted. Length: M 8ft., L 8ft. 3in. Beam: M 25.8in., L 26.3in.

5010-061 40lb. (M) \$1300



2 NEW Prijon Hercules

One boat to rule them all? The Hercules can handle difficult and challenging whitewater, carry gear for overnight and extended trips, and is outfitted for instant comfort and absolute control. It rides high, dry, and fast. Hull is blow-moulded HPT (High Performance Thermoplastic) polyethylene – the most durable plastic on the market. Goodies include: broach bar, ramcap, swimmer grab loops, foam seat pads and hip pads, adjustable power wedge, strap-adjustable bulkhead, pillar-free movement area, and drain plug. ● Mango.

Length: 8ft. 8in. Beam: 25.5in.

5012-581 44lb. \$1500



3 Pyranha Master TG with Skeg

An idea that so clearly meets a need, you wonder why no one did it before. A real river day-touring boat with a drop-down skeg for more efficient tracking on the flat-water intervals. Features inspired by Pyranha's H3 and I3 series of boats let the MTG cope with water up to Class III. ● Assorted. Length: 8ft. 9in. Beam: 25in.

5007-102 32lb. \$775

WHITEWATER PADDLES

Strength, quality, and value for money are what MEC™ paddles are all about. Made for us in Canada by Aqua-Bound® Technology. All feature a 30-degree offset. 🍁

4 MEC™ Probe Carbon

Extraordinary durability, performance, and value. Plastic blades reinforced with carbon fibre, so they're lighter and stiffer. Mounted on a fibreglass shaft built extra-strong.

📏 **Carbon** 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202cm.

4-Piece 196, 198, 200cm. 🍁

5008-121 Carbon 1.0kg (196cm) **\$175**

5010-664 4-Piece* 1.3kg (196cm) **\$200**

5 MEC™ Probe Aluminum

The aluminum shaft provides an affordable, rugged whitewater playstick. A sophisticated blend of plastics, reinforced with fibreglass, makes the blades strong, light, and stiff. 📏 196, 198, 200, 202cm. 🍁

5008-111 1.2kg (196cm) **\$120**



6 MEC™ Cold Water Cap

Malden Mills® fuzzy rubber hat or helmet liner for paddling, cycling, or climbing. 📏 XS/S, M/L, L/XL. 🍁

4011-328 40g **\$15**



10 NEW Shred Ready Nose Plugs

Foam grips hold better than rubber, even on wet, sunscreen-covered skin. Bendable to adjust pressure.

5013-298 **\$7.50**



7 Shred Ready AHM 5000

The affordability of ABS abrasion-resistant plastic with the look of composite. Removable compression-moulded ear flaps. Easily adjustable four-point retention system. 📏 Matte Grey, Matte Orange. 📏 S-L.

5007-458 400g **\$50**



8 Shred Ready Super Scrappy

Classic brimmed helmet can be worn forwards or backwards. Unique H.O.G. (Hand Of God) system uses two ratchets to micro-tune the harness for a secure and comfortable fit. Rugged injection-moulded ABS. 📏 Carbon Black, Carbon Blue, Matte Orange. 📏 S-L.

5000-816 450g **\$89**



9 NEW WRSI Current

Designed to take many hard hits and still feel comfortable. ABS plastic shell lined with EVA foam is attached to a polyurethane sub-shell, also lined with EVA foam. Includes 12 pads. 📏 Black, Yellow. 📏 1 size, fits heads 54-59cm in circumference.

5013-088 475g **\$65**

HELMETS

SPRAYSKIRTS

11 Seals® Shocker

Stitched bungee deck and rim grip/slip technology – a matrix of anti-slip dots – provide implosion resistance. Fitted tunnel maximizes comfort and waterproofness. Although made for whitewater, the Shocker also works well on touring boats. 3.5mm high-performance neoprene reinforced with Seal-Tex edge guard. All seams glued, stitched, and taped. 📏 Grey. 📏 Numerous sizes available. For exact sizing, call 1.800.663.2667 or see mec.ca/sprayskirts.

5007-652 700g **\$105**



12 Level Six The Play Kevlar®

Rugged and snug. 4mm neoprene tunnel. 5mm diamond grid neoprene deck. Articulated deck panels, an Armortex® Kevlar-reinforced lip, and an extra-strength rubber rand all make for a super-secure seal to all medium and large keyhole boats. 📏 Red/Grey. 📏 Tunnel size/waist range: **S** 28 to 31in., **M** 31 to 34in., **L** 34 to 36in., **XL** 36 to 40in.

5009-954 800g **\$212**



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NEOPRENE



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MEC™ Neoprene Wear: Built to truly work for active users. A key ingredient is the amazingly elastic neoprene that stretches to twice its resting length, in four directions. Our garments are mostly, or entirely, made from this wonder material (the only exceptions are static areas such as knee and butt reinforcements). So, they fit snug and warm all over, yet allow you to move as freely as a sleek marine mammal. At a minimum, all seams are glued and blind stitched. Critical junctures are reinforced with spot taping. Strategic seams on the Steamers, Johns, and Janes have liquid tape, a soft rubber-like stripping that gets into the gaps and keeps the seams waterproof longer. Made in Thailand.

1 MEC™ 1.5mm Neo Vest

Versatile submersion protection for your vital body core. Wear it alone, or with our neoprene shorts or pants. Front is four-way, ultra-stretch 1.5mm neoprene; back panel is 0.5mm neoprene for unhindered flexibility. 8oz. stretch LYCRA® underarms allow freedom of movement. Nylon micro-plush interior is laminated for additional warmth and comfort.  Charcoal.  [unisex] XS-XXL.

5010-354 300g \$30

2 MEC™ 2/2mm Shorty

A level of comfort, flexibility, and warmth that has to be experienced to be believed. Minimal panels maximize flexibility. Wraparound neck closure minimizes heat loss from water exchange.  Charcoal.

 [m] S-XXL.

5010-350 720g \$95



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3 MEC™ 3/2mm John/Jane LS

So comfy that being safe on the water is no longer a pain. 3mm and 2mm plush-lined neoprene. ToughSkin 3mm neoprene knees and seat. Stash pocket on leg. Calf zippers.  Charcoal.  [m] S-XXL, Tall M-L. [w] 4-14, Short 10-14.

5010-348 [m] 970g \$135

5010-349 [w]* 870g \$135



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4 MEC™ 3/2mm Neo Pants and Shorts

3mm ToughSkin neoprene on the bum for abrasion resistance and to keep you sitting pretty in your boat; 2mm four-way ultra-stretch elsewhere, for comfort and mobility. Nylon micro-plush interior laminate for additional warmth and comfort. Pants feature a durable outer laminate on the high-wear bum and knees, plus a draw closure at the waist.  Charcoal.  [unisex] XS-XL. (Shorts also avail. in XXL.)

5010-353 Pants 565g \$65

5010-352 Shorts 400g \$45

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GLOVES + SOCKS

5 MEC™ Power Phase Paddling Gloves

Blister prevention for warmer weather. Light, breathable nylon backs. Amara® (synthetic leather) palms. PU-coated finger fabric for lightness and less bulk. Grippy finger and palm treatment. [unisex] XS-XL.

5005-034 140g **\$15**



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6 MEC™ Catch Gloves

Mid-range warmth, high-end feel, and great grip. 2mm neoprene backs. Amara® (synthetic leather) palms and sides. Reinforced at high-wear areas. Grippy PU palm pattern. [unisex] XS-XL.

5005-035 160g **\$20**



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7 MEC™ CyclPad Gloves

Now tweaked with 3mm neoprene backs and sides for best warmth, and 2.5mm neoprene palms for greater “feel.” PU palm pattern resists abrasion and improves grip. Cold water paddlers, surfers, and cyclists love them. [unisex] XS-XL.

5005-038 265g **\$16**

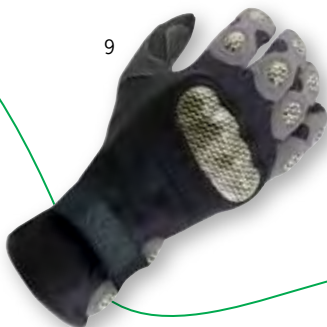


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8 MEC™ Release Fingerless Gloves

Palm protection for warm-weather paddling. 2mm nylon-reinforced neoprene on the backs and wrists. Amara® palms. PU pattern on palms increases paddle grip. [unisex] XS-XL.

5005-039 140g **\$16**



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9 NRS Creek Gloves

Carbon/Kevlar® armour over the knuckles. Armoured gauntlet cuffs protect wrist bones. Synthetic-leather palms and fingers. DuPont® 2mm neoprene for extra cushioning and warmth. [unisex] XS-XXL.

5010-249 300g **\$69**



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10 MEC™ Neoprene Socks II

Convert old runners into paddling shoes. 3mm neoprene for warmth. Three-piece construction; no seam under the sole. [unisex] Whole sizes 5-13.

4013-787 220g (10) **\$7.50**



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11 MEC™ CFP Booties

A wraparound rubber band reduces “floodable” volume, improves fit, and provides support. Zipper flaps keep out sand and grit. Nylon two-sided neoprene. Hard-vulcanized rubber sole, with stiffener for improved traction. Lowrider is a shorter, warmer-weather slipper version with one-handed cord lock adjustments and Amara® heel pull-tabs. [unisex] Whole sizes 5-13.

5005-047 Highrider 840g **\$28**

5005-046 Lowrider 700g **\$18**



12 NEW

12 NEW Vibram® FiveFingers Sprint Watershoes

As close to bare feet as you can get without exposing flesh. The low profile is great for boats, scrambling on seaside rocks, or kiteboarding. Tenacious razor-striped Vibram® soles offer great dexterity, control, and stability and flex, to let you work your foot muscles. Taupe/Clay.

[m] Euro 41-46 [w] 36-42.

5013-135 [m] 675g **\$85**

5013-136 [w] 675g **\$85**



13 NEW

13 NEW Vibram® FiveFingers Surge Watershoes

The high-top, insulated, colder-conditions version of the Sprint. A layer of plush-lined neoprene keeps feet warm in frigid water without sacrificing barefoot-like grip and performance. Stone Grey/Grey.

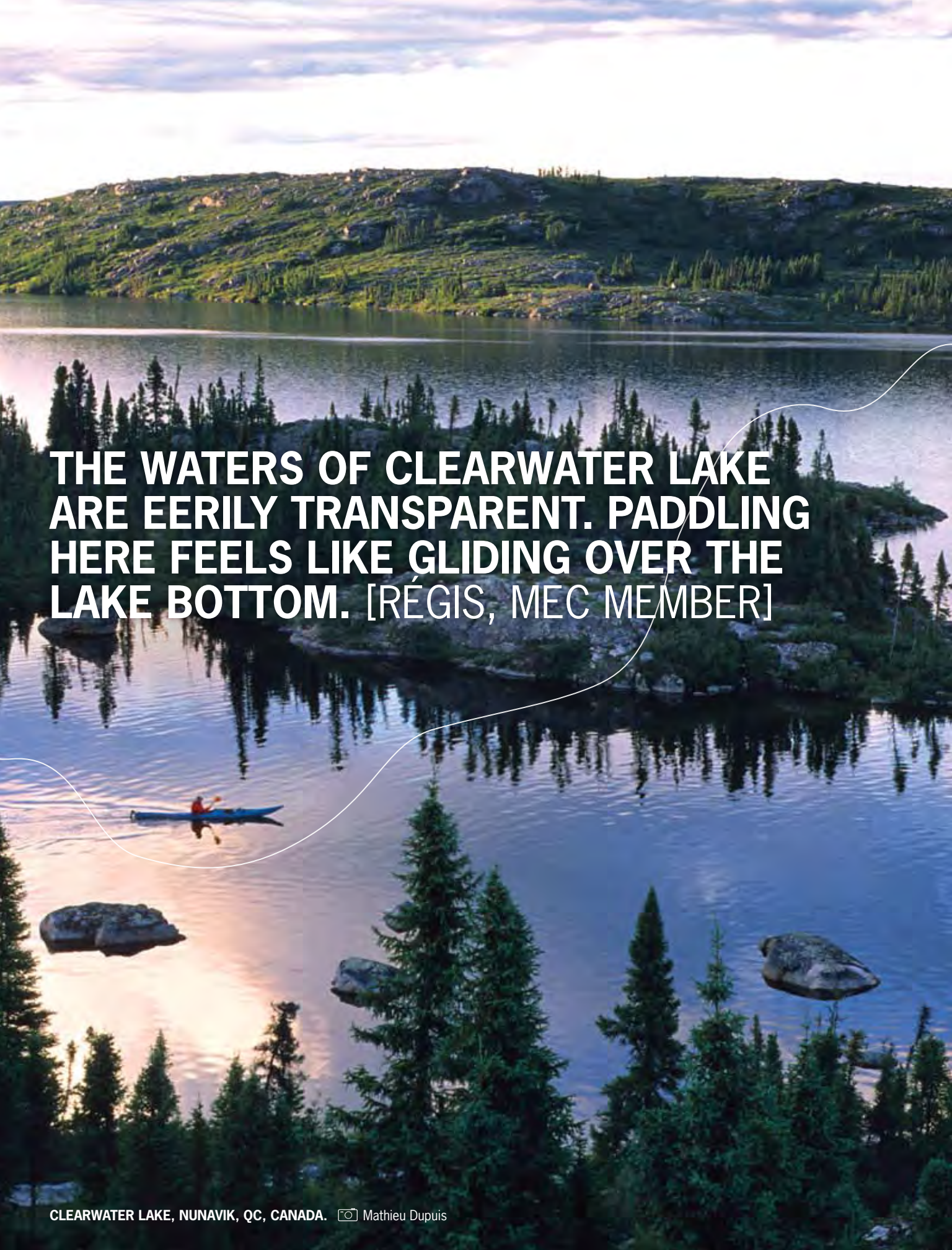
[unisex] Euro 41-46.

5013-148 775g **\$105**

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All MEC™ paddling gloves, socks, and footwear shown here are made in China.

See mec.ca for European size conversions.



**THE WATERS OF CLEARWATER LAKE
ARE EERILY TRANSPARENT. PADDLING
HERE FEELS LIKE GLIDING OVER THE
LAKE BOTTOM. [RÉGIS, MEC MEMBER]**

TOURING KAYAKS



P & H Kayaks: Sea kayaking around the British Isles means paddling in advanced conditions. Tide races, over-falls, wind, and big seas are the norm. For decades P & H has been making sea kayaks that are not only designed for safety in these conditions but also for fun. The solid hull construction and watertight Kajak Sport hatches won't flinch when rescuing loaded boats, and will take it in stride when seal landings unravel into crash landings. Recessed deck fittings avoid any hang-ups. The internal skeg is easily trimmed for any desired balance of tracking and manoeuvrability. MEC can special order all P & H boats and options including footpumps, keel strips, tailored bulkhead placement, and custom colours. Please see store staff or call 1.800.663.2667 for details.



Lightweight Carbon/Kevlar



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RM Polyethylene

1 P & H Capella Lightweight Carbon/Kevlar®

Beautifully light. All the features of the Capella (see below), in a special, strategically reinforced, carbon and Kevlar lay-up, even lighter than the regular carbon/Kevlar. A little less tough, a lot less heavy. Solo portaging and car topping just got a lot easier. Custom colours available. See Capella (2) below.

5010-233 161 46lb. **\$4500**

5010-233 163 46.4lb. **\$4500**

5010-233 173 51.4lb. **\$4500**

2 P & H Capella

A true classic. One of the best do-everything sea kayaks, it offers an outstanding balance of speed, stability, and manoeuvrability, making it suitable for just about anything short of multi-week expeditions. With three sizes available, anyone can enjoy this exceptionally fun and beautiful boat. Available in fibreglass, ultra-tough carbon/Kevlar®, and triple-layer RM polyethylene. **Composite** Custom colours available. **Length:** 161 16ft. 1in., 163 16ft. 3in., 173 17ft. 3in. **Beam:** 161 21.5in., 163 22in., 173 23in. **RM Polyethylene** Ocean, Red, Sunbeam (no contrasting colours). **Length:** 160 16ft. 4in., 166 16ft. 7in., **Beam:** 160 22in., 166 22in.

5006-115 Fibreglass/Diolen 161*, 57lb. **\$3500**

5005-778 Carbon/Kevlar 161*, 53.5lb. **\$4200**

5006-115 Fibreglass/Diolen 163, 59.9lb. **\$3500**

5005-778 Carbon/Kevlar 163*, 55.2lb. **\$4200**

5006-115 Fibreglass/Diolen 173*, 64.4lb. **\$3500**

5005-778 Carbon/Kevlar 173*, 60.1lb. **\$4200**

5003-245 RM polyethylene 160 53lb. **\$1875**

5003-245 RM polyethylene 166 57lb. **\$1875**



3 NEW



Tech Talk

TOURING KAYAK MATERIALS

Composite boats are made of fibreglass or Kevlar®, impregnated with plastic resin, and have an outer gelcoat for colour and UV protection. Stiff and long-lasting, they're least likely to be damaged by storage or transportation. They're also easiest to repair. Unlike plastic boats, damaged or worn composites can be rebuilt to be smooth and low-drag, so they can look and perform like new for years. Composite boats are made by hand, and priced accordingly.

Single-layer roto-moulded (RM) plastic is the most affordable of plastics. It has great impact resistance, but is relatively soft, and dents easily when stored or transported without proper cradles — particularly when it's hot. Triple-layer RM boats are stiffer and much less likely to deform. Blow-moulded boats are stiffer still; they're made of the toughest plastic available. All these plastics get fuzzy in use, which slows boats down.

Vacuum thermoformed plastics are the closest to composites in appearance and performance. They combine a glossy, gelcoat-like finish with the impact resistance of plastics. So cracks are unlikely. However, any repairs will be obvious, rough, and drag-inducing. Thermoformed plastic is less resistant to deformation than composites, but more so than other plastics.

Learn more at mec.ca/expertise

3 NEW P & H Cetus

P & H's new flagship boat is excellent for expedition paddling. It's very efficient, stable, and easy to control. A soft chined, slightly V'd hull, and generous bow volume deliver control while running with waves. The new four-hatch design will appeal to both the instructor and the specialist expedition sea kayaker, or any paddler who seeks out exposed trips and conditions. Custom colours available. **Length:** 17ft. 10in. **Beam:** 21.5in.

5013-115 Fibreglass/Diolen* 62.1lb. **\$3600**

5013-116 Carbon/Kevlar® 57lb. **\$4300**

*Not shown

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Seaward Kayaks: Seaward, based in British Columbia, has built a reputation as one of North America's premier kayak makers. Their hand-laid fibreglass boats are of exceptional quality, and boast many noteworthy features. The rudder pedals pivot rather than slide, allowing the paddler to brace more solidly. To minimize confusion, the rudder lowering and raising lines are on opposite sides of the cockpit. A plastic keel guard protects the stern during landings. Secure nylon straps hold the paddle for paddle float self-rescues; quick-release tabs free it rapidly after re-entry. We stock some classic colours for immediate delivery. Seaward offers a vast range of colour options, including cool fades, and a variety of options such as footpumps, underdeck bags, and locking hatches. They're all available through MEC. Visit one of our stores, or call 1.800.663.2667 for more information. 🍁

1 Seaward Passat G3

A seaworthy double with long, graceful lines. Drop the optional seat into the middle hatch and the fully bulkheaded centre compartment becomes a third cockpit for smaller seafarers. Long, semi-V hull, and 26in. beam make for comfortable cruising. The high cargo capacity lets you enjoy extended trips and/or luxury camping. 🍁 Custom colours available.

Length: 22ft. Beam: 26in. 🍁

5002-484 90lb. \$4800

2 Seaward Cosma and Cosma TX

Fine entryline, moderate rocker, 23in. beam and shallow-V multi-chined hull make a stable and seaworthy light touring boat. Multiple chines allow superb edging. Best for paddlers under 180lb. New TX version is vacuum-moulded thermoformed plastic, an acrylic/ABS sandwich construction that's stiffer and better looking than any roto-moulded plastic, yet less expensive than composites. 🍁 TX Blue, Red, Yellow. Fibreglass Custom colours available.

Length: 16ft. 2in. Beam: 23in. 🍁

5013-344 NEW TX 48.5lb. \$2625

5003-946 Fibreglass* 52lb. \$3700

3 IMPROVED Prijon Seayak

For years, the Seayak has made the performance of a Greenland-style hull affordable. It's now improved with a longer cockpit, a day hatch in front of the cockpit, and a lowered rudder mount and stern, which increases the rudder's bite in the water and better balances the boat's wind profile.

The upswept bow and stern provide exceptional rough water handling. An excellent choice for mid-sized touring enthusiasts (110-225lb.) looking for a very versatile and nimble kayak. 🍁 Mango, Red.

Length: 16ft. 1in. Beam: 23.6in.

4002-104 58lb. \$1955

4 IMPROVED Prijon Kodiak

Fast, stable, comfortable. Now with front screw hatch that accesses a neoprene storage sock, expanded knee area for a wider range of paddlers, new spare paddle hold down, and combo deck netting/paddle float self-rescue holder. Fish-form shape puts widest point at the knees, offering good stability in most conditions. Great for beginner to advanced paddlers, 110 to 250lb. 🍁 Mango, Red.

Length: 17ft. 1in. Beam: 23.5in.

4015-376 62lb. \$1985

2 NEW



PRIJON

The Power of Experience

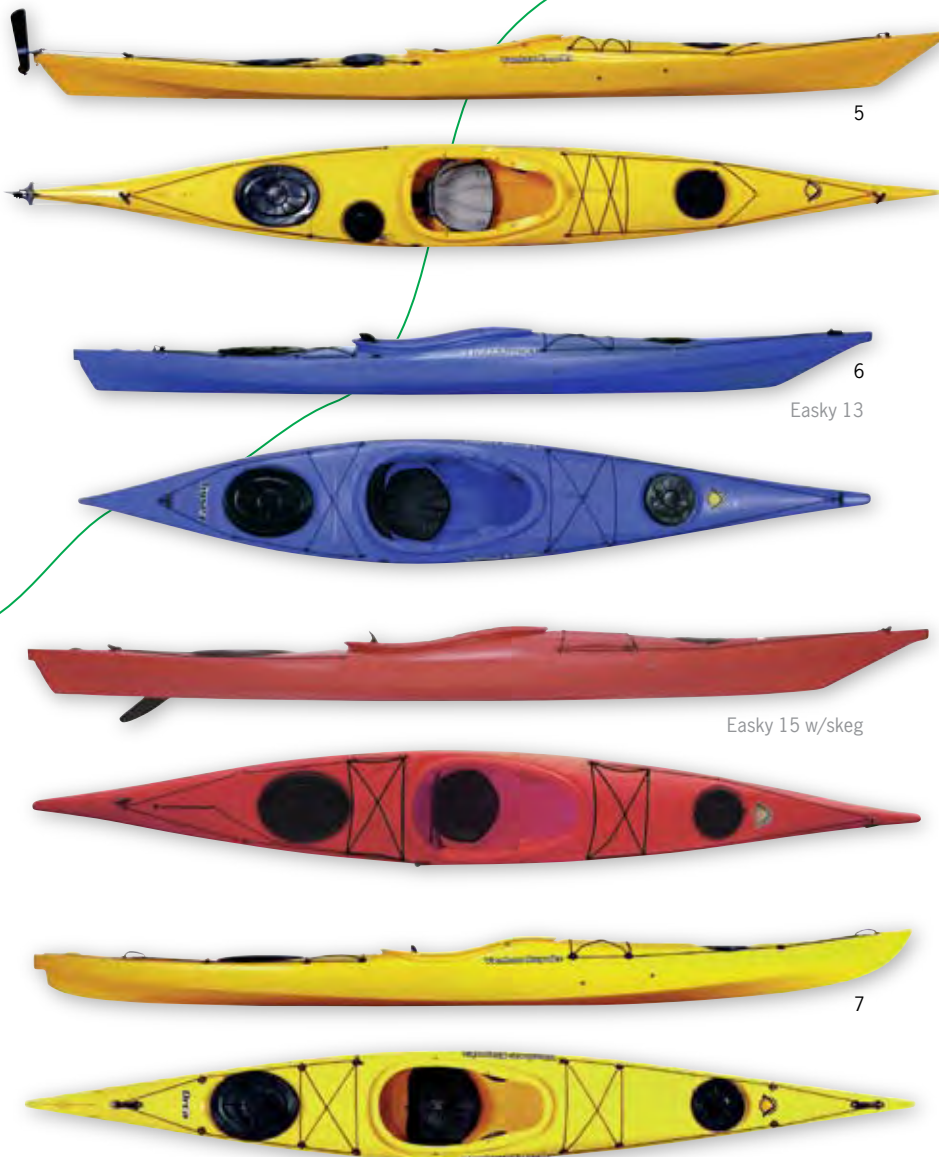
Prijon Touring Kayaks: The same blow-moulded High Performance Thermoplastic (HPT) polyethylene used in Prijon's whitewater boats lets their touring boats shrug off rock gardens and rough landings. User-repairable HPT is the toughest plastic currently on the market. Prijon's distinctive trihedral (three-planed) touring hulls enhance stability, glide, and carving ability. Gas pedal-style foot pedals let you lock yourself firmly into the boat for greater control and paddling efficiency. Now comes with WildWasser wing rudder for lower drag and greater efficiency. MEC can order any Prijon boat you want.

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7 Venture Kayak Orca RM with Rudder

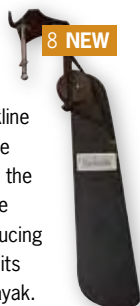
An ideal all around tourer. Friendly to the first-time paddler, it also offers the more experienced user a boat full of subtle features that can be used to enjoy both open and inland waters efficiently and with confidence. Retractable rudder included. The 14 has one rear hatch and one bulkhead. The 16 has two hatches and two bulkheads. ● Ocean, Red, Sunbeam (shown). **Length: 14 13ft. 5in., 16 15ft. 4in. Beam: 14 24in., 16 22.5in.**

5003-247 14 46.2lb. **\$975**
5003-247 16* 55lb. **\$1350**

8 NEW Venture Easy Rudder System

Easy to raise and lower. Its below deckline pivot point puts more blade down in the water where you want it, and less up in the wind – where you don't. Plus, it can be shorter for the same performance, reducing weight and windage when retracted. Fits any "rudder ready" P & H or Venture kayak.

5013-295 1.2kg **\$200**



9 Seaward Passat G3 Centre Seat

Optional centre seat for #1 (page 16). Fits centre hatch openings of 22.3 x 13.6in.

5002-751 .9kg **\$140**



Venture Kayaks: Venture Kayaks are made by P & H (see page 15) as their value line. While they are very affordable, Venture Kayaks offer designs and details worthy of much more expensive craft. They're made with a single-layer roto-moulded ultra-linear plastic that is more affordable than the triple-layer polyethylene used in P & H's premier craft, but equal in quality to many other makers' best boats. Their rubberized Kajak Sport hatches are some of the most watertight designs available anywhere; they're the same hatches used on P & H's top-of-the-line boats.

5 Venture Kayaks Skye 17 with Rudder

The longer sister in the Easky series. At 17ft. long, it provides enough room for multi-day trips yet still offers the confidence-inspiring stability of the Easky series. Three hatches, three bulkheads, full perimeter lines, moulded-in seat and thigh grips, adjustable and lockable footbraces, and the rudder, create a very capable craft. ● Ocean, Red, Sunbeam (shown). **Length: 16ft. 7in. Beam: 23in.**

5010-062 58lb. **\$1500**

6 Venture Kayak Easky 13 and 15 (with optional skeg)

Great for those wanting the stability of a traditional recreational touring boat but also more storage, more graceful lines, and a craft that can grow with them into entry level sea kayaking. Fore and aft watertight hatches and foam bulkheads add safety. The regular models track well on their own, but are ready to be fitted with optional rudders if desired. The skeg-equipped models let you tweak the balance of turnability and tracking by raising or lowering the skeg to the desired depth. Unlike rudders, skegs rarely get lifted out of the water by waves, plus they create less drag in the water or in the wind.

● Ocean (shown), Red (shown), Sunbeam.

Length: 13 13ft. 7in., 15 15ft. Beam: 13 26.5in., 15 23.5in.

5003-246 13, 46lb. **\$1000**

5013-062 15, * 50lb. **\$1100**

5013-060 13 (w/skeg)*, 48lb. **\$1100**

5007-690 15 (w/skeg), 52lb. **\$1200**

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1 NEW Seaward Intrigue Kayak

A recreational boat that will give you a whole new perspective on paddling, thanks to the in-cockpit hull window. The rest of the hull is an acrylic/ABS sandwich construction that's much stiffer and better looking than any roto-moulded plastic, yet less expensive than composites such as fibreglass or Kevlar®. Rear hatch and bulkhead for safety and dry storage.

● Red, Yellow. 📏 **Length:** 10ft. **Beam:** 28.5in. 🍁

5011-903 40lb. **\$1100**



Evergreen Kayaks: *Evergreen's years of canoe building have given them great expertise with composite construction. They've used that well in making the Envy, one of the best-performing day touring kayaks around.* 🍁

2 Evergreen Envy

Infused fibreglass construction makes this day cruiser much lighter, faster, and prettier than its plastic counterparts. It handles easily on and off the water, and won't dent and disfigure. Its greater stiffness eliminates momentum-robbing flexing. All this in a reassuringly stable design that tracks well and turns readily. The large cockpit makes for easy entry and exit. Fore and aft bulkheads and hatches provide storage and flotation. ● Blue, Mango, Red, Yellow. 📏 **Length:** 11ft. 9in. **Beam:** 28.5in. 🍁

5006-590 37lb. **\$1565**



Old Town Kayaks: *Old Town has more than a century of experience with canoes, and decades of pioneering work with plastics.*

3 NEW Old Town® Dirigo 106

Designed for unparalleled comfort and control. Great for casual paddlers out for a little relaxation, fitness, and fun. The cockpit design gives you more precise control, without being confining. Dashboard dry hatch for wallet, glasses, or your cell phone. On-deck seat adjustment. Rear deck hatch and bulkhead. Variable layer polyethylene. ● Cloud (shown), Red, Sunrise, Yellow. 📏 **Length:** 10ft. 6in. **Beam:** 27.75in.

5013-102 46lb. **\$775**

MEC Staff Tip

"When planning a dinner of dehydrated foods, add water to the food in a Nalgene bottle in the morning so it rehydrates during the day. This lessens the 'dried food' taste and enhances the flavours."

Neil, Store Manager
MEC Edmonton store

4 NEW Old Town® Dirigo Tandem Plus

A family-friendly day tripper. It's super stable, with enough room for two adults and two kids. The bow cockpit boasts a drink holder and dry storage for wallets and phones. The oversized rear cockpit has a removable kid's seat, and a tray and drink holder for the wee one. Rear deck hatch and bulkhead. Capacity: 500lb. Variable layer polyethylene. ● Cloud, Red, Sunrise (shown), Yellow. 📏 **Length:** 15ft. 3in. **Beam:** 29.5in.

5013-108 80lb. **\$1275**



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5 Old Town® Adventure XL 125

A great day tourer with better performance than the standard short, flat rec boat. Roomy, with a large, easy-access cockpit, it also fits smaller paddlers well. Padded high-back folding seat with back adjustment straps. Front and rear hatches with bulkheads. Adjustable footbraces. PolyLink3™ construction. ●●● Cloud, Red, Yellow. 📏 **Length:** 12ft. 5in. **Beam:** 27.5in.

5010-362 50lb. **\$925**



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6 Old Town® Loon 100/120

High primary stability and excellent tracking give even fledgling paddlers a sense of comfort and success on flat-water cruises. Rear bulkhead and hatch add safety and convenience. Extrasport XtraComfort Seat. Adjustable footpegs. Deck bungees. Paddle keeper. PolyLink3™ construction. Capacity: **100** 225lb., **120** 290lb. ●●● Cloud, Red, Sunrise, Yellow. 📏 **Length:** **100** 10ft., **120** 12ft. **Beam:** **100** 27.5in., **120** 28.8in.

5009-834 100, 47lb. **\$650**

5009-835 120, 52lb. **\$750**



Ocean Kayak: Ocean Kayak originated sit-on-top kayaks as we know them today, and has been making them for more than three decades. Compound curves ensure the field-proven, linear, medium-density polyethylene has sufficient stiffness to provide efficient hull function, with enough give to prevent damage from most impacts. Other features include moulded-in foot wells, self-bailing scupper holes, bow and stern toggle handles, a threaded drain plug, multiple accessory eyelets, a bow spray deflector, and adjustable gear straps.



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7 Ocean Kayak Frenzy

A compact sit-on-top single kayak for moderate rivers, bays, estuaries, lakes, ponds, and surf. It's suitable for day play and nature watching on flat water. Short enough for easy manoeuvring, it also tracks well, thanks to the tri-form hull design and built-in keel. It's beamy enough to make users of any level feel secure. Bow storage area. ●●● Lime, Sunrise, Yellow. 📏 **Length:** 9ft. **Beam:** 30in.

5000-942 45lb. **\$450**



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8 Ocean Kayak Malibu 2 Tandem—No Hatches

Takes a solo paddler, two paddlers, or even two paddlers and a small passenger. Wide enough to offer reassuring stability to beginners and families. Suitable for day play, light touring, and nature watching on moderate swells or waves, lakes, ponds, and mellow rivers. ●●● Lime, Sunrise (shown), Yellow. 📏 **Length:** 12ft. **Beam:** 34in.

5000-941 56lb. **\$650**

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TOURING PADDLES

1 Nimbus Kiska

One of Nimbus' most popular blades – medium-sized with an asymmetric shape that reduces twisting on entry. The slightly dihedral form allows for a smooth, flutter-free stroke to minimize fatigue when paddling all day. Two versions: 75% fibreglass, 25% graphite shafts with graphite blades (215, 225, 235, 245cm); or fibreglass shaft and blades (215, 225, 235, 245cm).  **Blade:** 15 x 46cm. 

4008-985 Graphite 765g (225cm) **\$345**

5000-989 Fibreglass 936g (225cm) **\$230**

2 MEC™ Explore Carbon

Built to MEC specs with Aqua-Bound's® Stingray blade – a great all around touring shape. Three plastics with carbon fibre reinforcements form Aqua-Bound's stiffest blade, nearly as light as full composites but much more affordable. Shaft: extra-thick fibreglass.  **Blade:** 15.8 x 46cm. **Lengths:** 215, 225, 235, 245cm. 

5010-528 1.2kg (225cm) **\$190**

3 MEC™ Explore

Built to MEC specs by Aqua-Bound®. Their technology gives a weight comparable to full composite paddles, at a price that's not. Blades: great all around touring shape, in a fibreglass-reinforced plastic blend – almost twice as strong as nylon. Shaft: extra-thick fibreglass.  **Blade:** 16.5 x 46cm. **Lengths:** 215, 225, 235, 245cm. 

5008-112 1.3kg (225cm) **\$155**

4 Grey Owl® Sirocco

A tough, economical paddle, with the warmth in the hands that only wood can provide. Shaft: laminated bass and ash. Carbon fibre ferrule. Feathers 75 degrees left or right. Blades: butternut, bass and ash, with plastic tips.  **Blade:** 18 x 47cm. **Lengths:** 220, 230, 240cm. 

4005-105 1.1kg (240cm) **\$145**

5 Nimbus Mystic

Modeled after the popular Kiska (above). Tough, economical. A great spare, recreational, or kid's paddle. Blades are a blend of polyester resin and continuous strand fibreglass close-moulded with Resin Transfer Moulding Technology. Epoxy fibreglass shaft.  **Blade:** 15 x 46cm. **Lengths:** 215, 225, 235, 245cm. 

5010-515 1.4kg (230cm) **\$140**

6 Cannon Paddles Wave

Excellent value in an entry-level recreational touring paddle that also makes a decent spare. Two-piece matte black anodized aluminum shaft. Plastic blades. Fibreglass-reinforced, plastic grooved ferrule provides a non-binding fit.  **Blade:** 18.5 x 46cm. **Lengths:** 220, 230, 240cm.

5008-431 1.4kg (230cm) **\$69**

7 NEW

CAR RACKS

7 NEW Thule® Top Deck Kayak Carrier

Excellent value: everything you need to attach a kayak to your roof rack. Padded saddles conform to multiple hull shapes. Includes four cradles, heavy duty straps, and bow and stern tie downs. Fits Thule standard and Xsporter load bars, Yakima®, and most factory-installed cross bars.

5007-751 **\$139**

8 NEW

8 NEW SPT Lockable Tie Down Straps

Unique design features stainless steel cables encased in webbing, and lockable buckles for high security.

5013-346 2.5m 200g **\$61**

5013-347 4m* 210g **\$69.75**

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TOURING SAFETY + ACCESSORIES

9 Seattle Sports Inflatable Paddle Float

Inflatable nylon self-rescue aid. High volume for great support. Two chambers for security. Fastex™ buckle closure.

1999-903 320g **\$25**

11 SealLine® Baja Deck Bag

Accessible splashproof deck storage with an internal polyethylene stiffener. "Zip Lips" closure, zippered mesh pocket, accessory shockcord web. Shoulder strap converts it to a carrying case. 20oz. PVC.

 10 x 30 x 35cm.

4007-015 10L 570g **\$85**

SPRAYSIRTS

Seals®: *Seals has been making sprayskirts, and only sprayskirts, for 20 years. They are committed to making comfortable, functional, durable, and safe sprayskirts that fit any boat. To that end, they publish The Book of Seals. This sprayskirt-fitting bible includes over 40 boat manufacturers and is a complete guide to finding the right-sized Seals skirt for your boat. Call 1.800.663.2667 or see our online fitting tool at mec.ca/sprayskirts to find the size you need.*

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15 Seals® Adventurer

A coated-nylon packcloth touring sprayskirt with a rim-grip/safety-slip technology that seals well against the smoothest cockpit rims. Tensioned stay peaks on the front deck to prevent pooling. Removable shoulder straps. Sealed seams. Reflective trim.

5007-648 750g **\$49-\$115**

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16 Seals® Cockpit Seal

Industrial-strength cargo cover material stands up to road trips to and from the put-in. Tetherhook attaches to decklines.

5007-654 750g **\$29-\$55**

10 North Water Sea Kayak Rescue Float

Closed-cell foam never leaks or needs inflation. Sleeve is durable, UV-resistant fabric. 1in. side-release buckles for easier operation with cold or gloved hands. Also useful for practicing rolling and sculling. 🍁

5007-613 430g **\$45**

12 NEW Seals® Splash Deck

Blocks light spray or paddle drips; nice when it's too warm for a full sprayskirt. Polyurethane-coated pack cloth. Large zippered front mesh pocket. Tensioned deck stay.  R fits most regular boats (1.2-4.2), XL fits large recreational boats (5.0-7.0).

5013-279 500g **\$38**

13 Scotty Flexcoil Paddle Leash

For paddles, etc. that need to be secured while in use. Uses two extra strong swivel snaps. FlexCoil cord allows for maximum unrestricted movement. 🍁

5007-294 150g **\$19.85**

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14 Seals® Extreme Tour

Perhaps the ultimate for open water: a 3.5mm neoprene deck with a sticky under treatment that provides an exceptional cockpit seal. Reinforced Seal-Tex edge guard maximizes durability. Waterproof-breathable tunnel adjusts with neoprene waistband, or wear loose with removable suspenders.  Grey.

5007-647 750g **\$125**

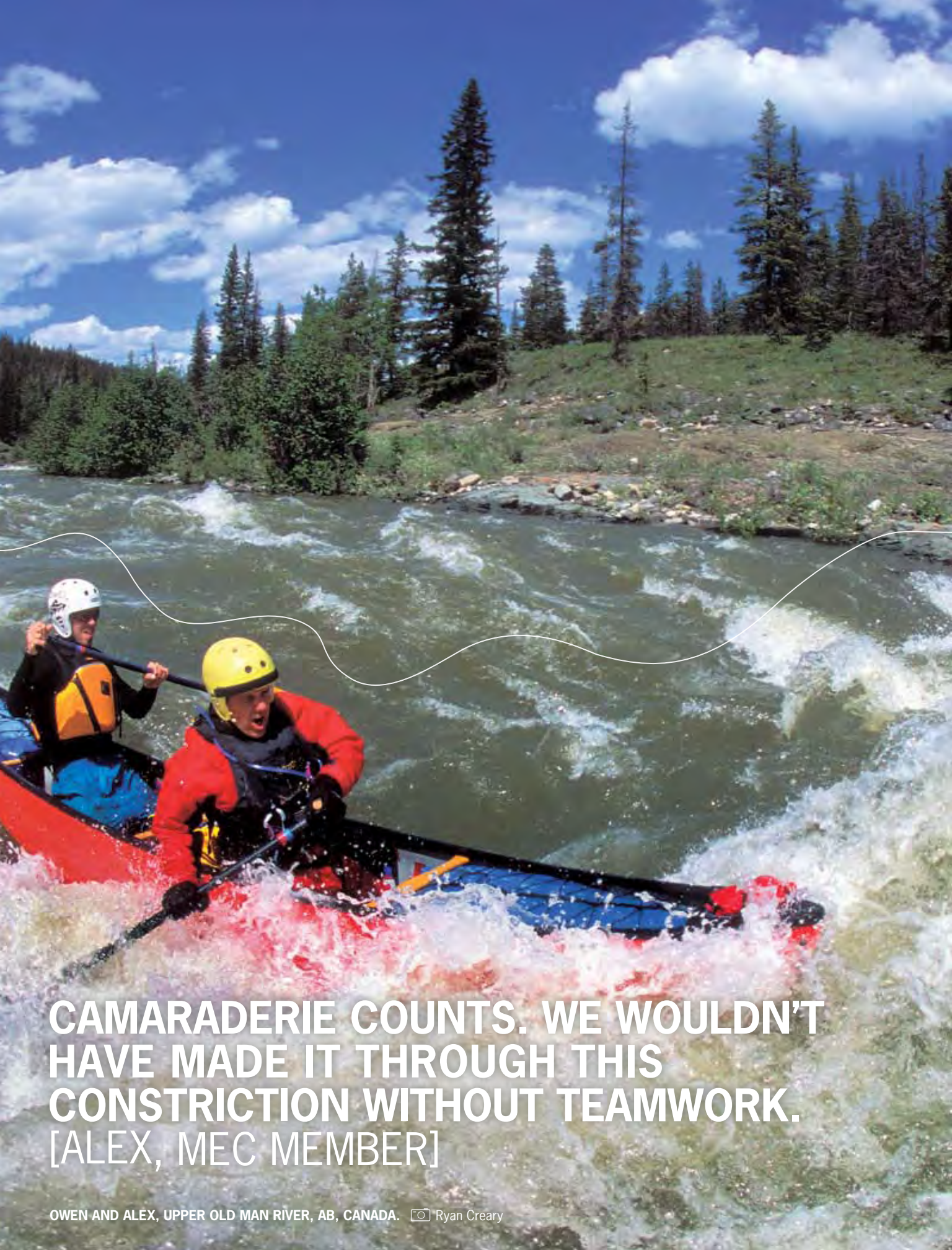
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17 Seals® Sea Sprite

Great for typical touring: a 3.5mm neoprene deck with the comfort and adjustability of a waterproof-breathable fabric tunnel. The attachment is looser than the Extreme Tour, making for less of a bomber seal, but easier attachment and release. Adjustable neoprene waistband, removable suspenders.

5010-264 750g **\$100**

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CANOEES

Evergreen Canoes: This well-established Ontario boat crafter makes beautifully finished canoes with uncompromising quality and attention to detail. Various lay-up options match different budgets and applications. **Fibreglass:** economical and very durable. **Everteck:** lighter, excellent value. It's a proprietary fibreglass lay-up with a foam-core bottom and Kevlar® reinforcements. **Kevlar:** extremely lightweight, very strong, and stiff. It's popular with those doing a lot of tripping and portaging. **Royalex®:** a very tough, relatively light, and extremely forgiving multi-laminate plastic (select models only). Its resilience and high abrasion resistance are popular with whitewater paddlers and those on multi-week expeditions. Evergreen offers a variety of colours and options that let you personalize your craft, including sliding bow seats, kneeling thwarts, and boat lettering to show off your canoe's name. Please contact us for pricing on your ultimate canoe. 🍁



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1 Evergreen Willow and Maple

Excellent open-water touring canoes with asymmetrical hulls and just 1 in. of rocker provide exceptional speed and tracking ability for putting in the miles. The larger Maple is a high-volume, performance-oriented tripping canoe. The additional length forms an even smoother entry line, increasing efficiency.

🍷 Burgundy, Green, Mango, Red. 📏 **Length/beam/depth:** Willow 16ft. 1in./33.5in./13.5in. Maple 17ft. 1in./34in./14in. 🍁

4009-110 Willow, fibreglass/aluminum gunwales* 68lb. **\$1050**

4018-304 Willow, fibreglass/ash gunwales* 68lb. **\$1350**

5001-063 Willow, Everteck/ash gunwales* 59lb. **\$1725**

5008-846 Willow, Kevlar®/aluminum gunwales* 49lb. **\$2000**

4017-904 Willow, Kevlar/ash gunwales 49lb. **\$2300**

5009-558 Maple, fibreglass/aluminum gunwales* 69lb. **\$1150**

4011-274 Maple, Everteck/ash gunwales* 61lb. **\$1775**

4017-905 Maple, Kevlar/ash gunwales 51lb. **\$2300**

2 Evergreen Prospector

This Prospector mould was Bill Mason's personal favourite. Its classic multi-purpose design is best suited to intermediate and experienced paddlers. Versatility is the key to the Prospector's enduring popularity. It performs well in all conditions and water types, and with a variety of loads. 🍷 Burgundy, Green, Mango, Red. (Royalex® avail. in Green, Mango, and Red.) 📏 **Length:** 16ft. **Beam:** 34in. **Depth:** 14in. 🍁

4011-276 Fibreglass/aluminum gunwales 69lb. **\$1050**

4011-275 Fibreglass/ash gunwales* 69lb. **\$1350**

4016-187 Everteck/aluminum gunwales* 59lb. **\$1450**

4016-186 Everteck/ash gunwales* 59lb. **\$1725**

4016-660 Kevlar®/aluminum gunwales* 49lb. **\$2000**

4013-388 Kevlar/ash gunwales* 49lb. **\$2300**

4011-277 Royalex/vinyl gunwales* 67lb. **\$1550**



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3 Evergreen Cottager

The name says it all: the Cottager provides wide, stable transportation for a family out for a day of exploring on mellow waters. Its keel keeps it on a straight-line course with ease. This affordable, durable, and traditionally styled canoe comes with web seats and a deep dish carrying yoke. 🍷 Burgundy, Green, Mango, Red. 📏 **Length:** 15ft. 10in. **Beam:** 35in. **Depth:** 13in. 🍁

5002-359 Fibreglass/aluminum gunwales 69lb. **\$1050**

5006-802 Fibreglass/ash gunwales* 69lb. **\$1350**

5009-409 Kevlar®/aluminum gunwales* 49lb. **\$2000**

5005-057 Kevlar/ash gunwales* 49lb. **\$2300**

4 Evergreen Bob Special

Surprisingly fast for a 15-footer, yet stable as well. Slight rocker and shallow arch make it great for solo paddling, without precluding tandem use. Its keel improves tracking. Holds enough cargo for two on weekends. Ash thwarts, yoke, and seats. 🍷 Burgundy, Green, Mango, Red. 📏 **Length:** 14ft. 10in. **Beam:** 36in. **Depth:** 13in. 🍁

4015-576 Fibreglass/aluminum gunwales 65lb. **\$1035**

5009-246 Fibreglass/ash gunwales* 65lb. **\$1300**

4015-580 Everteck/ash gunwales* 55lb. **\$1725**

4017-907 Kevlar®/ash gunwales* 45lb. **\$2300**

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1 Evergreen Heirloom Cedar

A work of art that can take you out on the water. Wood is warm on the eyes – and on the knees. Made with beautiful British Columbian cedar, and clear glassed to let the wood and workmanship shine through. Mahogany outer gunwales add to the value and look. 🍷 **Length:** 16ft. **Beam:** 36in. **Depth:** 12.5in. 🍁

5009-027 56lb. **\$3300**



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2 Evergreen Prowler Royale®

A great general-purpose canoe in robust Royale. The flat, fairly wide bottom provides great initial stability. A bit of tumblehome ensures paddling ease and secondary stability. The recurved ends add a touch of grace. 2in. of rocker balances tracking with manoeuvrability. The symmetrical design offers predictable handling, tandem or solo. Full bow lifts readily over waves.

🍷 Green, Mango, Red. 🍷 **Length:** 15ft. 9in. **Beam:** 34in. **Depth:** 15in. 🍁

5010-360 Royale LT/vinyl gunwales 64lb. **\$1550**



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3 Old Town Discovery 169

This legendary Tripper is dependable, stable, and manoeuvrable. The high-volume hull and deep-V entry work well for transporting large loads in a variety of conditions and the gentle rocker provides manoeuvrability. The Superlink3™ – a layer of closed-cell foam surrounded by layers of cross-linked, high-density polyethylene – has a strong “memory”: most dents pop out of the boat automatically. Vinyl gunwales. Ash thwarts and yoke. Plastic seats. Capacity: 1100lb. 🍷 Green, Red. 🍷 **Length:** 16ft. 9in. **Beam:** 37in. **Depth:** 23in. 🍁

4005-258 86lb. **\$995**



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4 Evergreen Starburst Royale®/Mike Yee Option

A true whitewater tandem or expedition tripping boat. The high bow and centre depth provide a dry ride even in big water. 5in. of rocker make it very responsive to sweeps and steering strokes. Mike Yee version comes with end cages, knee pads, and thigh braces (floatbags not included). Vinyl trim, ash thwarts, and yokes. 🍷 Mango, Red. 🍷 **Length:** 16ft. 6in. **Beam:** 33.5in. **Depth:** 15.75in. 🍁

4017-908 Starburst, Royale/vinyl gunwales 74lb. **\$1650**

4017-909 Starburst, Royale/Mike Yee Outfitting Option* 75lb. **\$2100**



5 NEW

5 NEW Evergreen Solito Whitewater/Mike Yee Option

Ten feet of fun for experts and novices alike. Designer John Graye's architecture balances volume, rocker, and edge in an outstanding play boat that perfectly combines speed, manoeuvrability, tracking, and stability. Mike Yee option includes end cages, knee pads, saddle, and thigh straps – just add float bags. Rugged Royale®. 🍷 Mango, Red (Whitewater only). 🍷 **Length:** 9ft. 11in. **Beam:** 28in. **Depth:** 14in. 🍁

5010-974 Solito Whitewater 74lb. **\$1200**

5011-838 Solito Mike Yee Outfitting Option* 75lb. **\$1700**

MEC Staff Tip

“If you're solo paddling a light canoe against the wind, fill a couple of plastic water carriers and put them in the front of the canoe. This provides ballast and helps you stay on course.”

Ted, Floor Staff
MEC Ottawa store



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CANOE SEATS

6 Sit-Backer Canoe Seat

Adjustable for paddling or lounging. Fits even plastic moulded seats. Two inches of foam.

5008-742 1.4kg **\$39**

CANOE PADDLES

MEC offers canoe paddles from Redtail and Grey Owl®, both quality crafters from Ontario and experts in canoes, canoeing, and paddles. 🍁

7 Redtail Premium

A work of art with the Redtail blade shape. Made with a beautiful mix of ash, cherry, black walnut, and bird's-eye maple. Features Redtail's Ergo grip, which feels very natural in the hands. 🍷 **Blade:** 5.5 x 30in. with resin tip. **Lengths:** 54, 57, 60, 63in. 🍁
5007-764 635g (57in.) **\$95**

8 Redtail Ottortail Black Walnut

For deep-water recreational use. Exotic black walnut, famous for its dark chocolate brown colour and eye-catching grain, boasts the strength of other hardwoods and is extremely lightweight. Comfy Ergo grip. 🍷 **Blade:** 6 x 30in. **Lengths:** 54, 57, 60, 63in. 🍁
5007-758 567g (57in.) **\$79**

9 Redtail Cherry

The distinctive Redtail blade shape in cherry wood, robustly laminated to an ash shaft for maximum strength. Comfy Ergo grip. 🍷 **Blade:** 5.5 x 30in. with a resin tip. **Lengths:** 54, 57, 60, 63in. 🍁
5007-761 740g (57in.) **\$48**

10 Grey Owl® Voyageur

Wide and short for shallow water; a great all around paddle. Shaft: ash, bass, with a cherry grip. Blade: cherry, bass. 🍷 **Blade:** 7 x 22.5in. **Lengths:** 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64in. 🍁
1903-095 740g (52in.) **\$48**

11 Redtail Ottortail Deluxe

A classic design in affordable laminated poplar and cherry for lightness and beauty. Redtail's Ergo grip. 🍷 **Blade:** 6 x 30in. **Lengths:** 51, 54, 57, 60, 63in. 🍁
5007-760 570g (57in.) **\$30**

12 Redtail Beavertail Poplar

Strong, lightweight, and economical. Ideal for beginners, or as a spare. 🍷 **Blade:** 6 x 25in. **Lengths:** 51, 54, 57, 60, 63in. 🍁
5007-762 570g (57in.) **\$18**

13 Grey Owl® Raven Carbon Bentshaft

Will delight racers and recreationalists alike with its lightness, strength, and efficiency. Carbon fibre foam-core composite construction. 15-degree bend. Knife-edge dihedral for clean entry and exit. 🍷 **Blade:** 9 x 19in. One size, cut to length. 🍁
5010-124 396g (52in.) **\$175**

14 Grey Owl® Bentshaft 12°

The warmth of wood; the flat-water efficiency of a 12-degree angled blade. Shaft: walnut, butternut. Blade: laminated ash, bass, butternut, walnut. 🍷 **Blade:** 8.5 x 19.5in. **Lengths:** 48, 50, 52, 54, 56in. 🍁
1903-087 745g (46in.) **\$69**

15 Redtail Bentshaft

A bow paddler's delight: flat-water efficiency, in light and affordable poplar and black cherry, complete with Redtail's comfy Ergo grip. 🍷 **Blade:** 8 x 19in. with resin tip. **Lengths:** 50, 52, 54, 56in. 🍁
5007-763 750g (50in.) **\$48**

16 Grey Owl® Hammerhead

Large blade, great for whitewater. Shaft: walnut, with adjustable contoured T-grip. Blade: cherry, bass, maple, with laminated hardwood insert. 🍷 **Blade:** 8.25 x 19in. **Lengths:** 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64in. 🍁
4009-037 822g (58in.) **\$78**

17 Grey Owl® High Performance Dragon Boat

Light and stiff, for the mid to high level competitor. Laminated ash/bass core shaft, maple T-grip, ash/bass blade. Meets 202 A specs for dragon boating. 🍷 **Blade area:** 118sq. in. **Lengths:** 44, 4.5, 46, 47in. 🍁
5002-799 650g (47in.) **\$45**

18 Grey Owl® Jet Dragon Boat

One of the lightest DB paddles anywhere, from one of the most popular makers. Tough carbon fibre. Meets the 202 specification, is licensed with the International Dragon Boat Federation, and conforms to all sanctioned racing rules. 🍷 **Blade area:** 118sq. in. One size, cut shaft to length. 🍁
5010-125 510g (approx.) **\$175**

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ACCESSORIES



PROTECTOR CASES

See mec.ca for case dimensions.

1 Pelican® Protector Cases

Buoyant and bomb-proof protection against submergence and shock for cameras, radios, etc. Purge valve allows equalizing interior air pressure to facilitate opening after flying or climbing. Watertight to 30ft. Removable "pick-n-pluck" perforated foam for customizing compartments for your gear. Lightweight structural foam resin. ● Black, Red.

4009-434 1120* 585g **\$37**

0199-463 1200 1.3kg **\$59**

4001-189 1300* 1.6kg **\$70**

0199-471 1400 1.8kg **\$107**

4003-593 1450* 2.9kg **\$129**

0199-489 1500* 3.2kg **\$150**



3 NEW



2 Pelican® MicroCases

Sized for cellphones, PDAs, pagers, GPSs, radios, etc. Submersible, dustproof, and crush-resistant. Automatic purge valve offsets pressure changes from altitude or weather. Rubber tray liners reduce rattle and shock on your gizmos. ● Solid Blue (1030 only), Transparent Yellow (1050 only), Solid Yellow (1010 only).

4019-103 1010 210g **\$13**

5000-036 1030* 290g **\$18.50**

5000-040 1050 370g **\$21**

3 NEW GSI Lexan Utility Box

Excellent see-through storage for a field tool kit or anything that must not be crushed. Splashproof/dunk-proof lid gasket. Side slots for webbing carry/tie-down loops. Lexan® with nylon latches. ● Clear, Green, Orange. ■ Outside 16.8 x 10 x 5cm.

5013-004 230g **\$12**

4 NEW GSI N-Cases

Keep cards, cash, etc in this water-resistant Lexan® case while paddling, at the beach, or showering in hostels. Goes around your neck or on your belt. 420ml capacity.

● Mango, Olive, Periwinkle.

5013-010 420 (12 x 6cm) 150g **\$6**

5013-011 840 (13.5 x 6.5cm) 175g **\$8**

4 NEW



5 McNett UV Tech

Protects against sun damage and colour fading, and rejuvenates. Use it on wet suits, drysuits, latex seals, plastic and fibreglass kayaks, paddles, PFDs, etc. Non-glossy, non-slippery formula. Water-based, biodegradable.

5011-045 470ml **\$15**

6 NEW



6 NEW Wheelleez Kayak Cart

Supportive mid-wheels with wide balloon tires that ride well on sand or mud, yet stow compactly enough to fit in day hatches or even whitewater kayaks. Payload capacity is conservatively rated to 45kg (99lb.).

Wheels are 22cm diameter, 13cm width.

5013-253 3.2kg **\$120**

7 Wheelleez Kayak/Canoe Cart

Tires detach and frame folds to fit in a boat. Marine-grade, anodized 6063-T5 aluminum frame, stainless steel hardware. Large foam bumpers protect hull finish. Kickstand for easier loading. 8cm wide, 25cm diameter pneumatic tires with Schrader valves. Two 4m tie-down straps included. Weight capacity is 100kg.

4013-763 3.2kg **\$100**

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DRY BAGS

8 MEC™ Weigh Lite Dry Bags

Lighter-duty dry bags – also great for hikers. Good for consumables since they roll up small. XL fits many sleeping pads. 200-denier, urethane-coated nylon, with rugged Cordura® bottoms. Made in USA. Blue, Silver.

4011-624 XS, 5L (15 x 30cm) 105g **\$18.50**

4011-624 S, 10L (19 x 38cm) 125g **\$22**

4011-624 M, 20L (24 x 43cm) 160g **\$24**

4011-624 X-Long, 21L (19 x 71) 200g **\$27**

4011-624 L, 35L (29 x 53cm) 195g **\$27**

9 NEW



9 NEW SealLine® Boundary Packs

Now improved with waterproof-breathable shoulder straps and waistbelts. They seal with dry-bag-style, roll-down closures. The 70L and 115L have side cinch straps. The 35L uses a top buckle closure. Scrim-reinforced vinyl, heavier on the bottom.

Blue, Green, Yellow.

5012-987 35L (37 x 51cm)* 850g **\$75**

5012-987 70L (44 x 64cm) 1.2kg **\$85**

5012-987 115L (47 x 76cm)* 1.5kg **\$95**

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Tech Talk

DRY BAGS

Roll-top dry bags are dunkproof and easy to use, but can leak if underwater for a while. They are not recommended for electronics.

Watershed and Aquapac® bags are flexible and fully submersible. For submersible protection that also resists knocks and crushing, choose hard cases from Pelican® or GSI. Both bags and cases are prone to condensation inside, so put in an absorbent silica gel pack if you're packing electronics.

Learn more at mec.ca/expertise

10 MEC™ Orbit Drysacs

Lightweight dry bags in three useful sizes, well-suited to carrying self-inflating sleeping pads. 200-denier urethane-coated nylon. Made in USA. Blue, Silver.

5000-015 5L (23 x 31cm) 115g **\$17**

5000-015 15L (26 x 74cm) 155g **\$21**

5000-015 22L (33 x 71cm) 205g **\$25**

11 SealLine® Kodiak Window Dry Bags

Frosted windows let you see contents. Unique flexible and flush one-way purge valves (not on the 5L and 10L) let you squeeze out air for minimum packed volume. Easy-to-use closures. Blue, Yellow.

5003-857 5L (18 x 25cm) 85g **\$20**

5003-857 10L (20 x 38cm) 140g **\$22**

5003-857 15L (20 x 50cm) 170g **\$26**

5003-857 20L (23 x 51cm) 198g **\$31**

5003-857 25L (23 x 66cm) 230g **\$35**

5003-857 30L (28 x 64cm) 255g **\$40**

5003-857 40L (33 x 62cm) 310g **\$44**



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13 Watershed Futa Stowfloat

More rugged and airtight than your average float bag, plus it holds cargo! Patented ZipDry closure is submersible to over 90m. Oral inflation tube. 47 x 91 tapering to 16.5cm.

5007-769 13.3L **\$65**

14 Watershed Ocoee Duffle Dry Bag

A great day/ditch bag for sea kayaking or whitewater. ZipDry closure is submersible to over 90m. UV-resistant polyurethane laminated to nylon packcloth. Radio-frequency welded seams. Blue, Red, Yellow.

5007-718 14.7L (43 x 20.cm) 850g **\$69**



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12 MEC™ Brooks Bag Dry Bags

Well-made, heavy-duty dry bags. Their oval cross-section allows efficient use of space below decks. 1000psi water resistance. Made without environmentally nasty PVC. RF-welded seams. Made in USA. Blue, Mango, Red.

5010-156 5L (18 x 32cm) **\$10**

5010-156 10L (22 x 42cm) **\$12**

5010-156 20L (27 x 57cm) **\$15**

5010-156 30L (32 x 62cm) **\$23**

5010-156 35L (32 x 72cm) **\$25**

5010-156 55L (37 x 87cm) **\$29**



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Aquapac® Cases: Aquapac flexible cases meet IP67 and IP68 standards and are submersible to at least 15ft. They're made from special UV-stabilized polymers. The ultra-secure, rustproof, injection-moulded plastic Aquaclip seals with a simple twist of a lever – no fiddly screws to thread or lips to seal.

15 Aquapac® Flip-phone Case

Use your flip phone on the water. Clear panels let you catch snaps or footage with camera-phones!

20.3cm long, 15.2cm circumference.

5009-992 **\$29**

16 Aquapac® Phone/GPS Case

Holds a GPS or flat-faced cellphone. Two sizes:

Mini: 12.7cm long, 15.3cm circumference,

Medium: 17cm long, 19cm circumference.

5009-993 **\$29**

17 Aquapac® VHF Classic Case

Suitable for right and left antenna models.

Small 17.8cm long, 19.3cm circumference.

Large 22.5cm long, 22.5cm circumference.

5009-994 **\$35**



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*Not shown

SAFETY

1 NEW



1 NEW Kokatat Ronin Pro

A swiftwater rescue version of the Ronin. Great for whitewater kayakers, canoeists, and touring kayakers, since rescue harness doubles as a towing system. Meets/exceeds all USCG requirements for Type V Rescue Harness. Reinforced adjustable shoulder straps with thermo-moulded padding. Stretch mesh sleeve for cowtail or whitewater tow tether. Coal, Mango. [unisex] S/M, L/XL. 5012-926 850g **\$195**

2 NEW



2 NEW Kokatat Ronin

Ultra-comfortable for you, thanks to the unique offset front entry system with an internal harness design. And more comfortable for the planet, thanks to PVC-free foam. Internal grip panel reduces ride-up. Extra large duplex front pocket for storage. Gaia foam is super-soft and hugs the body well. Reflective tape on front and rear for improved visibility. Coal, Mango. [unisex] S/M, L/XL. 5012-924 830g **\$150**

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3 Kokatat OutFit Tour

The contoured comfort of the OutFit (see item 12, page 29), with added tour-worthy features, including an additional vertical pocket for a VHF or GPS, an additional lash tab on the back, and front and back reflective trim. We will transition to PVC-free foam for 2007. Cobalt Blue, Mango. [unisex] S-XL. 5000-581 830g **\$140**

4 Kokatat MsFit Tour

All the comfort, function, and female-specific tailoring of the MsFit (see item 10, page 29). Two bellowed stretch mesh side pockets, one vertical top loading pocket, reflective tape on the front and back, and a strobe lash on the back. We will transition to PVC-free foam for 2007. Glacier, Mango. [w] S-XL. 4017-444 860g **\$140**

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5 MEC™ Source

Comfort, configurability, durability, and value. The front panels are shaped around a body form, for a true three-dimensional fit. Super-soft, light, buoyant, non-PVC foam (see Tech Talk on page 29) provides amazing freedom of movement. Inside, mesh panels maximize circulation and the comfort of any breathable clothing. A band of “sharkskin” neoprene reduces ride-up. Outer shell: high-tenacity nylon – the toughest material used by any PFD manufacturer. Easy-to-grab staggered side-adjust straps. Contrasting white colour maximizes visibility. Knife sleeve fits Wenoka Squeeze blades. Made in China. [m] Cobalt Blue, Red. [w] Pacific Blue, Red. [m] S/M, M/L, L/XL [w] S/M, M/L, L/XL. 5010-356 [m] 1.2kg **\$130**
5010-357 [w] 1.2kg **\$125**

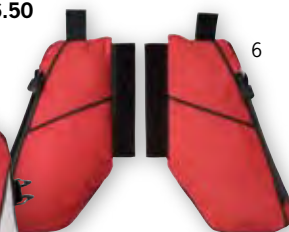
6 MEC™ Source PFD Pocket

Customize your Source PFD with a right or left front pocket. Sold individually. Sides are from the wearer's perspective. Foam insert for additional flotation. Made in China. Cobalt Blue, Pacific Blue, Red. 5010-358 165g **\$9.50**

7 MEC™ Source Hydration Pocket

Fits 1.5L Source C-2 Hydration System (not included) or similar systems. Made in China. Cobalt Blue, Pacific Blue, Red. 5010-361 135g **\$16.50**

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As the first PFD maker to use our new soft, cross-linked PE foam, we invested a lot of time and money to get it approved. It was worth it. The new foam meets or exceeds all UL and ULC standards. It's lighter, more buoyant, better aging, and more environmentally friendly than traditional PVC foam. (For the earth's sake, we're making this eco-friendly foam available to any PFD maker to use if they wish.)

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8 NEW [w]

8 NEW Stohlquist Kitty

A great-fitting women's PFD with a flattering, compact profile; excellent mobility; and petite look. Built-in foam cups and jog-bra style neoprene top provide comfort and support. Hand-sculpted internal front foam for perfectly shaped fit. Neoprene yoke with comfortable stretch-to-fit shoulder straps. Cool mesh side panels. Made of PVC-free foam. Fits cup sizes B to D.

●●● Mango, Red. [w] [unisex] S/M, L/XL.

5013-202 800g \$130



9 Stohlquist Wedge-E

Low-profile, low-cut, side-entry. Great for playboating and river-running. Neoprene compression shoulder straps adjust for different torsos. 500-denier Cordura® shell. 3M® reflective accents. Zippered mesh pocket with key lanyard. Four-way knife lash tab. Will transition to PVC-free foam in 2007.

●●● Mango, Red. [unisex] S-XXL.

4017-580 765g \$109



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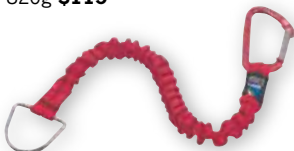


10 Kokatat MsFit Front Zip

Kokatat's Fit, tailored for a woman's shape, with princess seams and scooped and contoured PVC-free foam. The shoulders adjust to fit torsos of different lengths, and feature thermo-moulded padding and durable, non-slip Hypalon® surfaces. The zippered side-entry pocket has a keyclip. We will transition to PVC-free foam for 2007. ●●● Cobalt Blue, Mango. [w] S-XL.

4017-443 820g \$115

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11 North Water Pig Tail with Carabiner

Use with PFDs equipped with quick-release belts. Stretches to dampen out wrenches and maintain a constant line tension. 🍀

4006-327 145g \$28

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12 Kokatat OutFit Front Zip

Kokatat's Fit PFDs are made with contour-cut foam to provide a comfortable and secure fit. Deep-cut neck and armholes, short torso, and stretch-mesh side panels for freedom of movement. Lots of adjustment options. High, wide, back panels for some impact protection, stash pocket with an external zip pocket. PVC-free foam, rugged 500-denier Cordura® outer shell, supple oxford nylon lining. We will transition to PVC-free foam for 2007. ●●● Cobalt Blue, Mango. [unisex] S-XXL.

4017-442 850g \$115

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13 Kokatat Bahia

With a thin layer of foam in the lower back, this PFD is designed to work with today's high-backed kayak seats. Articulated front shell and foam panels maximize flexibility. Zippered side entry stretch mesh pocket with key lanyard. Front lash tab. PVC-free foam. We will transition to PVC-free foam for 2007. ●●● Cobalt Blue, Mango. [unisex] S/M, L/XL, XXL.

5009-908 1.1kg \$89

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All PFDs sold by MEC are Canadian government approved for use in paddlecraft.



1 North Water Wedge SpectrX® and Poly Throw Bags

With flotation sewn around the girth, these bags are pliable and easy to stuff into odd-shaped places until needed. Choice of two rope materials, each in two diameters. SpectrX is far stronger, with a low stretch for use in mechanical advantage rescue systems, and is far more resistant to wear and heat, thanks to a double braid sheath. Polypropylene floats, and resists mildew well. It is an affordable option for easier rivers where technical rescue scenarios are less likely to occur. 🍁

5007-610 S, 60ft. ¼in. SpectrX, 3700lb.

tensile strength, 650g **\$75**

5007-610 L, 60ft. ¾in. SpectrX, 4750lb.

tensile strength, * 1.4kg **\$105**

5007-609 S, 70ft. ¼in. polypropylene, 800lb.

tensile strength, * 550g **\$42**

5007-609 L, 70ft. ¾in. polypropylene, 1800lb.

tensile strength, * 550g **\$60**

2 North Water Small Regulation Throw Bag

Meets the Canadian Coast Guard requirement for a “buoyant heaving line of not less than 15m in length.” Tidy, flat package stows easily on deck and has built-in flotation. 55ft. (16.7m) of ¼in. floating polypropylene rope (800lb. breaking strength). Can also be attached to the Quick Release Sea Link to extend the towline length during an open-water tow. 🍁

5007-611 220g **\$28.75**

3 Standard Horizon HX270S VHF Radio

Affordable, compact enough for PFD pockets, and submersible to three feet for half an hour. Comes with a rechargeable long-life NiMH battery pack, back-up tray for alkaline AAs, AC and 12VDC chargers, and quick-draw belt clip. Has all USA, Canadian, and International VHF marine channels, including Weather Alert. Transmits at 5W.

5011-590 800g **\$145**

4 Scotty Sea Light

Removable suction-cupped mount. Waterproof light shines in a full circle. Includes a safety leash. Uses two AA batteries (not included). 🍁

4019-100 137g **\$36**

5 Simond Paddle Biner

30mm gate opening fits around many paddle shafts. Recommended for freshwater use. Aluminum.

4017-040 70g **\$11**

6 Scotty Pump with Float

Quickly empty swamped boats. Closed-cell foam float reduces chance of loss. 🍁

4007-257 38cm, 280g **\$30**

4007-259 61cm, * 680g **\$32**



Tech Talk

GEAR YOU GOTTA HAVE

In waters under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Coast Guard, paddlers are required to have:

1. One Canadian-approved personal flotation device or life jacket of appropriate size for each person on board.
2. One buoyant heaving line of not less than 15m in length.
3. One manual propelling device OR an anchor with not less than 15m of cable, rope, or chain in any combination.
4. One bailer or one manual water pump fitted with or accompanied by sufficient hose to enable a person using the pump to pump water from the bilge of the vessel over the side of the vessel.
5. A sound-signalling device or a sound-signalling appliance.
6. Navigation lights that meet the applicable standards set out in the Collision Regulations (if the pleasure craft is operated after sunset, before sunrise, or in periods of restricted visibility).

From the Safe Boating Guide, Canadian Coast Guard Minimum Required Safety Equipment for Canoes and Kayaks.

Notes: The “buoyant heaving line” can be a combo throw/towline. The “manual propelling device” is simply the paddle you use, but we highly recommend carrying a spare paddle. “A sound-signalling device” can be a whistle.

For suggestions on additional safety options, see mec.ca/paddlingsafety.



Photo Neil Pillar

A person is seen from behind, carrying a large, light-colored canoe on their shoulder, walking through a forest. The ground is covered in fallen autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red. Tall, thin trees with sparse foliage line the path. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

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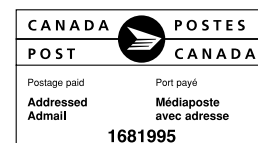
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