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Kayak Quick Start

Want to give kayaking a try, but don't know where to start? Not sure what kind of paddling you want to do? The 'Quick Start' is a one evening clinic: you'll get to try out different types of canoes and kayaks - whitewater, recreational, sit-on-tops, and sea kayaks - and learn about what each does best, and you'll get instruction in core paddling strokes and safety skills.

This clinic is taught on quiet water - perfect for a first time paddling experience.

Mondays, 6-8:30 pm

QS-1: May 8; **QS-2:** May 22; **QS-3:** June 5; **QS-4:** June 26; **QS-5:** July 3; **QS-6:** Aug. 7; **QS-7:** Aug. 21; **QS-8:** Aug. 28; **QS-9:** Sept. 4.

Cost: \$59. plus gst.

Kayak Quick Start Plus

The Quick Start PLUS is an extension of the Quick Start program. It is designed for those who also want to get a feel for moving water.

The course starts Monday night as the regular Quick Start Introduction, then on the Tuesday night we head to the Bow River where you learn about river features, safety, and moving water skills.

This instructional session will be followed by a leisurely trip from Bowness Park to Edworthy Park. Price includes instruction and equipment.

Mondays 6-8:30 pm and Tuesdays 6-9pm

QSP-1: May 8-9; **QSP-2:** May 22-23; **QSP-3:** June 5-6; **QSP-4:** June 26-27;

QSP-5: July 3-4; **QSP-6:** Aug. 7-8; **QSP-7:** Aug. 21-22; **QSP-8:** Aug. 28-29.

Cost: \$89. plus gst



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May Hours: Monday to Thursday
10 am to 6 pm; Friday &
Saturday 9 am to 7 pm



Morgan Baldwin rippin' up 'dog dish' on the Kalum River, near Terrace BC.

Photo: Samantha Perguntile

AQUABATICS & AWA PRESENT: LADIES KAYAK NIGHT

Tired of paddling with the boys? Would you like to meet more women paddlers in the Calgary area? The Kananaskis Ladies Kayak Night is on the river.

We meet every Wednesday evening between May 3rd and June 28th. Rendezvous is at either Aquabatics at 5 pm or at the Widowmaker day use area parking lot at 6 pm.

Participants must be Alberta Whitewater Association* members, and have some river paddling skills (able to make it down the Kananaskis River). Try out a demo boats from Aquabatics for the reduced price of \$10./session

On the final Wednesday (June 28th) there will be a BBQ at Canoe Meadows with prizes for participants.

For details contact Michelle Basso at: m.basso@telus.net or (403) 202-5121. Leave your man at home!

**If you are a member of a kayak club in Alberta you are likely an AWA member. Otherwise AWA membership is \$10.*

Whitewater kayaking - favourites from the gear bag.



Astral Aquavest 300 & Wonderpro

These streamlined pullover rescue vests are designed for extreme situations and have: a removable 1.5" quick release harness; extra compact protective sides provided with extra HDPE inserts; integrated Spectra® safety loop; a built in Tow-System pocket to prevent excessive dangling loop common to other Rescue vests; and reflective piping and daisy chain webbing loops on shoulders. The front pocket is designed to accommodate Astral's throw rope.

The shoulder straps, when pulled, cinch the fit if the pfd in a multi-directional way, creating a stronger grip on your torso and an amazingly comfortable fit.

The Aquavest 300 Men's (at right) is available in Red or Blue/Blue. Sizing: XS/M (30"-42" chest) L/XL (42"-54" chest). Buoyancy: 16.75 lbs. Price: \$249.95

The Wonderpro Women's (at left) is available in Carolina Blue or Red. Sizing: XS/M (30"-42" chest) L/XL (42"-54" chest). Buoyancy: 16.75 lbs. Price: \$249.95

STRONGER CDN \$ = BIG SAVINGS

With the continuing improvement in the strength of the Canadian dollar, many of the great products that we carry are now even more affordable.

Werner prices came down in price last year and this season there are again many significant reductions to the pricing of most models.

Aquabound, Kokatat and IR have also dropped in price and there are some great new models to choose from in every price range..

After years of increases the price of most new whitewater kayaks are now between \$1059. and \$1299.!

In the realm of recreational and touring kayaks the variety of boats and the quality of outfitting has advanced noticeably over the past few years, making paddling more accessible to more people.

Please note: We are in the process of updating web pricing. Please call us at 288-9283 for correct current pricing.

Sweet Strutter

The ever popular Strutter is inspired by the Baseball Cap. It offers superior functionality and safety for boaters all over the world. It's superslim, comfortable and cool looking.

Made in Norway, this helmet meets and exceeds CE EN 1385 certification.



Sizes: S/M (53-56cm); M/L (56-59cm); L/XL (59-61 cms)
Weight: 400g
Price: \$249.

Sweet Rocker Half-Cut

The Rocker is designed with ultimate safety in mind. This versatile whitewater helmet is definitely the right choice for the big days. The rocker's ABS occipital frame has a small beak to shield your face from the sun, the water, and those surprisingly hard cockpit rims, while protecting your upper neck and ears from abrasion.

Made in Norway, this helmet meets and exceeds CE EN 1385 certification.

Sizes: M/L (56-59cm); L/XL (59-61 cms)
Weight: 500g
Price \$259.



Pincher Creek Rendezvous May 20-22; **Kananaskis WW Fest** May 27-28; **Shuswap Rodeo** June 3- 4; **Brierlies Whitewater Festival** June 9-10; **Tatlowfest**, July 7-9; **Fraserfest** July 15-July 16

Everybody's talking about... the Pyranha 4-Twenty

The 4-Twenty delivers aggressive freestyle orientated performance demanded by today's paddlers. This boat has lots of speed and predictable edge control, is well-balanced and delivers huge air! The fully adjustable syncro 6 Comp outfitting and roomy fit, combined with Pyranha's precise moulding techniques makes for one of the lightest fully fitted kayaks out there. The aggressive features and rocker give you all the control and dynamic power needed for real air time and fluid linked moves.

4-Twenty S/M: Length 198cm/6'1"; Width: 64cm/25" Vol: 175L/46gal Weight 12kg/28lbs; Optimum Paddler Weight: 40-75kg/88-165 lbs. Price: \$1250.

4-Twenty M/L: Length 191cm/6'3"; Width: 65cm/25" Vol: 219L/59gal Weight 13kg/30lbs; Optimum Paddler Weight: 60-100kg/140-200 lbs. Price: \$1250.





Immersion Research Union Suit

This unique one-piece base layer from IR keeps you comfy in any weather conditions. Made with midweight, stretchy, single sided fleece with an innovative super stretch neoprene collar which allows you to enter the suit via the neck opening. Paddling in cold weather? This is the best layering piece for whitewater paddling, period.

Colours: Assorted; Sizes:S—XL; Price: \$117.

The Jefe and IR's Union Suit get Phil Price's seal of approval after a day on the Upper Fraser!



Liquid Logic Jefe, "the Boss"

When asked what the Jefe was built for, designer Johnnie Kern smiled and said, "To run the @\$#%!!!"

The Jefe can handle anything you throw at it, from huge volume rivers to shallow creeks. "I wanted to get as much speed out of the hull as possible" says Johnnie, "so when you're in an eddy looking over your shoulder at a must make move, you know the boat is going to dig in and jump up to speed." Add that speed to Jefe's stable platform, its super-soft bow and innovative stern edges, (which provide predictability and control), and you have the ultimate creeker. Price: \$1299.



Hellman Slocan

Hellman Canoes, a homegrown company based out of Nelson, BC has just received "Paddler Pick" in the 2006 boat review issue of Paddler Magazine- high praise indeed for a small company in a market of corporate giants. The canoe spotlighted is the "Slocan" a high volume river tripping canoe perfectly suited to long wilderness whitewater expeditions as well as relaxing family outings.

At 36" wide and 17.5' long, the Slocan is rated for a 1200 lb capacity— more than ample to accommodate yourself, partner, kids, dog and gear. The softly rounded hull gives the boat its super stable primary platform and the smooth chines provide confidence inspiring secondary stability. An amply flaring Bow parts through waves, leaving the bow paddler dry and smilin'. With 3.5" of rocker, the Slocans strength as a river boat become obvious; you'll have enough maneuverability to front and back ferry, surf, and move nimbly in the current.

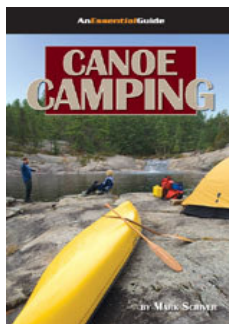
Equally impressive is the strength to weight ratio. Hellman canoes are made using a proprietary layup of high flex epoxy resin and space age materials which renders the hulls virtually indestructible; the boats are lighter than most others on the market. The Slocan weighs from 55 lbs to 70 lbs., depending on which of three layups is chosen. If you're in the market for a new canoe this season, and for every paddling season of your life, consider the Hellman Slocan, and other models in the Hellman fleet.

Prices vary depending on options—call for details.

Canoe Camping By Mark Scriver

Whether you're interested in a weekend trip with friends or family or a multi-day wilderness experience, this easy-to-read guide makes canoe camping fun and safe for both new and experienced canoe trippers.

Heliconia Press, Price – \$19.95



Upcoming Instructor Training

Whitewater Canada / AWA Basic Instructor / NCCP Technical 1:

Dates: May 20 -21 (Sat & Sun)

AWA River Leader Course (formerly Trip Leader Course):

Dates: June 17 (Saturday)

Whitewater Canada / AWA River Instructor / NCCP Technical II

Dates: June 18 - 19 (Sun & Mon)

Whitewater Canada / AWA River Rescue Course:

Dates: June 10-11 (Sat & Sun)

For further information visit:

<http://www.albertawhitewater.ca/eduschedule.html>

or email: aquabatics2@shaw.ca



Necky Manitou II Tandem — New addition to the successful Manitou Recreational Kayak family!

Paddling families spoke, and Necky listened: introducing the Manitou II, and incredibly versatile tandem designed for beginning and intermediate level paddlers. Based on the popular design family of the Manitou 13 and Manitou Sport, the Manitou II successfully combines the feel and glide of a touring boat, with the stability and comfort of a recreational kayak. Its double cockpit layout allows ample room for two adults and a child, or it can be paddles solo.

Stats: Length: 14'8", Width: 28", Weight: 75 lbs Price: \$1299. Price with rudder: \$1559.

Extrasport Solstice PFD

Patented Retro-Glide adjustment combined with Glide-Fit Foam construction make the Solstice a great fitting full-feature PFD. The buoyancy in the back of the PFD is located in the upper back area, while the bottom half of the back is comfortable mesh, making this PFD suited for use with recreational kayaks with high backrests.

Available colour: Apricot/Grey and Red/Grey; Sizes: XS/S, M/L, XL/XXL Price: \$139.95



Aqua-Bound Sting Ray Paddle

The **Sting Ray** is the "jack of all trades". Perfect for general-purpose recreational use and light touring, the Sting Ray excels at all kinds of paddling. Solid in the water and light in the hand, the soft dihedral cross-sectional shape of the blade gives flutter-free performance and great ease of use. The blades are made with Aquabound's new ABX resin material - LIGHTER and TOUGHER than ever before. Balanced with precision – you can feel the performance in your hands.

Choose the slightly larger bladed **Manta Ray** for a bit more power!

Available in a variety of material configurations ranging in price from \$154.99 to \$200. The model pictured below with a Carbon Shaft sells for \$189.99

Recreational Kayaking - The Essential Skills and Safety

An instructional book designed for entry level kayakers using sit-on, or sit-in recreational kayaks. This book covers tying a kayak on a vehicle, carrying a kayak, getting into and out of a kayak, basic safety, and the essential strokes and paddling techniques.

Heliconia Press, Price – \$16.95



Touring & Sea Kayaking - The Essential Skills and Safety

Provides beginner and novice touring and sea kayakers with an introduction to the sport, as well as the essential strokes, skills and rescue techniques.

Heliconia Press, Price – \$24.95



NRS FULL ZIP SEA TOUR JACKET

NRS' breathable **SeaTour** is a splashproof, full-zip jacket made with water-proof/breathable WaveTex™ fabric. A mesh liner helps wick moisture away from the body. The jacket features: underarm zips for ventilation; adjustable neoprene on neck and wrists to seal out spray; reflective tape on the sleeves for increased visibility; a fully adjustable hood; hand-warming pockets; plus pockets on the sleeves and lower torso for quick access to gear.

Colours: Royal or Yellow; Sizes: S—XXL; Price: \$189.

