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# KAYAK OWNERS MANUAL

(All Models)

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## Congratulations on the recent purchase of your new kayak manufactured by KL Outdoor!

You have purchased a kayak from one of the nation's leading manufacturers of small boats. Your kayak represents years of commitment to product design, excellence in engineering and quality in manufacturing. With proper care and maintenance, your kayak should last for many years to come.

If you have any questions, please call our helpful and knowledgeable Customer Support Department at (231) 332-1700.



### HOW TO LOCATE YOUR SERIAL NUMBER

The serial number is located on the rear right-hand side of the hull. The number starts with KLI (YOU-Canada) and is 12 digits long.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO CONSERVE

Keep your Owner's Manual for future reference. In order to provide you with efficient and accurate service, please have the following information available:

### Brand



### Model

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### Serial Number

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### Date of Purchase

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### Place of Purchase

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# SECURITY MEASURES

## WARNING

Read the following information before using your kayak. Failure to follow the warning precautions below may lead to serious injury including the possibility of death.

### NEVER EXCEED THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT CAPACITY.

### NEVER EXCEED YOUR ABILITY

Access your physical capability as to how long you can paddle and swim.

### MAKE SURE DRAIN PLUG IS SECURE.



Drain Plug  
Location

### ALWAYS FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE BODY OF WATER WHERE YOU WILL BE BOATING

Learn what hours boating is permitted, whether there are any known hazardous conditions, and where you can get help quickly in case of an emergency or accident.

### ALWAYS ABIDE BY COAST GUARD REGULATIONS AND STATE AND LOCAL LAWS, REGULATIONS ORDINANCES AND RULES CONCERNING BOATING AND BOATING SAFETY

Check with Coast Guard and local authorities concerning proper handling and the proper equipment to be carried on board, such as lights and sound-producing devices.

### NEVER USE OR CONSUME ALCOHOL, DRUGS OR ANY OTHER SUBSTANCE THAT MAY AFFECT YOUR COORDINATION, JUDGMENT OR ABILITY TO SAFELY OPERATE THE BOAT.

### SOUND DEVICE

The Coast Guard requires boaters to have a means of signaling other boats of their presence. You should always keep a device such as a whistle in the boat at all times. If possible, attach the sound device to your Personal Flotation Device.

### NEVER STAND UP IN THE BOAT

Standing in the boat may cause it to capsize. If the boat should capsize, please note that, in most cases it is far more dangerous to attempt to swim to shore than to stay with the boat.

### SLIPPERY WHEN WET

The hull material may be slippery when wet. Always wear slip-resistant shoes.

### HYPOTHERMIA

Boating accidents in cold water are very dangerous. Hypothermia (the loss of body heat due to immersion in cold waters) can be deadly. Survival time can be as short as 15 minutes in 35° F (2° C) water. Dress appropriately for weather conditions, wearing a wet or dry suit if necessary.

### NEVER ALLOW MINORS TO USE THIS BOAT WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION.





# SECURITY MEASURES

## **ALWAYS TELL SOMEONE YOUR BOATING PLANS**

Inform others of your boating plans, including where you are going, how long you will be gone and when you expect to return.

## **NEVER USE THIS BOAT IN SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS**

Although stable, large waves could cause the boat to overturn.

## **DO NOT PADDLE IN FLOOD CONDITIONS**

Never use this boat in rapids or fast moving currents: This boat is designed for leisure. The boat could be damaged and (or) the occupants could be severely injured should they attempt to utilize it in any other way.

## **NEVER USE THIS BOAT AFTER SUNSET**

This boat is not equipped with horns or lighting equipment required to ensure the safety of its occupants.

## **ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET WHEN APPROPRIATE**

## **ALWAYS WEAR A COAST GUARD APPROVED PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE (PFD) WHEN USING THIS BOAT**

Before going boating, read the PFD manufacturer's information pamphlet regarding the PFD and thoroughly familiarize yourself with how the PFD is to be worn.



## BEFORE LEAVING THE SHORE

- Make sure your drain plug is secure.
- Passengers should always wear a Personal Flotation Device.
- Check for wind conditions, currents or wave conditions that would make it difficult to paddle back.
- Always let someone know of your boating plans, your boating location, and when you expect to return.

## READY TO PADDLE & NAVIGATION

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

## WEATHER & WATER CONDITIONS

Always verify the weather and water conditions in the area you will be boating. Your kayak is only designed for use in sheltered waters, lakes and slow moving streams. Your kayak is not recommended for white water use.

**NEVER go kayaking in severe winds, rain, thunderstorms, choppy waters, strong currents, flood waters or where tides will seriously affect your ability to steer your kayak back to shore.**



## EQUIPMENT

It is important to wear an approved life-jacket or a personal flotation device. The following list of equipment will make your experience safer and more enjoyable.



Spare Paddle



Life Jacket



Sunglasses



Non-Skid Footwear



Suntan Lotion



Sound-Signaling Device (whistle)



First-Aid Kit





## KAYAK DETAILS

### **YOUR KAYAK IS MANUFACTURED FROM HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (HDPE)**

It is a very durable material. Our specially formulated HDPE has an ultra-violet inhibitor blended throughout the material to reduce color fade and maintain its strength. Polyethylene is a somewhat flexible material with some memory. This means it has a tendency to return to its original molded shape if distorted.

**Note: Models vary and may not come equipped with the features listed below.**

### **ADJUSTABLE FOOT BRACES**

Raise the foot brace handles and adjust foot braces to desired position. Lower handles to lock in position.

### **ADJUSTABLE SEAT BACK**

Unhook strap fasteners from eyelets. Adjust straps to desired position. Lock fasteners back into eyelets.

### **PADDLE HOLDER**

Paddle can be secured in bungee paddle straps on side of hull.

### **DRAIN PLUG**

Make sure drain plug is secure. Drain after each use.

### **MANUFACTURERS STATEMENT OF ORIGIN (MSO)**

You should receive a MSO with your new boat. Some states may require a MSO for proper registration of your boat. Please check with your local licensing bureau.

### **APPLYING REGISTRATION DECALS**

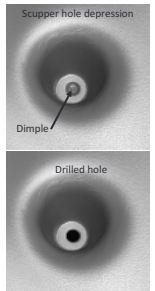
Before applying boat registration decals (if required), clean the area with alcohol or any solvent that does not leave a residue. Make sure the solvent is put aside and the decal area is dry. Using a propane torch, lightly pass the flame back and forth over the area where the decals will be applied. **Don't try to heat the surface.** This procedure will enhance the adhesion of the decals.

### **SELF-BAILING HOLES**

Many sit-on kayak models have the option of having self-bailing holes. In order to have self-bailing holes the user must drill the holes.

Using a drill size of 21/64 or smaller the user drills the hole in the bottom of the scupper hole depression using the provided dimple as a guide.

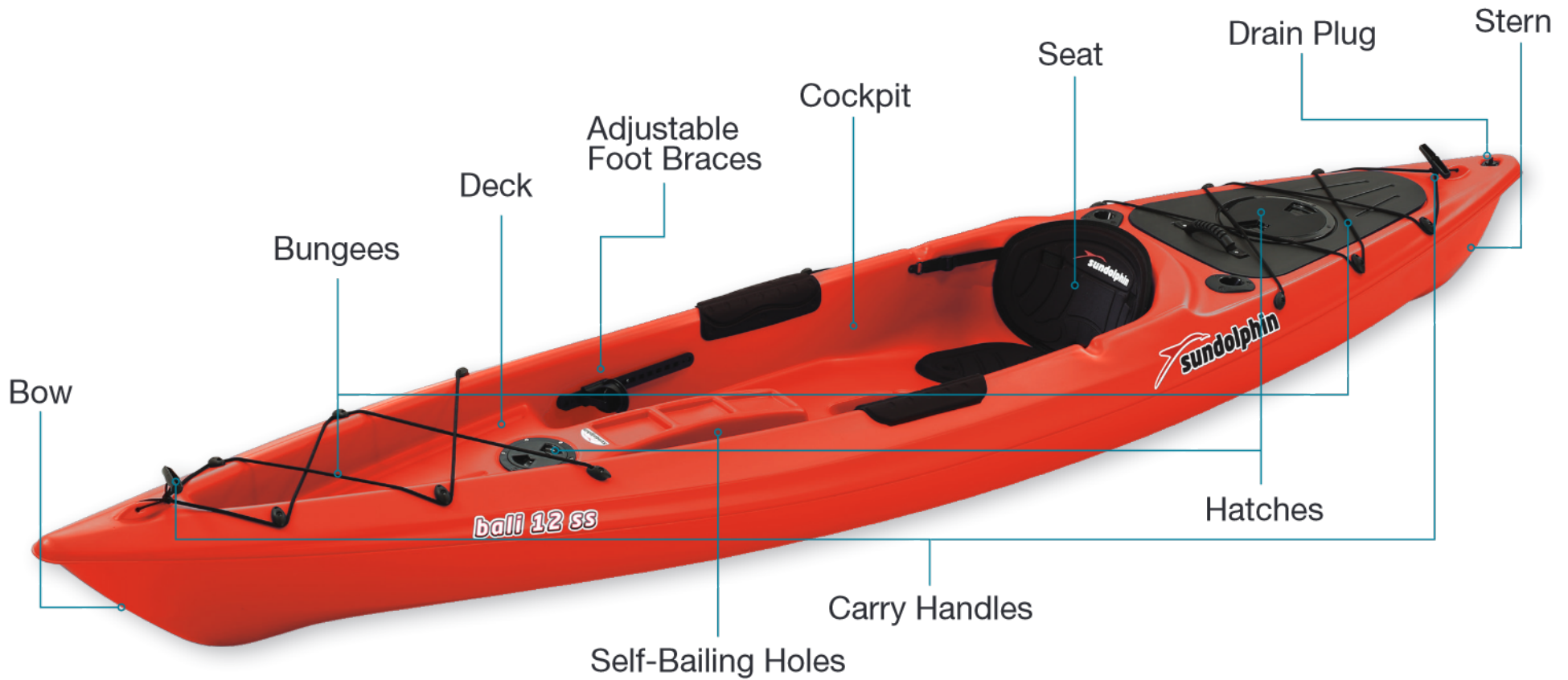
On some kayak models the scupper hole depression is under a seat pad. In this case the user must lift up the corner of the seat pad to be able to drill the hole. The seat pad does NOT need to be removed.



# SUN DOLPHIN KAYAK FEATURES

## READ CAREFULLY, DISCOVER AND LEARN THE MAJOR KAYAK COMPONENTS.

All kayaks are made from UV resistant, high density material with an innovative seamless design. Models vary and may not come equipped with features listed below.





# EVOKE KAYAK FEATURES

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# CARE & MAINTENANCE

Your kayak is designed to require minimal maintenance, and a little timely care will ensure a lifetime of enjoyment. Whenever you wash your boat, use mild soap and water. Rinse your boat and hardware thoroughly after paddling in salt, brackish or polluted water. A quick rinse of the moving parts of the foot braces keeps them clean and operating smoothly.

Occasional operational checkups will keep your boat in tip top condition. Check hatch covers, cables, buckles, straps and other moving parts for wear, and replace them when necessary. Give your hull and deck a thorough review annually. Light nicks, scratches and scrapes are part of the paddling experiences, but deep scratches should be repaired.

Polyethylene is a somewhat flexible material with some memory. This means it has a tendency to return to its original molded shape if distorted. If this occurs, follow these steps:

1. Relieve the pressure that caused the dent or distortion by supporting the boat differently or removing the gear.
2. Place the boat in the warm sun. Usually the south side of the building is the warmest spot. As the boat warms up, usually (but not always) the boat will return to its original molded shape. This may take a few hours or a couple of weeks depending upon outside temperatures and the degree of distortion.

# STORAGE

- Store your kayak on its side. Do not store your boat on its hull.
- To protect your kayak, provide shelter from sun using a tarp suspended above the boat. To prevent excessive heat build-up, do not cover boat with tarp laying directly on its surface. Leave adequate air space to allow for air circulation.
- If possible, it is best to store your kayak inside for the winter.
- Don't allow water to accumulate between the deck and hull and freeze.
- Don't place the boat on 4x4's or sawhorses. Dents will form in the hull.





# LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Your KL Outdoor product represents years of commitment to product design, excellence in engineering and quality in manufacturing. With proper care and maintenance, your KL Outdoor product should last for many years to come. If you have any questions or need technical support, please go to the “Contact Us” section of our website at [sundolphin.com](http://sundolphin.com) or contact our Customer Service Department at (231) 332-1700.

Do not return your KL Outdoor Product to the retailer. If you have any questions regarding a product, please first contact us. In order to provide you with efficient and accurate service, please have the following information available: model and serial number, date and proof of purchase.

**PLEASE, ALWAYS REMEMBER TO WEAR A PROPER PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE WHEN USING OUR BOAT PRODUCTS. ALWAYS CHECK WEATHER CONDITIONS, OBSERVE ALL COAST GUARD SMALL CRAFT WARNINGS, AND PROPERLY SUPERVISE CHILDREN USING BOAT PRODUCTS.**

## HOW TO REGISTER YOUR BOAT

This Limited Lifetime Warranty is not valid unless registration is submitted within 30 days of retail purchase. Please register your product via our website at [sundolphin.com](http://sundolphin.com).

## TERMS OF LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

KL Outdoor’s Limited Warranty is subject to the Exclusions and Limitations set forth below and is valid only if the product i) is properly cared for and maintained, in accordance with the applicable user manual, and ii) is used for the intended purpose for which it was designed.

KL Outdoor warrants to the original owner of any KL Outdoor product purchased from an authorized dealer or retail outlet, for the period set forth below with respect to the applicable product (“Product Warranty Term”), against any defects in workmanship. Products with valid claims for such defects will be repaired or replaced, without charge, at the purchasers’ local authorized dealer or at KL Outdoor. This warranty is non-transferable.

## PRODUCT WARRANTY TERM\*

Boat Deck and Hull: Limited Lifetime to the original owner only;  
Boat components: one (1) year  
Outta Site Hunting Blinds: one (1) year  
Subject to Exclusion and Limitations below.

\*Product Warranty Term is measured from date of purchase.

## EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS

This warranty does NOT cover:

- 1 Damage caused by accidents, vandalism, abuse, misuse, neglect or carelessness.
- 2 Any defect cause by alteration or modification.
- 3 Any product used for rental or commercial purposes.
- 4 Damage caused by Mother Nature, environmental conditions or other causes beyond the control of KL Outdoor, including without limit sun exposure fade.
- 5 Deterioration from normal wear or exposure.
- 6 Any defect which would not have occurred if instructions in the owner’s manual had been properly followed.
- 7 Abrasion damages to the deck or hull of any boat product or other products.
- 8 Damages incurred in possession of a freight company or any other third party.
- 9 Loss of electronic devices. We do not have any water proof compartments in our boats and caution should be taken when bringing any electronic devices in any boat product.

**THIS LIMITED WARRANTY IS EXCLUSIVE AND IS IN LIEU OF ANY AND ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMIT ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR OTHER WARRANTY OF QUALITY, WHETHER OR NOT EXPRESS OR IMPLIED.**

# LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

## CLAIMS PROCEDURE

The return of any KL Outdoor product subject to a valid Limited Warranty claim will not be accepted without a return authorization number. The retailer can obtain this number by contacting our Customer Service Department.

Any claim under this Limited Warranty must be communicated via our website at [sundolphin.com](http://sundolphin.com) or by contacting Customer Service. Please have the following information available: model, serial number, proof of purchase and photos of the defect. KL Outdoor will evaluate the information and determine if it is a valid defect in workmanship prior to issuing a return authorization number.

KL Outdoor reserves the right to discontinue and make changes in any of its products. In the event that products covered by this Limited Warranty are not available, KL Outdoor shall have the right to substitute products at KL Outdoor's sole discretion of comparable grade, quality or price. Waiver of one or more claims procedures shall not act to void or waive any other term of this Limited Warranty or any future occurrence of the provision waived.

Freight to and from your local dealer, retailer or KL Outdoor is at the owner's expense. KL Outdoor is not responsible for any damages incurred in transport, for storing or for inconvenience or loss of time or money while repairs or replacements are being made.

## LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

ALL INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, AND/OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES are excluded from this Limited Warranty. Implied warranties, to the extent prohibited from exclusion hereunder by a specific State law, are limited to the Product Warranty Term of this Limited Warranty in such State jurisdictions. To the extent a specific State does not allow i) limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, or ii) the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, then the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you provided you are otherwise subject to such State jurisdiction. This Limited Warranty gives you special legal rights and you may also have other legal rights which may vary from state to State to the extent not limited hereunder.

This Limited Warranty only covers products within the continental United States, Canada and Mexico. No warranty is offered on any KL Outdoor Product sold in any other country.

