

## 10.8ft Rapido Fin Drive Kayak Assembly Booklet

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There are **six key** pieces of assembly to be done:

- 2 x Kayak halves
- Pedal drive
- Rudder
- Stadium seat
- Paddle
- Fishing rod holder

First step is to unpack your kayak which should come in one box and the kayak parts will have an outer sheet of bubble wrap, and some parts will be in cardboard boxes (e.g.: pedal drive). Please ensure to dispose of these materials safely in particular the plastic.



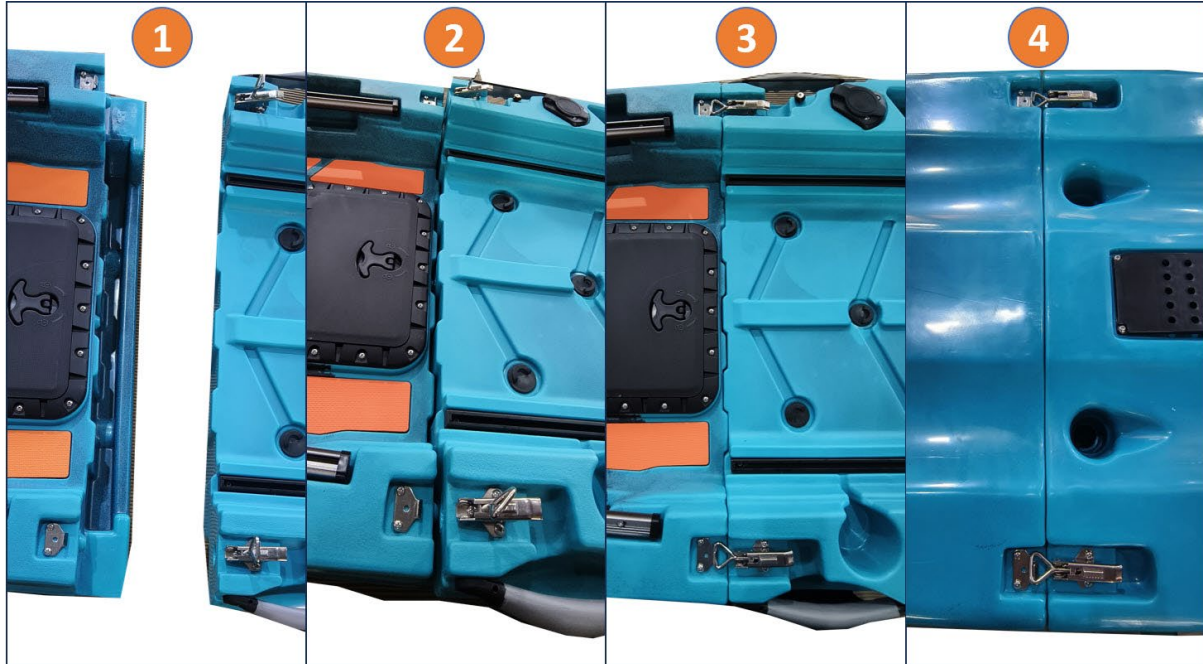
Each package will have:

- 1 x kayak (in two sections)
- 1 x rudder
- 1 x rudder security (cotter) pin
- 1 x paddle (in two sections)
- 1 x fin pedal drive unit
- 1 x pedals (2)
- 1 x spare fins (2)
- 1 x stadium chair
- 1 x fishing rod holder
- 4 x accessory rail sliders
- 2 x waterproof bags to store the kayak halves

The larger items will be secured in the main cockpit area: pedal drive unit, pedal drive pedals, spare fins, paddle and stadium chair. Others like the fishing rod holder will be inside the cockpit hatch.

### Kayak Assembly

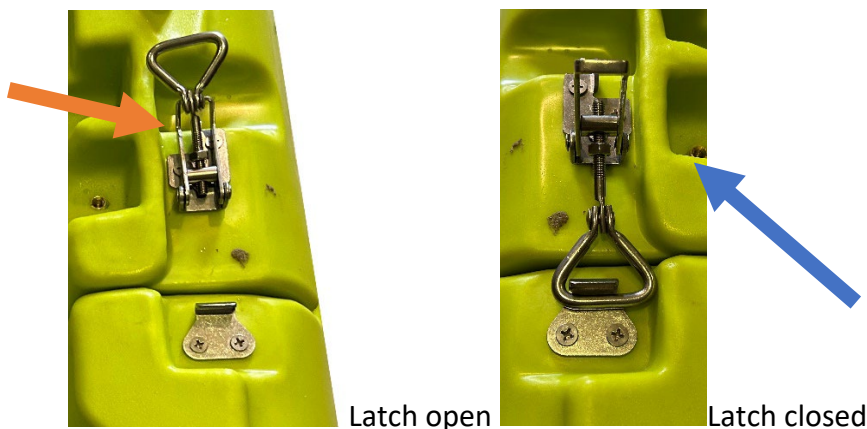
For the kayak assembly ensure you have the two halves facing each other.



Step 1: Lift the rear section so that the lip of the rear overlaps the front half lip.

Step 2: Push down firmly on both sides. When this is done your kayak should be evenly aligned on both sides.

Step 3: Close the two latches on either side. The latches should be set correctly for your kayak, but if you find you're having to force it then stop. Adjust the nut (**orange arrow**) to get a firm lock closure, but not without forcing it. If it's too loose then adjust the nut accordingly to get a good firm fit. Forcing the latch closed for an overly tight fit can damage the screws unnecessarily (**blue arrow**) on the adjoining catch. And then insert the safety pin in each.



Step 4: Roll the kayak on its side and close the two latches underneath.

### Pedal Drive Assembly

For the pedal drive assembly ensure that you have the main unit with flaps (x1) attached and the pedals (x2).



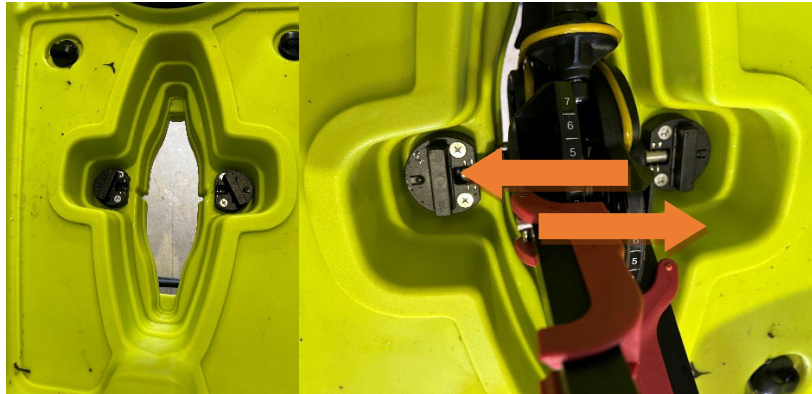
Note the numbering on the top of the pedal drive unit, to know which is forward, '1' will be at the bottom (closest to the seat) for shorter people and '7' for taller people. For the time being don't worry about the numbering as this will help you set the correct leg length later on. Insert each pedal (**green arrow**) with the main bolt fully un-screwed (**orange arrow**), and while holding the red handle depressed. Aim for insertion around '3' on the top of the unit so each pedal is at the same locked location. The insertion will deliver a tight fit and once the spring-loaded ping beneath the red handle pops in then go ahead and secure the main bolt again. It's always worth checking all the nuts on the drive are tight before using if for the first time e.g.: brass nuts, etc. Loctite while not required is always a good preventative measure if you have any concerns.





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Once the pedals have been inserted into the drive unit, then drop the pedal drive into place, and the kayak locking pins should lock over the pins.



Note sometimes it requires pulling the pedals firmly to the left and right (**orange arrows**) each time when inserting the drive for the pins to lock in place. However you do need to keep this in mind when beaching the kayak, by always pushing forward on one of the pedals to ensure the flaps are flared and being careful when dragging the kayak up the beach.



Once you are in the kayak on the water you can then adjust the red handles on the pedals to fit your leg length.

### **Rudder Assembly**

The rudder handle will be **in the cockpit hatch**. Use the one supplied screw to secure it (**orange arrow**). Ensure when you've completed securing the handle that you have left it in

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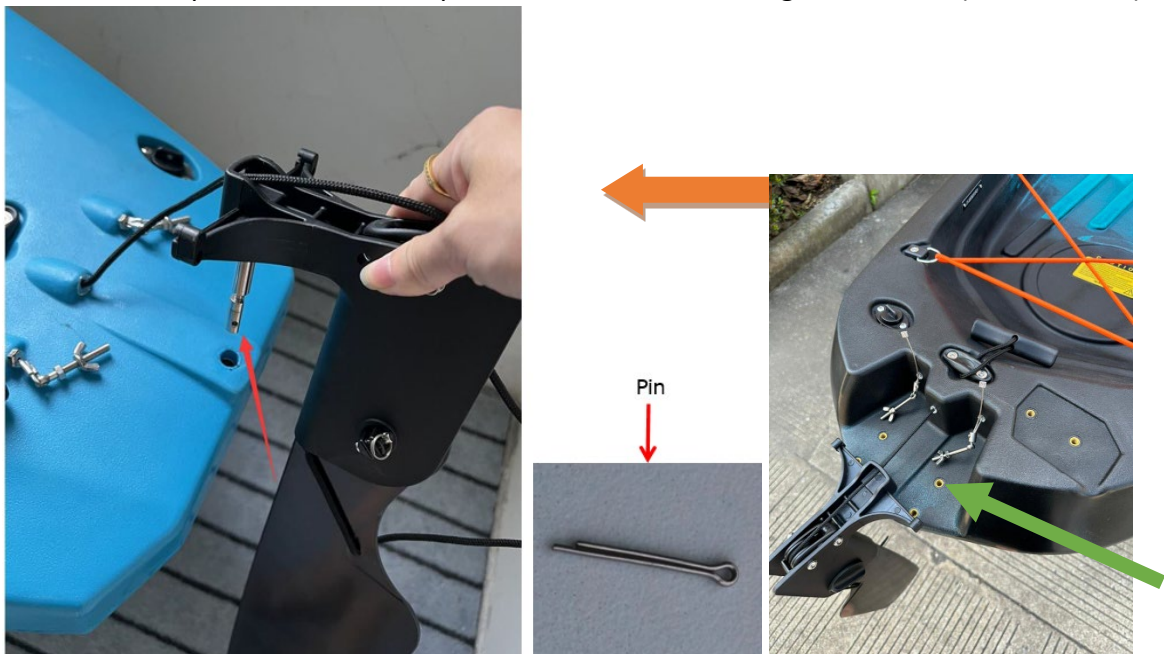
the neutral position, with the handle parallel to the centre line of the kayak (blue arrow).



Start by ensuring that your rudder steering handle is in a neutral position with the handle parallel to the centre line of the kayak (orange arrow).

Next, ensure your rudder is untangled and the lines run free when taking it out of the cargo area. Put the pin of the rudder through the rear hole in the kayak. Check that the raising and lowering of the rudder operates smoothly. Next put in the rudder security pin through the hole at the bottom of the rudder pin. Using a knife, screwdriver or pliers open the security pin ends to prevent the pin coming out and losing the rudder.

**Note:** on the Rapido it has 4 screw points to add a rear trolling motor later (Green arrow).



Next unwind the butterfly nuts and put them through the plastic holes on either side of the





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rudder and righten the butterfly nuts again.



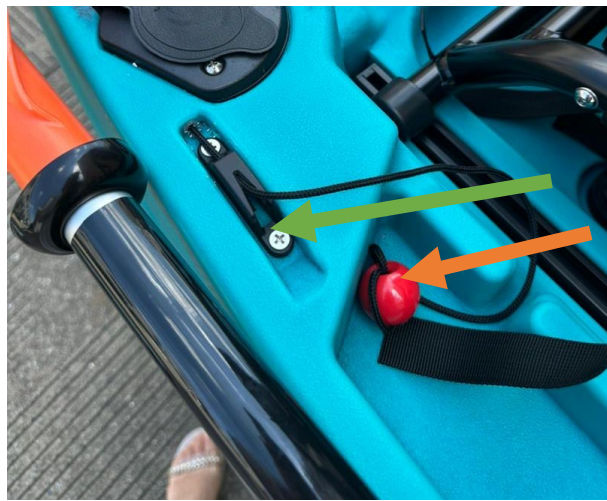
Next grab hold of the rudder steering handle on the left side of the kayak near where the seat would be located. Pull the rudder handle all the way left and then all the way right, to ensure the rudder is tracking correctly, adjust the butterfly nuts (Orange arrow) as needed. Leave the rudder steering in the approximate centre spot. The steering wires should have a little bit of slack for ease of turning and to ensure minimal wear and tear where they enter the kayak.

In most cases the rudders lowering and raising cable is attached for transport (Green Arrow). However in some cases it may not be and you'll need to thread the rudder rope through the center line of the rudder and attach it. Thread it through the main hole at the start of the rudder (Yellow Arrow) and under the wheel clasp at back of the rudder (Orange Arrow)



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Next, you'll need to thread it through the two holes in the actual rudder blade. Note the blade below is in the up position. Thread the line first through the hole that is near the curve of the rudder blade (**Green Arrow**, it will be the hole right at the back of the kayak if the rudder is down). And then thread it straight back to the hole (**Yellow Arrow**) closest to the securing knob (**Orange Arrow**). Once you come through the second hole tie a knot (**Yellow Arrow**). Test the raising and lowering cable from the cockpit to ensure it works smoothly.

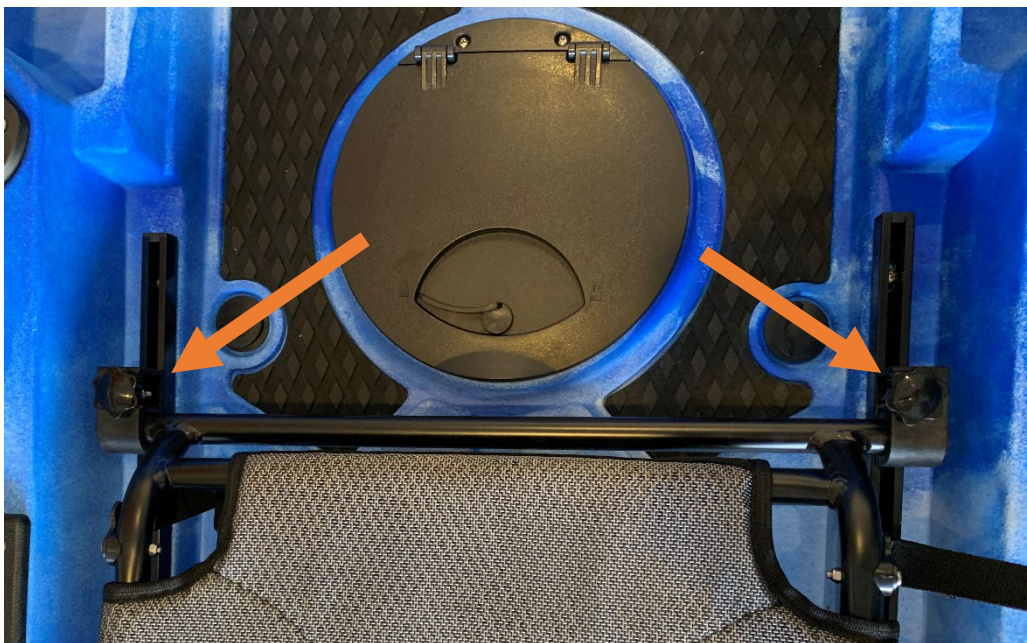


The rope with the red ball (**Orange arrow**) on the right of your seat controls the raising and lowering of the rudder. TO lock it in place pull the rope backwards to "cleat" (**Green arrow**) it into place in the up position. To lower it, uncleat the rope and let it run free.



### Stadium Chair Assembly

For the stadium chair assembly you'll need the 2 X long screws, black seat brackets and allen wrench. In each seat rail you will have two slider receivers in which to you can secure your seat. Move one to the front of the kayak for each rail and screw the front knobs into each slider.



The back of the chair sits on top of the rails.

### Paddle Assembly

The paddle assembly is super simple, just depress the button and pop it into the desired hold (3 locations to choose from) to get the preferred orientation of your blades. Then use the paddle stretch cord to secure it. Remember not to leave it attached like that when the kayak is travelling on your car or truck.





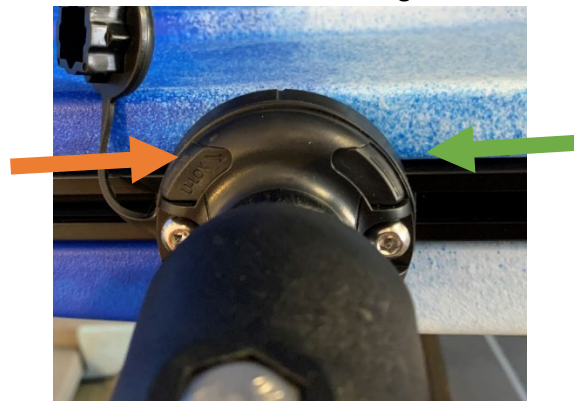
### Fishing Rod Holder Assembly

The rod holder assembly requires the: rod holder, the rod holder bracket (3 pieces), 2 x screws and the allen wrench.



Combine the three black round pieces together with the bottom, middle and top as indicated above. Decide which rail in the cockpit you want to secure it to and move the slider receivers apart the approximate width of the screw holds and insert the screws.

Next insert the fishing rod holder into the now secure base by 'opening' the base as indicated below (orange arrow). Next close the slider to lock the fishing rod holder in place (green arrow).



**You're now ready to hit the water!!**









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Kayak Uv waterproof Cover		Kayak Motor Mount Bar	
Kayak Stabilizer Pontoons		Spare Pedal Drive Fins	
6 pack Accessory Rail Slider Mounts		Kayak Anchor Trolley Kit	
Kayak Uv shade Bimini		Kayak Sail Kite	

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<p>Pedal drive &amp; bar mounted trolling motors</p> <p>Wide range 24lbs - 86lbs thrust</p>		<p>360 Fishing Rod Holder</p>	
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