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With hundreds of product highlights, the gear pages reflect what was seen at the Paddle Sports Show and showcase what is available on the market in all segments of the paddle sports family, be it racing, sea kayaking, foil sports, outrigger canoes, kayak fishing, inflatable, whitewater, canoeing, stand up paddling ... You name it, we have it in some form.

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Discussing market evolution and forecasting tomorrow's paddle sports trends are also goals of the Paddle Sports Show, which hosts numerous conferences, talks, and presentations alongside community gatherings and new products from industry leaders and upcoming brands.

This year, P2S—The Paddle Sports Show— saw a great wave of optimism despite the challenging economic situation of all industry players chasing the aftermath of the Covid boom. Sales may still be below predictions or all-time highs, but hope is the word.

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Hope in our capacity to move forward, to witness our sports reaching new levels of visibility, accessibility, and impact on public consciousness. The hope needed to create industry-wide virtuous circles, making our production greener and reducing our environmental footprint. Hope for continued innovations in products and technologies. Hope to include even more people in the magic of paddling. Hope to help inspire the next era of evolution in our respective disciplines and industry as a whole.

We extend what has become the global paddle sports gear bible, the annual Paddler's Buyers Guide, to share the goodwill, optimism, and sense of community we felt so strongly in Strasbourg. These pages are, as ever, free of charge in the hope that they further spread the love and joy of paddle sports and highlight the efforts of those working so hard to secure our future.

If we took anything away from the show this year, it was belief in the power of our community. Trust in our ability to support each other. To challenge each other to do better. To inspire growth and change while holding true to our roots. Hope is the word, but community is our

foundation. We welcome all those who find their way to these pages to take part.

Visit the Paddle Sports Show in Strasbourg, France, next Sept 24-26th. You will be able to see this all live, participate in the future of our amazing industry, and help keep the water flowing. Let the adventure continue.

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## **INTERVIEW: DAVID BAIN – NRS X PYRANHA**

There was big news at the Paddle Sports Show this year, with NRS and Pyranha announcing a new strategic partnership combining sales and marketing initiatives to expand the impact of two companies at the forefront of the global paddle sports market. This partnership will see NRS' European sales, marketing, and customer service operations move to the newly expanded Pyranha headquarters in Runcorn, United Kingdom. The two brands will collaborate on customer service, dealer visits, field events, and marketing initiatives to better support their respective retail and outfitter networks. We met with Pyranha's new Commercial Director, David Bain, to learn more.



**PG24: David, Pyranha and NRS recently announced an exciting new partnership that places you in a central role—congratulations. Can you tell us more about the motivation driving this decision?**

**DB:** At the heart of this strategic partnership is the ability of both companies, NRS and Pyranha, to increase the effectiveness of our businesses and help retailers grow theirs. The opportunity for the two brands to work together in Europe allows us to offer the paddling community a gold-medal standard of customer service and availability alongside industry-leading product lines.

**PG24: You have been NRS since its beginnings in Europe. What will your position be at Pyranha, and how will your new role impact your responsibilities with NRS?**

**DB:** Whilst my title has changed from NRS European Sales and Marketing Agent to Commercial Director at Pyranha Mouldings, I have one job, and that is to support our team (which now includes a few key—and wonderful) people at NRS, our product lines, and our customers at Pyranha. My role as Commercial Director includes

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overseeing this strategic partnership, and the obligations that Pyranha has. I'll continue working closely with NRS USA to maintain the global vision for NRS and guide NRS Europe with the support of Pyranha's dedicated teams of paddle sport-loving people.

**PG24: There is no better person to take on this role, given your experience in the industry and longstanding relationship**

**with both companies. What are your thoughts on the partnership and what it can achieve?**

**DB:** Thanks for the vote of confidence! I certainly think the partnership is a smart move; bringing these two leading companies together is too good an opportunity to be missed. It's an exciting new chapter, and I'm thrilled to take on the role of Commercial Director and continue working with two brands that have known me since the age of 15. It's nice to think I have something to offer both Pyranha and NRS and can help make this partnership possible. What lies ahead is incredibly promising, and I am genuinely excited about the future of paddle sports. More people are embracing the water than ever before, and working with two companies

that will help shape that future is a privilege. With that said, this partnership is about much more than the excitement or vision of any one person.

**PG24: What is the single biggest advantage you see to this strategic partnership?**

**DB:** Expanded teams of experienced and dedicated paddle sports lovers in charge of customer service, sales, and marketing, all operating within the European time zone, focused on the needs of the European market. We hope this additional support gives retailers the confidence to work with NRS and Pyranha to support their businesses and commercial success. Anything else that happens along the way is all good and part of the adventure.

**PG24: Will some of the Pyranha staff now be working for NRS, or will NRS customers be working with Pyranha staff?**

**DB:** Pyranha will provide all the support services traditionally required, overseen by me. We have made team adjustments to accommodate this and improve the buying and selling experience for existing NRS customers.

**PG24: Will NRS and Pyranha also be sharing distribution channels or collaborating on other initiatives?**

**DB:** No, there is no distribution arrangement. NRS and Pyranha will continue to send products through their own channels, and NRS will continue to store and distribute products out of the Netherlands. The partnership only extends to aspects that involve communications, relationships, and building reliability for our customers: Sales, Marketing, and Customer Service activities. Again, the distribution of the two companies and the invoicing remains completely separate.

**PG24: What will be the added value for end consumers and paddlers?**

**DB:** By improving our availability, communications, and service, retailers will be better positioned to support the end consumer with the Pyranha and NRS products they love. Of course, we also love to attend events and spend time on the ground —after all, most events involve paddling—and hope to support as many as possible, the real benefit to paddlers on the ground will be led by our retail and commercial partners.

**PG24: Will this collaboration increase access to new markets?**

**DB:** Both NRS and Pyranha are committed to supporting our vast network of existing retail outlets, be it within the outdoor recreation, specialist paddlesport enthusiasts, or commercial use markets. Retailers are the foundation for a strong industry, and our support is unwavering. That said, we know there are areas where we can improve our distribution through availability and product suitability, and of course, evolving how we support these key geographical and market areas is critical for the future.

**PG24: Is there a chance we'll see NRS distribute Pyranha products in North America in the future?**

**DB:** Pyranha US has been hugely successful, and is an integral part of Pyranha's business. Chris Hipgrave, Mike Patterson, and the entire US team have been key to this success. We don't see any changes to our US distribution in the pipeline— although we have some hugely exciting developments led by Pyranha US for Canada, which will make boats far more readily available to the paddlers we know have been longing for our Pyranha and P&H ranges.

**PG24: How do you see the values of Pyranha and NRS aligning, historically and in terms of goals for the future of the European paddle sport market?**

**DB:** NRS and Pyranha, while many miles apart, have many similarities. Bill Parks of

NRS and Graham Mackereth built companies founded in teamwork and a strong passion for paddling, with an ethos to create industry-leading products and put the community first. This home truth is still held close to everything we look to do. Both companies are always looking to improve the sport for the people in it, including the NRS and Pyranha employees who enjoy their spare time on the water. Both brands already serve retailers across Europe, and share the goals to always support customers to the best of our ability and bolster the industry with community empowerment and the very best products on the market.

**PG24: NRS and Pyranha have traditionally promoted sustainability initiatives, community events, and environmental non-profits. Will this remain a focus in the future?**

**DB:** Absolutely. Supporting NGO partners, be they environmental or community-focused, is supporting the industry we love. Whilst cash injection is incredibly important for NGOs to operate, the partnership will also allow us to use our vast communications channels to amplify our partners' messages, hopefully allowing them greater impact and success with their goals.

**PG24: So, what is the plan for 2024? What is the long-term goal for NRS, Pyranha, and for this new partnership? How do you feel about the future?**

**DB:** The last few years have been a rollercoaster for our industry, with highs and lows. We see a bright future, though, with a strong industry that we are grateful to be part of. This dynamic environment is what makes working in paddlesports exhilarating. As we enter the 2024 season, Pyranha and NRS will continue launching groundbreaking products—lots are in the works already!—and using this partnership to improve paddler experiences and enjoyment on the water and off.

**PG24: Is there anything you hope to achieve as Commercial Director?**

**DB:** As Commercial Director, my attention is consistently directed towards creating a business that enhances the overall experience of those who spend time on the water in our products and contributing to the growth and sustainability of our own business, and the paddle sports industry as a whole. My core

focus remains supporting Pyranha in all we do, while looking critically at how our business can actively support and contribute to the paddle sports community, whether that's overseeing the success of this partnership, collaborating with non-profits to dismantle entry barriers within our sport, engaging in environmental initiatives, participating in events that ignite enthusiasm within the industry, or crafting a diverse range of products to meet the varied needs of paddlers.

**PG24: Does that mean you are on the hunt for new staff?**

**DB:** The hunt, maybe not, but we are always keen to hear from people who want to partner or work with us, from a young ambassador, which is where I began with both brands, to anyone who feels like the paddle sports industry is the right place for them and their future. You know where we are.

**“AT THE HEART OF THIS STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP IS THE ABILITY OF BOTH COMPANIES, NRS AND PYRANHA, TO INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR BUSINESSES AND HELP RETAILERS GROW THEIRS.”**



# ONE STEP CLOSER: CREATING A VIRTUOUS CIRCLE

**Can paddle sports create a dealer-based system where used and end-of-life gear are recycled into usable materials?**



For all our efforts toward sustainability, the paddle sports industry exists alongside an ugly truth. We leave a massive environmental footprint, from plastic waste and carbon emissions transporting and manufacturing goods to products whose life cycle ends, more often than not, at a landfill. Rather than accept this as fact, more are asking: What are we going to do about it?

## **Production and design**

This year at the Paddle Sports Show in Strasbourg, there was growing interest in creating an effective "virtuous circle," with brands and dealers uniting to discuss pathways to recycle end-of-life products into raw materials, which can be used to create new items for purchase. Topping industry-wide advances in sustainable construction and design was Peak Paddlesports' "Circular Ready" line and concept, products designed to be deconstructed and returned at the end of life to usable raw materials rather than a landfill. It's an exciting taste of what the future could hold.

## **Collection and processing**

One solution to facilitate recycling end-of-life products involves dealers as intermediaries who can collect and return items to manufacturers or send them to exter-

nal partners. Discussion at the Paddle Sports Show made it clear that placing the dealer in a central role adds value for manufacturers and dealers alike. In addition to strengthening existing networks and relationships, a dealer-based solution has the potential to drive sales and encourage repeat business as customers return used products and buy new ones. Additionally, the more participation in such a system is celebrated or rewarded, the more not partaking risks damaging reputation and sales.

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"Consumers increasingly value longevity and eco-resilient manufacturing processes and materials and recognize the detrimental environmental effects caused by products that routinely need replacement," points out Jason Eccles, President of Aqua Bound and Bending Branches. This realization has led to new technologies for Aqua Bound, including their Lam-Lok™ blade construction, as seen in Strasbourg.



RTM & Dag Kayaks have been recycling old boats and plastics wastes for some years now, as have others in the industry.

Another benefit to using established dealer networks is an accelerated pathway to reduce plastic waste. Introducing reusable transport bags for boards and kayaks that can travel between dealers and manufacturers or be used to collect products for recycling "could reduce plastic pollution by five kilos per kayak," asserts Bob Timms, who helped lead and organize the "The Virtuous Paddle Sports Recycling Chain" conference at the 2023 Paddle Sports Show.

Brands such as Rab, The North Face, and fashion giant H&M have initiated similar systems with take-back boxes available at limited retailers. Others, like Teva, accept products via mail, covering the cost of shipping to recycling partners or rewarding customers with credit towards future goods. "Lots of (paddle sport) manufacturers have these initiatives, but they're not being recognized enough," points out Lotta Lettmann.

Currently, Peak's Circular Ready line can be returned to Peak Paddlesports in person or via mail. Peak will separate the components and send them to their recycling partners for processing. Many kayak companies, such as RotoAttivo, Lettmann, and Liquid Logic, offer recycling options for boats made of LDPE and HDPE. "Not Sure What to Do with Your Trashed Boat? Let Us Recycle it!" exclaims Liquid Logic's website. "Return your old kayaks and canoes to Roto. We can recycle them and produce new products. You will save nature and receive discounts," promotes Roto.

Still, "most paddlesports products are currently not easily re-purposed by the manufacturers," reminds Palm Equipment Marketing Manager Paul Robertson. Rather than having manufacturers invest in building facilities, partnering with third parties who can help separate parts and transform them for their next phase of life seems prudent—and a great place to start.

Further inspiration can be found in the success of ski giant Technica, which has collected and upcycled more than 4000 pairs of ski boots since launching the "Recycle Your Boots" program in 2021. Retailers played a crucial role in Technica's success by raising awareness of the campaign and collecting boots, later delivered to a collection center in Italy via a dedicated transportation system. The collected boots are broken down into useable raw materials and sent to different partners for use in various products, from ski boots to crash pads.

A perfect solution? Maybe. Maybe not. Having manufacturers cover the cost of recycling or transportation to recycling centers effectively gives dealers larger margins. However, fully shouldering the cost of getting heavier, bulkier items to appropriate recycling facilities "would raise the price and drive down profitability or make some items less desirable," cautions Miha Rausl of Sipa Boards. The burden on the manufacturer could be significant, especially considering the potential added cost of sourcing recyclable materials and modifying product design without sacrificing quality. Creating incentives and making the system as convenient as possible remain important, from facilitating collection networks to reduce the cost of transporting and processing goods to convincing consumers to pay more for items that do good and manufacturers to take responsibility for the lifespan of their products.

But make no mistake. The question is no longer how much the extra cost will be, nor is cost an excuse. The question is how much longer can we—the paddle industry—escape our responsibilities? The Earth is at a critical juncture. Even with advances in sustainable materials and support for environmental initiatives, the paddle industry's impact on the planet is undeniable, and people are starting to notice. We need to initiate change now. Before our "ugly truth" and environmental impact drive customers away or turn them against us. Before we no longer are seen as promoting and protecting the outdoors but polluting them. Before we are seen not as proactive, but as unable to act.

**"MOST PADDLESPORTS PRODUCTS ARE CURRENTLY NOT EASILY RE-PURPOSED BY THE MANUFACTURER."**

The ultimate goal is to create a true virtuous circle, where everything we produce is 100% "green," made from sustainable materials that can be recycled and repurposed so that nothing ends up in a landfill. It is not as impossible as we think. The industry has already taken steps toward reaching this goal as individuals. The next step requires collective effort and a strong network of dealers and manufacturers. It's a big job, but the first step is to start. The cycle may evolve as we develop new technology, but we will always need to finish what we started and take ownership of our mess. There is no alternative for the planet or the paddle sports industry. Who's in?



## FROM BIG WATER TO THE BIG TIME

**With increased visibility for paddle sports in mainstream arenas comes surprising new opportunities and potential.**

Lately, paddle sports are visible everywhere you look. Celebrities do it. Paddleboards, kayaks, and canoes feature in advertisements ranging from trucks and alcohol to life insurance and financing family vacations. Instead of needing a specialty store, entry-level products are sold at the supermarket.

It's undeniable that paddle sports have reached the mainstream, becoming synonymous with an adventurous lifestyle. It's a development that benefits the entire industry. The more visible paddle sports become, the more paddling culture seeps into the public consciousness, laying the foundation for good things to come that go far beyond participation numbers alone.

"We have the interest of the masses; now we need to convert that interest into passion," says NRS CMO Mark Deming. For Deming, passion doesn't need to dominate a user's outdoor life. Even holding one-third of a person's time, attention, and budget places paddlesports in a position to compete with snow sports, cycling, climbing, backpacking, etc. "Essentially, our job is to make paddling a third of an outdoors person's recreational mix, a third of their garage or gear closet, a third of a person's spending on gear."

With paddling's increasing popularity and visibility comes new avenues for revenue and the chance to broaden brand reach with crossover and lifestyle goods, from base layers to accessories and changing ponchos. According to *The Daily at Outdoor Retailer* in February 2023, while hard goods sales are down, sales of water sports accessories such as booties, helmets, gloves, and hoods are up. Dry gear sales also showed a significant increase, combining for millions in sales.

Just as boardshorts brought surfing's sun-soaked, laid-back style to the larger world, items iconic to paddling culture, whether sun hoodies or dry bags, are finding homes on dry land. Take Teva, whose flagship sandal originated on the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River, and who used the ethos "freedom to roam" to become a globally-recognized footwear brand. With surf companies like Roxy and RipCurl successfully bridging the gap between core surf culture and mainstream fashion, it stands to reason that paddling brands are poised to do the same, selling not just technical gear but paddling lifestyle and culture.

It's not just paddling; the entire outdoors is having a mainstream moment. Fleece has become fashionable. Metal water bottles are everywhere. Gucci collaborated with The North Face, and Prada recently partnered with Red Bull (who has their own fashion label, Alpha Tauri) to make whitewater kayaker Aniol Serrasolses' descent of waterfalls flowing off the Svalbard glacier possible—a feat shared on major international news channels.

As mainstream news, Aniol's feat inspired awe on a global scale. The Svalbard Project, which was partly inspired by climate change and the rapid melting of the glaciers, showcased another benefit of mainstream exposure. The more people see paddling, the greater the platform for the environmental issues our waterways face, whether or not that exposure drives people to paddle or drives sales.



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As exciting as it is to see missions like Svalbard featured on mainstream news channels, the extreme side of paddle sports is often more intimidating than encouraging. To truly capitalize on this exposure and drive more people to try paddle sports, we need subtler, smaller promotions that make anybody feel they could enjoy a day out on the water—no glaciers needed. Getting everybody, anybody, to think about trying paddle sports will be the true mark of making it to the mainstream.

While some still confuse "paddle sports" with pickleball, we've come a long way. The foundation is there for continued growth, and it's hard not to be optimistic about the future. Our community is growing, welcoming a wider variety of users. Our gear is improving in comfort and technical performance, and our exposure is helping more people than ever realize paddling exists—and it's fun! Sure, no matter how many advertisements feature paddling, the inherent risk of watersports means it may never be seen as accessible as hiking or biking for the majority of outdoor enthusiasts, but this isn't necessarily a disadvantage.

The allure of paddle sports lies in the spirit of exploration, celebrating the beauty of nature, embracing the freedom of the outdoors, and connecting to something bigger than ourselves. With only a few strokes, paddling takes you truly somewhere different, allowing access to the heart of nature even in the midst of a major city. It's why paddling—SUP, sea kayaking, whitewater, even casual touring—now often stands in for the idea of adventure rather than hiking, biking, or even surfing.

Whatever comes of our increased visibility, be it more paddlers, new opportunities for revenue, or global brand domination, to be an accepted, normalized outdoor activity promoting a passion for the outdoors while empowering adventure and the protection of our wild places in the public sphere is a milestone worth celebrating.

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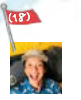
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## EMBRACING E-VOLUTION

**With more options and better paddle-assist technology, there couldn't be a better time for paddle sports to embrace the E-evolution.**

Paddle sports have long given a way to be in nature's thrall, to find that magic moment where all that matters is your next stroke. When it is just you and the water, the only sound a huff of breath and the echo of a paddle's cadence. Lately, there is a new sound: a gentle hum and buzz as paddle sports rapidly embrace an E-revolution.

The growing interest in paddle-assisted technology was evident this year at the 2023 Paddle Sports Show in Strasbourg, France, as increasing numbers of brands joined established pioneers in exhibiting refined designs for motors large and small. Czech company eMOGI showcased the recreational and rescue benefits of their composite Aluki kayak. F-One debuted their new e-fin and spoke of developing technology that would allow the motor to gauge when assistance was needed. Bote Boards blend the power of a motorized fishing boat with a stand-up paddleboard feel in their Micro Skiff line, while Native Watercraft's award-winning Propel TitanX comes "electronic-ready," recognizing that the ability to add a motor makes kayak fishing accessible for even more anglers.

Brands such as Take Outdoors, Coastco, and SIPA Boards have long recognized the potential of motorized paddleboards and kayaks and have already put work into developing innovations. As electric technology continues to improve, this corner of the market will only grow, bringing greater versatility, appeal, and adaptability to all paddle sport disciplines. Among those set to benefit most? The young, the elderly, and those who lack the skill or fitness to handle the physical demands of paddling, from changing conditions to upper body strength.

"It {motorized paddle sports} democratizes paddling and allows people of different ages, abilities, and fitness levels to enter, participate, and grow their skill sets," says Miha Rausl of Sipa Boards. Paddle-assist technology makes hauling gear or kids easier and enables safer and more enjoyable paddling experiences for people with disabilities or limited mobility, including older adults. This increased accessibility provides a critical access point as the industry looks to diversify further, targeting those who currently find paddling too difficult or daunting.

"I think it {paddle-assistive technology} can be a good upsell or add-on and bring in more users and new customers into the sport for sure, especially those willing to spend more for more luxury and convenience on the water," says Graham Ketcheson of Kayak Distribution. Given battery systems can cost as much as a boat or board, paddle-assistive technology is a much-needed boost when sales are tough.

"If it makes being self-powered less intimidating for people to get into it {paddle sports}, I see it as a plus," says Jackson Kayak Marketing Director Emily Jackson. It's worth remembering that not all users need to purchase boats or boards. The higher cost and current novelty factor of motorized paddle sports may drive business to rental shops, tour services, and retailers.

"In the US, e-bikes are outselling classic bikes by huge margins," continues Miha. "A little bit of boost can make a huge difference and with uphill cycling now becoming a thing for families, the industry is starting to boom." Equally intriguing are



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opportunities for those looking to go further or faster. For the fitness-inspired, the power boost doesn't change how hard you work, only how far or fast you can go within a given timeframe.

Despite the versatility and appeal, conflict in the cycling industry indicates that not everyone is equally entranced. For all the advantages, e-powered paddle craft detracts from what many feel lies at the heart of their paddling discipline: A retreat to nature, the ability to be truly present, to connect with the elements.

"For Starboard, our core and focus is on using the energy of the wind, wave and your own strength to promote an active lifestyle. We have not moved into E-drive related products as it doesn't fit with our core principles and we feel it detracts away from the authenticity of our sports," explains Starboard SUP Brand Manager Ollie O'Reilly.

Though e-technology will attract new users, more paddlers also mean a greater impact on our waterways and access points, whether trash, noise, or crowds. Other concerns center around the experience of other users and environmental impact. An advantage of non-motorized kayaks and paddleboards is the ability to navigate sensitive ecosystems with minimal disturbance and harm to aquatic environments.

Whether the joy paddle sports bring feels compromised or complemented by electric-assisted technology, it won't go away any time soon—or at all. Rather, expect innovations in user-friendly designs, lighter-weight materials, and longer-lasting batteries. As e-technology improves, it will continue to drive interest in paddle sports, bringing much-needed numbers and a broader range of participants. However, as numbers grow, so does the need for infrastructure and education on best sport practices so that making paddle sports more inviting doesn't isolate those already here.

All are entitled to time on the water, no matter how they access it. Making paddle sports accessible and enjoyable to as many as possible should always be the ultimate goal. In this sense, E-technology is a gift we are ready to embrace.



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**Rather than dismiss youth gear as “not cost-effective,” brands are realizing that making paddle sports accessible to kids is worth the risk.**

Want a sport or habit to stick? Start young. Or so the saying goes. How many out on the water wish they had been introduced to paddling earlier? Ironically, ask those who began young about their early days on the water, and you'll likely hear “cold,” “awkward,” and “uncomfortable.”

Generally speaking, the kid's market has been considered too small, too risky, and not cost-effective enough to merit significant attention or development. Few parents were willing to invest in expensive, specialized items for children that would outgrow them quickly. Rather than bring their kids on the water, many let paddling fall by the wayside in favor of more “family-friendly” activities.

Recently, that has begun to change, with more brand owners becoming parents and families flocking to paddle sports in search of a fun outdoor activity for the whole family. More, an entire generation of active paddlers are becoming parents who want to share their passion with their kids—and they need gear to do it.

Call it selfish or smart; you don't have to be a parent to realize this is a market worth investing in. “Our growth and future depend on youngsters getting into the sport. The products they're using play a huge part in their first impression and experience,” acknowledges Lotta Lettmann, the third generation of a paddling family and Marketing Manager for Level Six. Paddlers know paddling is a great way to create core memories and explore personal limits and new destinations. Parents know a happy kid equals a happy parent. Gear that is comfortable and fits well goes a long way toward facilitating fun on the water, making everyone more likely to want to repeat the experience. “I think having gear that fits makes parents more comfortable taking kids on the water,” says Jackson Kayak Marketing Director and mom of two Emily Jackson.

While most youth will start by sharing a boat or on the board with parents, investing in equipment kids can paddle themselves adds to the fun and is critical for skill development. “Offering gear better suited to children/smaller paddlers encourages independence and participation from a young age. In seeing my four-year-old son's

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eyes light up when he first held a 'tiny canoe paddle,' I witnessed a shift in his realization that paddling is something he can actively engage in, says Luanne Koubsky, Creative Lead at Aqua Bound & Bending Branches.

Consider bikes and skis: Starting your kid out with a too-big bike or ski boots/skis is so clearly detrimental to having a good—and safe—experience it is laughable. Given the number of bike and ski companies with successful youth-specific lines and the increasing willingness of retailers to diversify youth offerings, it is almost surprising there aren't already more options in paddle sports. After all, kids are the perfect target audience. “If not children, then who is athletic and adventurous?” asks Lettmann.

At the 2023 Paddle Sports Show, Soul Waterman founder Corran Addison showed off videos of his son ripping in his latest whitewater kayak design. Aztron's Tony Yeung debuted an inflatable youth racing SUP. There were kid's carbon fiber surfskis at Vadja and numerous other advancements. But youth equipment doesn't need to be ultra-elite or performance driven. “Parents mostly just want to know their kids are happy, are not exposed to huge risks; and that they are getting good value. Kids want to just have fun,” says Palm Equipment Marketing & Brand Manager Paul Robertson. “Simple, functional products,” agrees Jackson. “Medium-end is key.”

Durability and price point are crucial factors in making paddle sports accessible for families. Developing trade-in programs or gear that can grow with kids reduces the perceived cost and extends use over multiple years. Items hardy enough to hand down or sell when they no longer fit also help make investing in kid's gear less risky and more cost-effective for manufacturers and consumers alike.

“Kids kit isn't just a short-term growth strategy, it's hugely important for us all to ensure there are future participants,” reminds Robertson. Kid-specific gear lets the next generation improve at paddling much quicker and at younger ages than before, creating a healthy—and hopefully long-lasting—relationship with a brand and a love of paddle sports. It also lets the industry maintain the paddlers that are already here. “It's 100% worth the investment even if the return on investment might not be realized for a decade to come,” agrees US Sales Director Chris Hipgrave.

There is no shortage of young guns out there ripping already. At Peak Paddlesports, what started as a niche desire to share the river with his kids has evolved into something much more for founder Pete Astles. “Hopefully, these youngsters will become lifelong paddlers. Some will be future champions and river advocates, and some will become parents themselves, perhaps continuing the paddling circle for another generation.”

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# ONE STROKE AT A TIME: *THE SLOW(ER) BUT STEADY BEAT OF SUP*

**An oversaturated market and overstocked shelves won't last forever. SUP sales are slowing, but SUP is far dead.**

Over the past twenty years, SUP has taken the paddling world by storm, growing exponentially and attracting countless enthusiasts. Every year, there were more manufacturers, paddlers, and interest. It seemed too good to be true, and we knew it wouldn't last forever. Sure enough, SUP's meteoric rise slowly imploded in the wake of a Covid boom, leaving dealers overstocked and the market oversaturated. But don't be fooled into thinking this is the end. While things have slowed, they have not stopped.

Like the rest of the industry, SUP brands are experiencing overstock due to Covid-induced production lags, a situation compounded by the overwhelming market saturation of entry-level boards, particularly inflatables. Yes, boards are still selling, but smaller margins and reduced prices through retailers like bigger box stores and online discounters. Increasing shipping, storage, manufacturing costs, and anticipated outcomes of the Ukrainian war and inflation further reduce margins, falsely equating less profitable with less popular.

If you look to the water, SUP appears as in demand as ever. The hypothetical debut of SUP racing in the 2028 Olympic Games has fostered the growth of clubs and developmental programs and encouraged more brands to invest in developing racing boards for amateurs and professionals. The 2023 ICF World Championships in Thailand had nearly 1000 paddlers participate, showing a thriving racing scene. The ISA Worlds also had a great turnout of new and familiar faces, as did events such as the 2023 edition of France's GlAGla Race, which attracted hundreds of paddlers, amateur and pro alike. The Molokai to Oahu numbers were up in 2023, accompanied by growing interest in SUP foil downwinding. On the surf front, seeing a SUP or two or three in the lineup at nearly any break worldwide is not even a little surprising.

**"MARKET PREDICTIONS SHOW PADDLEBOARDING CONTINUING TO GROW AT RATES BETWEEN 8-10% OVER THE NEXT 5-10 YEARS."**

For casual recreationalists, SUP retains its reputation as the friendliest paddle sport, versatile enough to use in more urban areas or escape crowds and head deeper into the wilderness. Despite the oversaturation of entry-level products, sales are slowly creeping back up. "Personally, we have noticed an increase in sales in the medium-low range," says Massimo Vanzin of FreeBie SRL. Others note increased interest in hard boards or more specialized designs.

Adding foil-specific products to manufacturer lineups has generated fresh interest in multiple SUP disciplines, from downwinders to riding waves. Foiling's popularity might serve as a bridge and lure users from other surf and wind sports, such as surfing, windsurfing, and kite surfing, to enter the market.



SUP is also taking off in regions outside of Europe and North America. In addition to rising interest in China and India, a 2023 report on skyquest.com identified Japan and Indonesia as the fastest-growing markets between now and 2030. "We definitely see emerging markets in Asia on the rise," agrees Starboard Brand Manager Ollie O'Reilly, pointing out that the recent ICF World Championships in Thailand, China had over 100 paddlers competing; Indonesia secured a gold medal in the junior men's category, and competitors from India, Singapore, Korea, and Japan attended. China, in particular, is pushing to encourage people to get into SUP, a strategy paying off already, with over 1,300 participants in a recent race.

Having a plethora of boards available for cheap may even prove beneficial in the long run. "Buy cheap, buy twice" is becoming a more widely adopted strategy as SUP looks to exploit an oversaturated market. "Stock will clear out and the industry will remain about 20% bigger (in terms of users) in comparison to pre-Covid," posits Miha Rasul of SIPA boards. Many of these customers will slowly start buying better products, giving the brands that survive this phase a chance to compete in developing further innovation and building brand capital.

"As manufacturers, we need to reignite demand through innovation," says Mark Deming of NRS. Recent advancements in inflatable technologies have already led to stiffer, lighter boards shaped for performance. "With woven drop-stitch materials, like NRS Z-Blend, and new manufacturing techniques, designers can work in three dimensions to create unique board profiles with specific performance characteristics," explains Deming. Innovations in technology and design, such as NRS's v-shaped hull, give the avid paddler a reason to upgrade while widening the gap between generic price-point SUPs and high-quality, high-performance boards.

Finding success in SUP has become a marathon rather than a sprint, and some brands may not survive the transition. It will take a splash of luck, a solid brand identity, active brand communication with support for athletes and events, and innovative products. But for those that do, the future is still promising. While the exact figures vary, market predictions show paddleboarding continuing to grow at rates between 8-10% over the next 5-10 years.

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# DEALER PROFILE - KANUSCHULE VERSAM, SWITZERLAND

Located in the majestic "Swiss Grand Canyon" on the banks of the Upper Rhine River, Kanuschule Versam is a shop, kayak school, and rafting company. Currently celebrating 35 years in business with three passionate Swiss paddling legends behind the wheel - Marcus Keller, Kasi Felman, and Toro Rogenmoser - Kanuschule Versam is a leader on the European paddling scene. We talked to co-owner Toro Rogenmoser to learn more about KSV's ongoing success.



**PGmag:** You celebrate 35 years in business this year. Congratulations! How does it feel to have succeeded in your initial dream of making a living from your passion?

**Toro Rogenmoser:** It feels great. It's 35 Years for KSV but 25 for me; thanks for reminding me to celebrate!

**PGmag:** KSV is in Versam, Switzerland, near Ruinaulta on the Rhine River. What drew you to this location?

**TR:** The founders came here because of a great river, awesome scenery, and the unique opportunity to do train shuttles, which allows kayaking to be less motor-reliant.

**PGmag:** We hear the three of you still paddle all year round. Is a passion for paddling the recipe for success?

**TR:** Yes, we still paddle all year round, but to varying degrees. I think the recipe is to be deeply embedded into what you do: Try to be better at it every day. Know the field, know what's happening. Being passionate doesn't mean you HAVE to be on the water all the time. And focus on a specialty. For us, it's whitewater.

**PGmag:** Describe the nature of the Kanu Schule (kayak school). What is the spirit your programs aim to develop?

**TR:** We focus on whitewater kayaking and canoeing. It's born out of our hobby, and our love for the sport is also the spirit communicated. We try to teach students to be safe, passionate, and caring.

**PGmag:** What is the rough percentage split between all three activities—kayaking, canoeing, and rafting—in terms of revenue?

**TR:** Roughly, all three parts are similarly big. The difference lies more in how the revenue relates to other parameters. For example, the shop takes the biggest upfront investment (inventory), and the school needs the most human power, aka teachers. But we look at the overall package, not single numbers.

**PGmag:** Why did KSV expand to include a retail shop? Was it a financial necessity or a more service-driven initiative?

**TR:** The retail store opened in 1994, so that was a bit before my time, but it grew naturally from buying gear for ourselves to having a few items for our customers.

It started with a handful of items and slowly grew because it made sense. One constant challenge: our available space seems to grow more slowly than the inventory...

**PGmag:** Have you seen any lasting changes in interest and business since Covid?

**TR:** Overall, we are back to—quite exactly—pre-Covid, which started with a big spike in online sales during lockdowns, followed by a peak summer for rafting and courses when people could not go abroad. With the shop, we have to manage a bit of overstock. We also now stock up record-early, an holdover from when we were sold out of many items and manufacturers were, too.

**PGmag:** How do you approach online sales? Do most customers ship products or pick up their orders at the shop?

**TR:** It's around 50/50 overall. In winter, it shifts to 99% online with shipping. We are basically located on the riverbank of one of the Rhine's most paddled sections in Switzerland, so we are the drive-in of kayak shops. We even put a plastic floor in the shop because paddlers often come in dripping wet!

**PGmag:** Who is your clientele? Are the demographics the same for the shop, rafting business, and kayak school?

**TR:** Overall, we have mostly Swiss clients. Interestingly, this is also true for rafting. Our rafting clients are people of all ages, individuals, companies, and clubs/associations. In the School, we have a gap between the ages for youth camps and when young people can pay for a course themselves. Maybe it's also the age where one feels most adventurous and ready to learn by trial and error.

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**PGmag:** Do any recent innovations excite you?

**TR:** For me, there's a stark contrast between the development in boats vs. gear. For boats, there's the shift in the predominant type/discipline to the current half-slice craze, but also big trends and changes within the disciplines, which really are exciting. But I am disappointed with the development of gear. The dry suit took over, but apart from that, I mainly see fashion-type

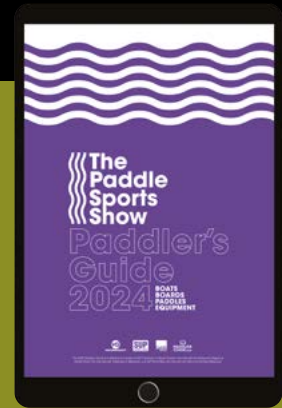
changes rather than technical improvements. That may help something sell better, but it makes it harder for shops. Slight changes and fancy new names for colors and color schemes make for a lot of unwanted work in inventory and web software. I am more interested in practical features: Safety/visibility, wet-weight (how heavy am I after a swim?), durability, usability; these innovations may exist but aren't being promoted as much.

**PGmag:** We've seen you every year at the Paddle Sports Show and for 15 years before that at PaddleExpo. Will we see you again in Strasbourg?

**TR:** You will. Tradeshow are important. I prefer a long(ish) drive to a show to see everything in one place over reps coming to our place to present new products. I also like the social part of meeting people from the business and people I used to see in eddies. It's important to us to have one show, and not several different ones. We're happy that our entire whitewater niche is represented in one show.

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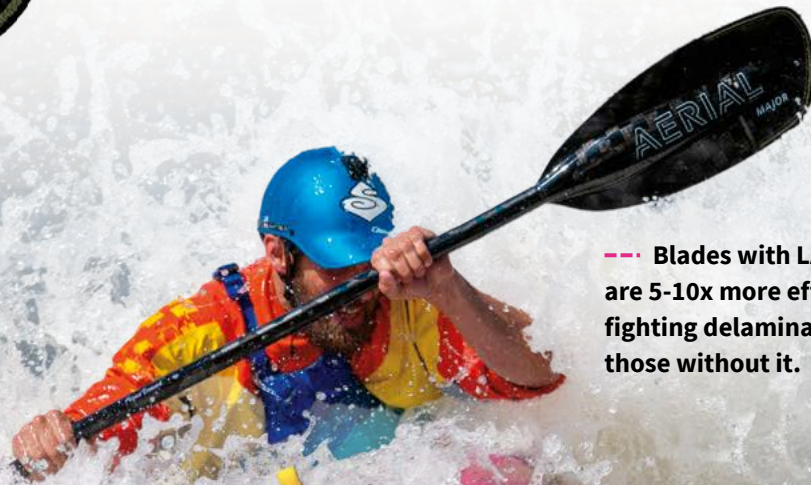


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## WAVEDESIGN - HIGH ANGLE

High Angle Full Carbon Kayak Touring Paddle. Available in various configurations: three blade sizes (620, 670, 720), one piece and two pieces, three different shaft flex indexes (Flex 3, 4, 6), oval index (right hand and left hand), two shaft diameters (28, 29 mm), and two lock options.

**Blade Weight (620): 0.22 kg/0.48 lb | Paddle Weight (blade 620 - one piece): 0.62 kg/1.43 lb | Material: Carbon | Color: Exposed Carbon | Sizes: 620 . 670 . 720**

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## DOLLO - AVEL

The Avel is Dollo's touring paddle, drawing inspiration from the slalom paddle for an excellent touch of water. With a foam core construction, it is exceptionally light at 620 grams, ensuring a pleasant paddle stroke. The blade's edge is reinforced with carbon rope, providing added resistance against abrasion.

**Length: 185-225 cm | Surface: 650 cm<sup>2</sup>/100 in<sup>2</sup> | Weight: 0.62 kg/1.3 lb | Shaft: Carbon 28 mm/1.1" | Material: Carbon foam core**

[DOLLO-PAGAIES.FR](http://DOLLO-PAGAIES.FR)



## AQUA BOUND - TANGO CARBON

Leverage full carbon performance with one of the stiffest, smoothest strokes in low-angle paddles. Sleek, compression-molded blades are handmade by our team of experienced paddlers. At 0.652-0.723 kg, the Tango Carbon is a lightweight instrument engineered for maximum performance with minimum effort. The neutral curvature of the bent shaft and ovalization on the straight shaft contributes to comfortable control that is easy on the body. Tangos feature the dual-button Posi-Lok™ ferrule system, which clicks firmly and securely into position while maintaining the option to easily adjust offset angles on the water. Available in 2pc, 4pc straight shaft and 2pc bent shaft.

**Weight: 0.65-0.72 kg/1.43-1.58 lb | Blade Size: 96 in<sup>2</sup>/620 cm<sup>2</sup> | Blade Material: Compression molded carbon | Shaft Material: T-700 Carbon (straight) . 3K Plain Weave Carbon (bent) | Ferrule: Posi-Lok™**

[AQUABOUND.COM](http://AQUABOUND.COM)



## AQUA BOUND - WHISKEY FIBERGLASS

The Whiskey is made from hand-crafted compression molded blades by our in-house team of experts. These stiff, lightweight, high-angle blades feature a strong dihedral with a foam core spine and are designed to reduce flutter and for optimal forward propulsion. The full carbon shaft is ovalized for a comfortable, relaxed grip. When every gram counts, Whiskeys are sought after by sea kayakers and packrafters, as well as more aggressive paddlers with a high-cadence stroke. Whiskeys feature the dual-button Posi-Lok™ ferrule system, which clicks firmly and securely into position while maintaining the option to easily adjust offset angles on the water. Available in three eye-catching colorways, 2pc, 4pc straight shaft and 2pc bent shaft.

**Weight: 0.74-0.81 kg/1.63-1.79 lb | Blade Size: 95 in<sup>2</sup>/613 cm<sup>2</sup> | Blade Material: Compression molded fiberglass | Shaft Material: T-700 Carbon | Pattern Options: Green Tide . Fuego . Northern Lights | Ferrule: Posi-Lok™**

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## AQUA BOUND - TANGO FIBERGLASS

The Tango Fiberglass' multi-laminate fiberglass blades are a true work of art, hand-crafted and compression molded in three attractive colorways. Low-angle blade shape coupled with an all-carbon shaft gives the Tango Fiberglass a super light swing weight while maintaining strength and durability. The result is impressive performance and efficiency for flatwater and sea kayaking. The neutral curvature of the bent shaft and ovalization on the straight shaft contributes to comfortable control that is easy on the body. Tangos feature the dual-button Posi-Lok™ ferrule system, which clicks firmly and securely into position while maintaining the option to easily adjust offset angles on the water. Available in 2pc, 4pc straight shaft and 2pc bent shaft.

**Weight: 0.74-0.81 kg/1.63-1.79 lb | Blade Size: 96 in<sup>2</sup>/620 cm<sup>2</sup> | Blade Material: Compression molded fiberglass | Shaft Material: T-700 Carbon | Pattern Options: Green Tide . Fuego . Northern Lights | Ferrule: Posi-Lok™**

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## TNP - NEKTON G - 211G.2YXP

The Nekton G is a kayak touring paddle for the sea and lakes. Features a fiberglass blade and can be assembled with either a fiberglass or a carbon shaft. Available as one part or split with a standard or adjustable ferrule. A well-balanced paddle with mid-sized blades offers efficient and powerful strokes.

**Length: 200-240 cm/78.7-94.4" | Blade Area: 620 cm<sup>2</sup>/96 in<sup>2</sup> | Shaft Diameter: 30mm/1.1" | Weight: 0.94 kg/2 lb (220cm) | Colors: Black | Materials: Blade: Fiberglass . Shaft: Sanded Glass**

[TNP.CZ](http://TNP.CZ)



## KOBER PADDLES - HORIZONT EFC

Propulsive fiberglass laminate touring and long-distance paddle. The blade is set forward and heavily grooved, for one fast and powerful propulsion from the beginning. The blades have a guide rib and a hydrodynamic back. The EFC full foam core saves weight and creates very good buoyancy. With flexible glass shaft and drip rings.

**Length: 210, 215, 220, 230 cm | Weight: 0.80 kg/1.7 lb (215cm) | Feather: 60° R/L | Blade Size: 46.5 x 17.7 cm/18.3 x 6.9" | Shaft Straight: Fiberglass, Ø 30 mm, one sides oval | Split: T7 adjustable in length . Feather possible (additional charge) | Blade Material: Fiberglass laminate . EFC . set forward**

[KOBER-PADDEL.DE](http://KOBER-PADDEL.DE)





## **GREENLAND STYLE PADDLES**

THE ORIGINALS. GREENLAND STYLE PADDLES ARE LONG AND NARROW BLADE DESIGN. THE BLADES ARE ALSO UNFEATHERED.

### **EASTPOLE PADDLES - NANOOK2 BLACKBONE**

The Nanook2 BlackBone two-piece Greenland Paddle is made in the shape and size of a traditional West Greenland paddle. The new split system is an oval carbon-reinforced plastic paddle joint for Greenland paddles made by Kayak Sport.

**Length: 220 . 230 cm | Kayak Sport Split System**

[EASTPOLEPADDLES.COM](http://EASTPOLEPADDLES.COM)



### **EASTPOLE PADDLES - NANOOK2**

The Nanook2 is a two-piece Greenland Paddle made in the shape and size of a traditional west-greenland paddle. The new split system is an oval carbon-reinforced plastic paddle joint for Greenland paddles made by Kayak Sport.

**Length: 215 . 220 . 225 cm | Kayak Sport Split System**

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### **EASTPOLE PADDLES - NANOOK BONEEDGE GLOW**

Traditional oval-shaped wooden Greenland paddle with extra strong BoneEdge tips. It can glow in the dark.

**Length: 210 . 215 . 220 . 225 . 230 cm**

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### **EASTPOLE PADDLES - ISIGAA BONEEDGE GLOW**

Traditional diamond-shaped wooden Greenland paddle with extra strong BoneEdge tips. It can glow in the dark.

**Length: 210 . 215 . 220 . 225 . 230 cm**

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### **EASTPOLE PADDLES - NANOOK TIP**

Traditional oval-shaped wooden Greenland paddle with hardwood tips.

**Length: 210 . 215 . 220 . 225 . 230 cm**

[EASTPOLEPADDLES.COM](http://EASTPOLEPADDLES.COM)





## EASTPOLE PADDLES - ALEUTIAN PADDLE

The Aleutian paddle is a solid western red cedar, with an embedded layer of carbon that provides the paddle with significant strength and stability. The carbon lamination of this Aleutian paddle uses innovative material and processing science developments from a University laboratory. Probably the best cruising paddle ever.

Length: 220 . 225 . 230 . 235 . 240 cm

[EASTPOLEPADDLES.COM](http://EASTPOLEPADDLES.COM)



## KAJAK SPORT - INUKSUK

The Inuksuk is our flagship paddle, a handcrafted West Greenland-style paddle made in Finland. Solid, strong yet light, full carbon core paddle with a stunning matt finish. Well-balanced construction with a buoyant blade and an oval loom creates a light and effortless feel. Smooth and well-rounded thin edges allow for a quiet catch and confident stroke. The Inuksuk is equipped with a unique Kajak Sport oval shaft ferrule to allow easy split and length adjustment.

Weight: 0.8 kg/1.8 lb | Material: Full Carbon

[KAJAKSPORT.FI](http://KAJAKSPORT.FI)



greenland paddle Nanook2 BlackBone



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## MID RANGE

PROGRESSIVE TECHNOLOGY AND SHAPE, MID-RANGE PADDLES SUIT THE ADVANCED OR PROGRESSING PADDLER.

### CEKR - VANGO

The Vango is a high-angle touring paddle. Smooth and light, it is ideal for a more vertical paddle style. It is flutter-free and 100% predictable. It is super smooth in sliding strokes, and very stable when used for bracing. The voluminous blade feels light in the water, making a big difference when covering long distances on the water. The blade is constructed with a composite mixture of carbon fiber, different types of glass and a tough epoxy resin. This combination makes it light yet durable. Shaft options are carbon bend, carbon straight (split and one piece), and glass straight (split and one piece).

**Length: 195 - 230 cm, 5 cm increments | Angles: 0°, 15°, 30°, 45°, split | Weight: 0.76 kg/1.67 lb**

[CEKRGEAR.COM](http://CEKRGEAR.COM)



### VE PADDLES - GLASS FARA PADDLE

Lightweight with a great water feel this mid-sized blade provides power with a pronounced catch, while keeping swing weight low helping endurance.

**Length: 200-210 . 210-220 . 220-230 . 230-240 cm . + custom length | Feather: adjustable 0-90° | Shaft: carbon . glass | two-piece adjustable straight shaft | Blade Area: 650 cm²/100 in²**

[VEPADDLES.COM](http://VEPADDLES.COM)



### AQUA BOUND - MANTA RAY CARBON

Strong, light and powerful, the Manta Ray Carbon pairs the most durable high-angle, plastic blades on the market with a lightweight, high-tech full carbon shaft. Carbon fiber-reinforced nylon blades are silky smooth in the water, offer enhanced strength and feature a sharp dihedral to limit flutter. The Manta Ray blade shape and size are ideal for high-angle or more aggressive kayakers, packrafters, racers or anyone looking to move lots of water, fast. Choose between a reliable and versatile Versa-Lok™ ferrule with 15 cm of adjustable length and infinite offset angles or a secure, dual-button Posi-Lok™ fixed length ferrule with offset options in 15° increments. Two and four-piece available, fixed and adjustable lengths.

**Weight: 0.84-0.87 kg/1.85-1.92 lb | Blade Size: 102.5 in²/661 cm² | Blade Material: abX Carbon Reinforced Nylon | Shaft Material: 100% Carbon | Ferrule: Posi-Lok™ (fixed length) . Versa-Lok™ (adjustable)**

[AQUABOUND.COM](http://AQUABOUND.COM)



### AQUA BOUND - STING RAY HYBRID

Aqua Bound's most popular flatwater blade style, the Sting Ray Hybrid offers tight-fitting construction and reliable performance. Weighing 0.879 kg, this is the lightest fixed or adjustable length, injected-molded kayak paddle at its price point. Stiff, fiberglass-reinforced nylon blades with a sharp dihedral limit the chances of flutter and provide a smooth, efficient forward stroke. The blade shape and size are ideal for low-angle, relaxed paddling strokes, sea kayakers, and the pack and solo canoe paddlers. Combined with a lightweight 100% carbon shaft, the Sting Ray Hybrid offers performance and durability at an attractive price point. Choose between two premium ferrule systems: a secure, dual-button Posi-Lok™ or strong and versatile adjustable length Versa-Lok™. Two and four-piece available, fixed and adjustable lengths.

**Weight: 0.85-0.88 kg/1.87- 1.93 lb | Blade Size: 92.5 in²/597 cm² | Blade Material: abXII Fiberglass Reinforced Nylon | Shaft Material: 100% Carbon | Ferrule: Posi-Lok™ (fixed length) . Versa-Lok™ (adjustable)**

[AQUABOUND.COM](http://AQUABOUND.COM)



### SELECT PADDLES - XTREK

The X.TREK paddle embodies our technological expertise, featuring extremely thin, curved, and responsive blades with moderate flex for stable and comfortable water strokes. Crafted as a very lightweight paddle, it combines fiberglass and prepreg carbon. Available as a single piece or adjustable shaft.

**Weight: 0.8 kg/1.8 lb | Dimensions: 48x17.5 cm . 49x16.3 cm . 49x19 cm . 50.5x19.8 cm | Blade size: 550 cm²/85.2 in² . 590 cm²/91.5 in² . 660 cm²/102 in² . 720 cm²/111.6 in² | Material: Fiberglass**

[SELECT-PADDLES.COM](http://SELECT-PADDLES.COM)



### SELECT PADDLES - XLINE

The X.LINE sea kayak paddle boasts very thin, curved fiberglass blades, providing comfort and smoothness with every stroke. Lightweight and discreet, the X.LINE is the perfect paddle for day-long touring. Available in single piece or adjustable shaft.

**Weight: 0.9 kg/1.9 lb | Dimensions: 48.5 x 16.5 cm/19 x 6. | Blade size: 590 cm²/91.5 in² | Material: Fiberglass**

[SELECT-PADDLES.COM](http://SELECT-PADDLES.COM)



## ENTRY LEVEL

MADE IN A VARIETY OF SHAPES, ANGLES AND SIZES WITH PRICING ACCESSIBLE TO ALL PADDLERS.

### EGALIS - SWONA

Introducing our new touring paddle in full composite fiberglass: light, accessible, and durable. The blade's well-balanced shape ensures optimal performance. The telescopic shaft adjusts to accommodate the morphology of most users.

**Length: 210-225 cm/82-88" | Weight: 0,9 kg/1.2 lb | Material: 70% fiberglass, 30% carbon shaft . Foam core and fiberglass blades | Color: Mat Grey**

[TAHEOUTDOORS.COM](http://TAHEOUTDOORS.COM)



### EGALIS - BREEZE ALU 2-PIECE

Breeze paddles are designed for exploring further from the shore in open waters, with blade shapes more adapted for touring. Paddles available in 220-240 cm length, two-piece for easy transport, and durable aluminium shafts.

**Length : 220 . 230 . 240 cm | Construction: Aluminium/Polycarbonate**

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### PALM EQUIPMENT - DRIFT PRO 2-PIECE PADDLE

The Drift Pro two-piece has a light glass fibre shaft with adjustable angle and length on-the-go. Durable and great value, with an asymmetric blade ideal for touring, sit-on-tops or inflatable kayaks.

**Sizes: 210-220 cm . 220-230 cm . 230-240 cm | Colors: Teal**

[PALMEQUIPEMENTEUROPE.COM](http://PALMEQUIPEMENTEUROPE.COM)



### PALM EQUIPMENT - VISION PRO 2-PIECE

A high performance two-piece touring paddle. The Vision has stiff, lightweight blades, mid-sized to suit a low or high angle paddling style and a lightweight composite shaft. A light glass fibre shaft with adjustable angle and length on-the-go, or to take the paddle apart.

**Sizes: 210-220 cm . 220-230 cm . 230-240 cm | Colors: White**

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## FISHING

PADDLES DESIGNED FOR THE DAYS SPENT IN SEARCH OF THE PERFECT CATCH.

### BENDING BRANCHES - ANGLER PRO

The six-time award-winning Angler Pro is the best of the best and most used paddle by experienced anglers and enthusiasts alike. The 105 sq. inch blades are the ideal size for controlled horsepower to propel heavily loaded fishing kayaks and are renowned for their lightweight and longevity. The 100% carbon fiber shaft one of the strongest options available. Cruise to remote fishing locations in comfort with an ergonomic grip shape and quickly measure catches on the go with the tape measure on the shaft. Snap or Versa-Lok™, ferrule systems are tight-fitting and secure for efficient transfers of power. Available in three dynamic colorways in fixed or adjustable lengths.

**Weight: 0.81-0.85 kg/1.75-1.87 lb | Blade Size: 105 in²/677 cm² | Blade Material: Compression molded fiberglass | Shaft Material: 100% Carbon | Pattern Options: Radiant . Glowtek . Copperhead | Ferrule: Versa-Lok™ . Snap-button**

[BENDINGBRANCHES.COM](http://BENDINGBRANCHES.COM)



## HIGH END

LIGHTWEIGHT CONSTRUCTION AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY CREATE A HIGH PERFORMANCE PADDLE.

### VE PADDLES - OFFSIDE AIRCORE

A touring canoe blade suited to paddling for longer periods where not every stroke is vertical. Features a smaller blade area than our Pro Canoe. The round edges help knifing and other control strokes. The Aircore Offside comes with our Ergo Grip as standard or supplied separately in the case of an uncut version.

**Blade size: 745 cm<sup>2</sup>/115.5 in<sup>2</sup> | Blade Length x Width: 19.5 x 51 cm/7.7 x 20" | Length range: 140-160 cm in 10 cm increments. Uncut: (170 cm) | Shaft: One-piece glass or carbon. Two-piece split | Shaft Diameter: Ø 30.6 mm**

[VEPADDLES.COM](http://VEPADDLES.COM)



### BENDING BRANCHES - EXPEDITION PLUS

As paddlers who design paddles, we understand the importance of reliable gear that stands up to demanding conditions on long wilderness trips. The Expedition Plus is light and balanced, beautifully crafted but tough enough to navigate class I-III whitewater and unpredictable conditions. Handmade in Wisconsin, U.S.A. from closed grain, lightweight and durable hardwoods, the blade is reinforced by a 4 oz fiberglass wrap and protected with Rockgard® technology all along the blade's edges and continues over 15 cm up the shaft. Bending Branches' proprietary Rockgard® resists impact with its shock-absorbing properties and helps maintain the wood's integrity by sealing against moisture and protecting the most vulnerable areas. Blades with Rockgard® last up to six times longer than those without.

**Length: 132-152 cm/52-60" | Weight: 0.68 kg/1.5 lb | Blade Size: 126 in<sup>2</sup>/813 cm<sup>2</sup> | Blade Material: Basswood . Red Alder . Roasted Basswood | Shaft: 18-laminate . Ovalized | Grip: Power T-Grip**

[BENDINGBRANCHES.COM](http://BENDINGBRANCHES.COM)



### BENDING BRANCHES - JAVA

Elevate the paddling experience with a functional piece of art. The Java is hand-crafted from lightweight basswood and roasted basswood in a modern pinstripe design. Straight or bent, a solid wood shaft and sleek blade profile maximize efficiency, helping conserve energy and perfect for performing highly technical strokes. The blade glides effortlessly through calm water yet offers the horsepower needed for choppy, windy conditions. Though the Java is built with weight in mind, paddle with confidence knowing it has 2 oz fiberglass reinforcement and shock-absorbing Rockgard® protection along the edges. A favorite for lengthy expeditions or day trips, the Java is an upgrade that combines performance, beauty and lightweight for an all-around high-value wood canoe paddle.

**Length: 122-152 cm/48-60" | Weight: 0.56 kg/ 1.18 lb | Blade Size: 118 in<sup>2</sup>/ 761 cm<sup>2</sup> | Blade Material: Basswood . Roasted Basswood | Shaft: Solid Basswood . Straight . Bent | Grip: Freestyle Palm (straight) . Classic Palm (bent)**

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### BENDING BRANCHES - BLACK PEARL

Benefit from the weight savings of a full carbon paddle reinforced with Edgeward protection for reliable performance on long-distance trips. Made of 100% carbon fiber, from grip-to-tip, the Black Pearl is the ideal combination of light weight and durability. Fiberglass-weave Edgeward tip protection seals in the carbon blade and prolongs the life of the paddle. This midsize blade offers enough surface area to easily maneuver the canoe and execute quiet, smooth correctional and in-water returns. The symmetrical, foam core blade with a slight dihedral provides a smooth, buoyant feel on the water for bracing and forward strokes. At .453 kg, the Black Pearl limits fatigue and maximizes efficiency. Available in a straight shaft with freestyle palm grip or bent shaft with a contoured palm grip.

**Length: 122-152 cm/48-60" | Weight: 0.45 kg/1 lb | Blade Size: 105 in<sup>2</sup>/677 cm<sup>2</sup> | Blade Material: Foam Core Carbon | Shaft: 100% Carbon | Grip: Freestyle palm (straight) . Countoured Palm (bent)**

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### WAVEDESIGN - CANOA MJÖLLNIR

Downriver and sprint canoe paddle. Designed for versatile use, light, and durable. The blade has a tough, durable core. The edge of the blade has a thin layer running on top of the carbon to protect the edge from nicks and cracks, guaranteeing the perfect water entry with every stroke. Carbon: 100% - autoclave cured prepreg.

**Weight: 0.45 kg/1.4 lb | Blade size: 815 cm<sup>2</sup>/127 in<sup>2</sup> | Material: Carbon**

[WAVEDESIGN.COM](http://WAVEDESIGN.COM)



## MID RANGE |

### PALM EQUIPMENT - ALBA PRO CANOE PADDLE

The feel of wood with the durability of plastic, in a great all-round canoe paddle. Light in the water thanks to the buoyant foam core blade. The ground fiberglass shaft is great to handle and with the comfortable asymmetric T-grip you have the durability and control that you need for flat or moving water.

Sizes: 140 . 150 . 160 . 170 cm (uncut) | Colors: Cobalt

[PALMEQUIPMENTSUROPE.COM](http://PALMEQUIPMENTSUROPE.COM)



### VE PADDLES - GLASS OFFSIDE PADDLE

Lightweight with a great water feel this mid-sized blade provides power with a pronounced catch, while keeping swing weight low helping endurance.

Length: uncut 170 cm + custom length | Shaft: carbon, glass | one-piece . two-piece adjustable straight shaft | Blade Area: 745 cm<sup>2</sup>/115 in<sup>2</sup>

[VEPADDLES.COM](http://VEPADDLES.COM)



## ENTRY LEVEL |

### PROFIPLAST - KANO

The KANO canoe paddle has been designed to meet the functional requirements as well as the high aesthetic demands of contemporary customers. The paddle's blade is made of tough polypropylene. The mechanical properties of this thermoplastic guarantee excellent product strength and low weight. The shaft is made of highly solid duraluminium. Volumetric dye penetration, high gloss, carefully selected color, and modern shapes deliver the paddle's exceptional appearance. Its high utility value is ensured by the mechanical properties of the materials used.

Weight: 0.79 kg/1.74 lb | Blade Size: 802 cm<sup>2</sup>/124 in<sup>2</sup> | Blades Material: PP | Shaft Material: Aluminium

[PROFIPLAST.CZ](http://PROFIPLAST.CZ)

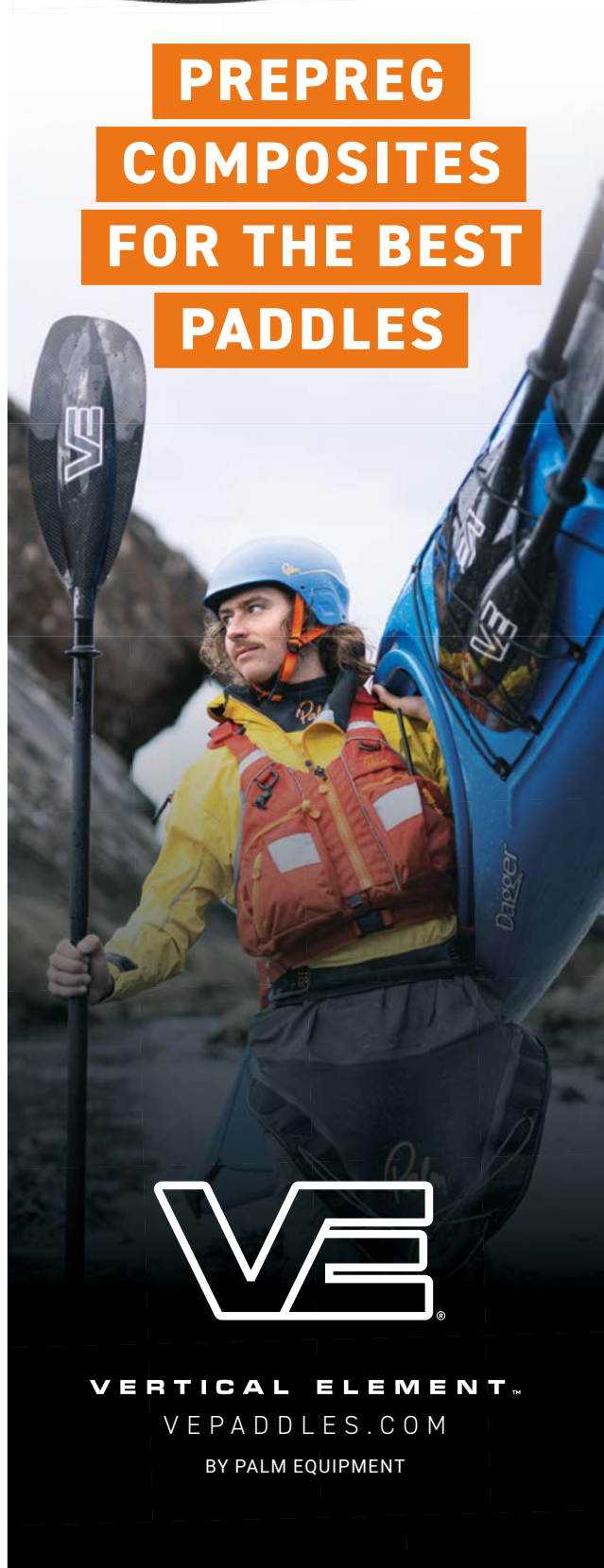


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## HIGH END

LIGHTWEIGHT CONSTRUCTION AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY CREATE A HIGH PERFORMANCE PADDLE.

### AQUA MARINA - CARBON ACE

Youth carbon iSUP paddle.

**Length: 130-170 cm | Blade: 38.5 x 15.5 cm/15" x 6.1" | Weight: 0.43 kg/0.94 lb | Material: Carbon**

[AQUAMARINA.COM](http://AQUAMARINA.COM)



### AQUA MARINA - CARBON Y

Carbon iSUP paddle

**Length: 180-240 cm | Blade: 45.5 x 17.5 cm/17.9 x 6.8" | Weight: 0.61 kg/1.3 lb | Material: Carbon**

[AQUAMARINA.COM](http://AQUAMARINA.COM)



### WAVEDESIGN - SUP PROMPT

Full Carbon Sup Paddle. Perfect for racing. Available paddle configurations: two blade sizes, three shaft options (one-piece, vario with an adjustment of overall length within 20 cm or 50 cm), three flex indexes.

**Weight: 0.479 kg/1.05 lb | Blade Size: 570 cm<sup>2</sup>/88.39 in<sup>2</sup> | Material: Carbon**

[WAVEDESIGN.COM](http://WAVEDESIGN.COM)



### TNP - SUP C

Full carbon 3-part paddle with adjustable length between 174 - 220 cm is a lightweight universal paddle with a stiff blade. The paddle is suitable for both fitness and touring.

**Length: 174-220 cm | Blade Area: 560 cm<sup>2</sup>/86 in<sup>2</sup> | Weight: 0.65 kg/1.4 lb | Colors: Black | Material: Carbon**

[TNP.CZ](http://TNP.CZ)



### WAVEDESIGN - SUP RACE

The Full Carbon Sup Race Paddle—ideal for racing. This paddle offers versatile configurations, including three blade sizes (470 Junior, 520, 570), three shaft options (one-piece, mini-vario + 20 cm, vario + 50 cm), and two flex indexes (Flex 4, Flex 6).

**Blade Weight (470): 0.18 kg/0.41 lb | Paddle Weight (blade 470 - one piece): 0.45kg/1.00 lb | Material: Full Carbon | Color: Exposed Carbon | Sizes: 470 Junior . 520 . 570**

[WAVEDESIGN.COM](http://WAVEDESIGN.COM)

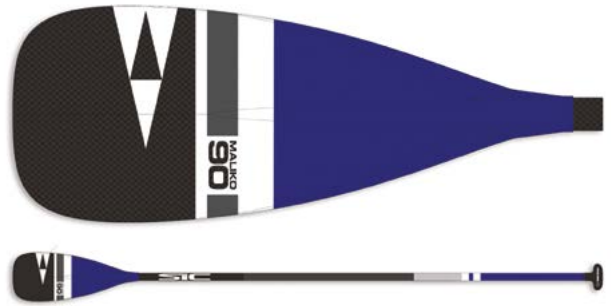


## SIC - MALIKO 80 / 90 CTL

The cut-to-length adjustable Maliko features a new blade shape that focuses on power and efficiency, offered in slim and standard shaft diameter.

**Length: 240-280 cm/94.5"-110.2" | Weight: 1.078 kg/2.375 lb | Blade Size: 102.5 in<sup>2</sup>/661 cm<sup>2</sup> | Blade Material: abXII Fiberglass Reinforced Nylon | Shaft Material: Aluminum | Color Options: Electric Green . Tidal Blue | Ferrule: Snap-Button**

[SICMAUI.COM](http://SICMAUI.COM)



## SELECT PADDLES - SESSION

The Session SUP from Select Paddles is meticulously engineered to enhance efficiency and minimize fatigue. Its light and thin fiberglass blades, featuring a V-shaped section, offer exceptional stability for a comfortable paddle swipe through the water. Whether for fitness, touring, or surfing, the SESSION stands out as a versatile paddle. Available as a one-piece adjustable or three-part model.

**Weight: 0.65 kg/1.4 lb | Dimensions: 41.5 x 18.2 cm/16.3 x 7.1" | Blade size: 510 cm<sup>2</sup>/79 in<sup>2</sup> | Material: Fiberglass**

[SELECT-PADDLES.COM](http://SELECT-PADDLES.COM)



## MID RANGE

FEATURING PROGRESSIVE TECHNOLOGY AND SHAPE, MID-RANGE PADDLES SUIT THE ADVANCED OR PROGRESSING PADDLER.

## NRS - FORTUNA PADDLE

Designed for more advanced stand-up paddlers who are challenging the sport through attainments and multi-day adventures, the Fortuna 100 Adjustable SUP Paddle delivers the goods. Featuring a larger fiberglass laminate blade and carbon-fiber shaft, the Fortuna 100 caters to paddlers looking for enhanced power and efficiency. LeverLock® system gives shaft length a 16" range, accommodating multiple paddlers and conditions. A 10-degree offset delivers a solid catch, maximizing efficiency through the power phase of each stroke, while a slight dihedral on the powerface provides stable, flutter-free forward strokes.

**Weight: 0.60 kg/1.31 lb | Blade size: 546 cm<sup>2</sup>/85 in<sup>2</sup> | Blade material: epX Carbon Reinforced Polymer | Shaft material: 100% Carbon**

[NRS.COM](http://NRS.COM)

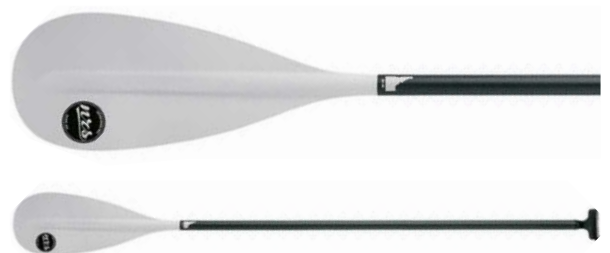


## NRS - BIA PADDLE

The Bia 95 Adjustable SUP Paddle recognizes that some paddle just for fun. Combining a fiberglass shaft with a fiberglass-reinforced nylon blade, the Bia balances strength, flex and weight with stiffness and durability for recreational paddlers. Easy-to-adjust LeverLock® system gives shaft length a 16" range, accommodating multiple paddlers and conditions.

**Length: 240-280 cm/94.5-110.2" | Weight: 1.078 kg/2.375 lb | Blade Size: 102.5 in<sup>2</sup>/661 cm<sup>2</sup> | Blade Material: abXII Fiberglass Reinforced Nylon | Shaft Material: Aluminum | Color Options: Electric Green . Tidal Blue | Ferrule: Snap-Button**

[NRS.COM](http://NRS.COM)



## AQUA BOUND - FREEDOM

The Freedom earns its status as a top-selling SUP paddle from its combination of performance and value. A contoured palm grip and full carbon shaft is engineered to contain a slight flex and a 10° bend to ease strain on the body and deliver lightweight comfort. Both durable and strategically designed, the blade features a pronounced dihedral for efficient forward strokes with a smooth pull through the water. The 548 sq. cm blade helps conserve energy yet provides powerful propulsion for high-cadence paddling. The option of four-piece construction delivers ease of portability for traveling paddlers, or those looking for a high-value paddle to power the SUP experience.

**Weight: 0.74 kg/1.6 lb | Blade Size: 85 in<sup>2</sup>/548 cm<sup>2</sup> | Blade Material: Fiberglass reinforced epX Polymer | Shaft Material: 100% Carbon with 10° bend**

[AQUABOUND.COM](http://AQUABOUND.COM)





### AQUA BOUND - AERIAL MAJOR CARBON

Go bigger, harder, and further with the most revolutionary, award-winning paddle in whitewater. Experience comfortable control and unmatched durability with Lam-Lok™ U.S. Patent Pending technology. Lam-Lok™ mechanically bonds the laminated blade layers together with over five meters of an aramid reinforcement per blade. Lam-Lok™ significantly prolongs the life of the paddle by resisting delamination, abrasion, and impact. Blades with Lam-Lok™ are up to 10x more effective at fighting delamination than blades without it. High-tech, spread-toe carbon weave blades have a wide, flattened foam spine that simulates performance qualities of both a foil blade and a compression-molded carbon blade. Aerial Major blades are best suited for paddlers who are larger in stature, in excellent paddling shape or require extra surface area to complete extremely responsive, aggressive maneuvers. Available in fixed and adjustable lengths and offset angles, straight or crank shaft, and one, two and four-piece options.

**Weight: 1.09-1.14 kg/ 2.4-2.51 lb | Blade Size: 108.5 in<sup>2</sup>/700 cm<sup>2</sup> | Blade Material: Compression molded carbon . Aramid | Shaft Material: Carbon | Ferrule: Versa-Lok™ . Fixed Length**

[AQUABOUND.COM](http://AQUABOUND.COM)



### AQUA BOUND - AERIAL MINOR FIBERGLASS

Expect more from fiberglass blades with daring durability and Lam-Lok™ U.S. Patent Pending protection. Lam-Lok™ mechanically bonds laminated blade layers together with over five meters of aramid reinforcement per blade. Lam-Lok™ significantly prolongs the life of the paddle by resisting delamination, abrasion, and impact. Blades with Lam-Lok™ are up to 10x more effective at fighting delamination than blades without it. The wide, flattened foam spine simulates performance qualities of both a foil blade and a compression-molded fiberglass blade. The Minor blade size is ideal for small to medium sized paddlers or those looking to maximize an efficient paddling cadence. Available in fixed and adjustable lengths and offset angles, straight or crank shaft, and one, two, and four-piece options.

**Weight: 1.15-1.19 kg/2.53-2.62 lb | Blade Size: 99.9 in<sup>2</sup>/645 cm<sup>2</sup> | Blade Material: Compression molded fiberglass . Aramid | Shaft Material: Carbon | Ferrule: Versa-Lok™ . Fixed Length**

[AQUABOUND.COM](http://AQUABOUND.COM)



### AQUA BOUND - AERIAL MAJOR FIBERGLASS

Aerial Major Fiberglass paddles deliver enduring performance with Lam-Lok™ U.S. Patent Pending technology, ensuring prolonged efficiency. Lam-Lok™ mechanically bonds laminated blade layers with over 5 meters of aramid reinforcement per blade, significantly resisting delamination, abrasion, and impact. Blades with Lam-Lok™ are up to 10x more effective against delamination. The 100% carbon blade peg insert maximizes blade-to-shaft joint strength, matching shaft stiffness for a full transition of power with each stroke. The 100% carbon shaft optimizes stiffness/flex balance, easing shoulder strain. Suited for larger paddlers or those requiring extra surface area for responsive, aggressive maneuvers. Available in fixed or adjustable lengths and offset angles, with straight or crank shaft options, in one, two, or four-pieces.

**Weight: 1.18-1.22 kg/ 2.6-2.69 lb | Blade Size: 108.5 in<sup>2</sup>/700 cm<sup>2</sup> | Blade Material: Compression molded fiberglass . Aramid | Shaft Material: Carbon | Ferrule: Versa-Lok™ . Fixed Length**

[AQUABOUND.COM](http://AQUABOUND.COM)



### AQUA BOUND - AERIAL MINOR CARBON

Level up your paddling game with the most innovative paddle in whitewater. Aerial Minor blades are best suited for small to medium-sized paddlers or those looking to maximize efficiency when river running. Experience comfortable control with an ergonomic grip shape and unmatched durability with Lam-Lok™ U.S. Patent Pending technology to keep your paddle performing at maximum power for the long haul. Lam-Lok™ significantly prolongs the life of the paddle by resisting delamination, abrasion, and impact. Slight tactile shaft coating helps maintain a good grip without destroying any existing paddler calluses. Available in fixed and adjustable lengths and offset angles, straight or crank shaft, and one, two, and four-piece options.

**Weight: 1.07-1.11 kg/ 2.36-2.45 lb | Blade Size: 99.9 in<sup>2</sup>/ 645 cm<sup>2</sup> | Blade Material: Compression molded carbon . Aramid | Shaft Material: Carbon | Ferrule: Versa-Lok™ . Fixed Length**

[AQUABOUND.COM](http://AQUABOUND.COM)



## VE PADDLES - AIRCORE CREEKER PADDLE

With a narrower, mid-sized blade, tapering towards the neck; the Creeker has a gradual power transfer along the length of the stroke, ideal for long days on the river.

**Length: 191 . 194 . 197 . 200 . 203 cm . + custom length | Feather: 0 . 30° . 45° . + custom feather | Shaft: carbon, glass, carbon crank shaft | 1-piece . 2-piece adjustable straight shaft | Blade Area: 700 cm<sup>2</sup>/108.5 in<sup>2</sup>**

[VEPADDLES.COM](http://VEPADDLES.COM)



## LETTMANN - ERGONOM MULTIWAVE WW

Beam me up - thanks to the pre-positioned ergonomic shaft you zoom into another dimension with the Multi Wave. The gripping at the tear-off edge is crazy, the flight characteristics are convincing. Even running the eddies at your local spot will become more flutter-free. As a freestyler not believing in forwardly displaced blades, you should dare to try it. It will make you faster!

**Length: 46 cm/18.1" | Width: 19.5 cm/7.7" | Weight: 0.92 kg/2 lb | Material: Carbon-Aramid | Sizes: Large . Small**

[LETTMANN.DE](http://LETTMANN.DE)



## LETTMANN - PROFILE WW

Beam me up - thanks to the pre-positioned ergonomic shaft you zoom into another dimension with the Multi Wave. The gripping at the tear-off edge is crazy, the flight characteristics are convincing. Even running the eddies at your local spot will become more flutter-free. As a freestyler not believing in forwardly displaced blades, you should dare to try it. It will make you faster!

**Length: 46 cm/18.1" | Width: 19.5 cm/7.7" | Weight: 0.92 kg/2 lb | Material: Carbon-Aramid | Sizes: Large . Small**

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## LETTMANN - ERGONOM PRO WW

Our Ergonom Pro WW Extrem is the sturdiest whitewater paddle ever made. Its stiffness combined with a great pressure build-up and awesome handling makes it a unique tool, especially for creek whitewater. The ovalized, ergonomic shaft supplies supreme handling, the profiled paddle blades provide you with extraordinary propulsion. Not only is the Ergonom Pro WW Extrem super effective, but it also offers great manoeuvring, even with the slightest of strokes you are in control of every movement.

**Length: 47 cm/18.5" | Width: 20.3 cm/8" | Weight: 0.99 kg/2.2 lb | Material: Carbon-Aramid | Sizes: Large . Small**

[LETTMANN.DE](http://LETTMANN.DE)



## LETTMANN - NITRO WW

Now, many years after the introduction of our ergonomic shaft, we want to please those, who don't stick with it. Therefore we created a straight shaft paddle, which comes really close to our Ergos advantages. With the Nitro we moved the blade more forward to achieve a more efficient stroke. It also improves the pressure build-up, moves the pressure point to the front and the reduces typical fluttering of a straight shaft paddle to a minimum.

**Length: 47 cm/18.5" | Width: 20 cm/7.9" | Weight: 0.99 kg/2.2 lb | Material: Carbon-Aramid | Sizes: Large . Small**

[LETTMANN.DE](http://LETTMANN.DE)



## SELECT PADDLES - WILD CARBON

Inspired by the W1, Select's new WILD carbon paddle offers every advantage expected by the most demanding whitewater riders. Lightweight for a high-velocity ratio, it features a thin edge for a perfect water catch, allowing for endurance that may pleasantly surprise you. Available as a single piece or two-part, in bent or straight shaft.

**Weight: 0.9 kg/2 lb | Dimensions: 47.5 x 19.8 cm . 49 x 20.5 cm . 50 x 20.5 cm/18.7 x 7.8" . 19.2 x 8" . 19.7x8" | Blade size: 625 cm<sup>2</sup>/97 in<sup>2</sup> . 675 cm<sup>2</sup>/105 in<sup>2</sup> . 715 cm<sup>2</sup>/110.8 in<sup>2</sup> | Material: Carbon**

[SELECT-PADDLES.COM](http://SELECT-PADDLES.COM)



## SELECT PADDLES - TRACK SW

Tailor-made for whitewater slalom, the TRACK SW is a paddle that combines smoothness and softness. Its light and stable blade enables precise positioning and offers an excellent grip for marked acceleration. Available in three blade sizes and as an adjustable or single-piece shaft.

**Weight:** 1 kg/2.2 lb | **Dimensions:** 47 x 19.5 cm . 47.6 x 20 cm . 48 x 20.5 cm/18.5 x 8" . 18.7 x 7.8" . 18.9 x 8" | **Blade size:** 650 cm<sup>2</sup>/100 in<sup>2</sup> . 680 cm<sup>2</sup>/105 in<sup>2</sup> . 700 cm<sup>2</sup>/108.5 in<sup>2</sup> | **Material:** Carbon

[SELECT-PADDLES.COM](http://SELECT-PADDLES.COM)



## SELECT PADDLES - PLAYER

The PLAYER is a high-resistance canoe-polo paddle, perfect for attackers. Its blade shape ensures an excellent grip for swift moves into the action. Two blade sizes available.

**Weight:** 1 kg/2.2 lb | **Dimensions:** 45.5 x 19.8 cm . 46 x 20.8 cm/17.9 x 7.8" . 18.1x8.1" | **Blade Size:** 680 cm<sup>2</sup>/105 in<sup>2</sup> . 725 cm<sup>2</sup>/112 in<sup>2</sup> | **Material:** Carbon

[SELECT-PADDLES.COM](http://SELECT-PADDLES.COM)



## SELECT PADDLES - W1

Select's flagship whitewater paddle, the W1, is a highly versatile paddle crafted for adventure. Exceptionally resilient, this multi-purpose paddle is designed to tackle any waters. The W1 standard features carbon-Kevlar blades and an ergonomic carbon shaft. Available in two blade sizes, with a straight or bent shaft as an adjustable or single piece.

**Weight:** 1 kg/2.2 lb | **Dimensions:** 46 x 20 cm . 47 x 20 cm/18.1 x 7.8" . 18.5 x 7.8" | **Blade Size:** 648 cm<sup>2</sup>/100 in<sup>2</sup> . 703 cm<sup>2</sup>/108.9 in<sup>2</sup> | **Material:** Carbon

[SELECT-PADDLES.COM](http://SELECT-PADDLES.COM)



## PRIJON - SAVA

Superlight and robust whitewater paddle with a pleasant handling. Immediately offers pressure when putting the blade in the water and enables you to powerful strokes. The midrib on the front side guides the blade stably through the water, while the rib with foam core on the rear side provides outstanding stiffness. With carbon-shaft on glass fiber, carbon and bent models as a standard feature!

**Lengths:** 190-207.5 cm | **Weight:** 0.98 kg/2.1 lb | **Material:** Glassfiber / Carbon | **Colors:** Red . Yellow . Carbon

[PRIJON.COM](http://PRIJON.COM)



## DOLLO - DEVIL CREEK

The Devil Creek is Dollo's versatile river paddle, suitable for Slalom Cross (world champion paddle with Joe Clarke) or freestyle (3rd place in the ICF World Championships with Tom Dolle). Inspired by the slalom paddle, it boasts exceptional durability, with the blade's edge reinforced with Dyneel for enhanced resistance against abrasion.

**Length:** 185 – 205 cm | **Surface:** S 700 cm<sup>2</sup> . M 724 cm<sup>2</sup> | **Weight:** S 880 g . M 900 g | **Shaft:** Carbon 29 mm | **Material:** Carbon foam core . Dyneel

[DOLLO-PAGAIES.FR](http://DOLLO-PAGAIES.FR)



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## MID RANGE

PROGRESSIVE TECHNOLOGY AND SHAPE, MID-RANGE PADDLES  
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### CEKR - SABI

The Sabi is robustly constructed but smooth in the water. The blade delivers stable forward strokes and powerful backstrokes without compromising on smooth sliding strokes. The unique rib system is engineered to create just the right amount of stiffness for good energy transfer while paddling, but it also allows for enough flexibility to absorb rock bashes without transferring the shock to your joints. The Sabi blades are injection glass fiber from tough Nylon 6 with some glass fill for added stiffness. Shaft options are carbon bend, carbon straight and glass straight.

**Length: 182cm - 206cm, 3cm increments | Angles: 0°, 15°, 30°, 45° | Weight: 1.06 kg/2.33 lb**

[CEKRGEAR.COM](http://CEKRGEAR.COM)



### SELECT PADDLES - WILD ALU

Inspired by the Wild Carbon, the WILD Alu paddle provides all the advantages sought by the most demanding whitewater kayakers. Its fine edges and its great lightness offers responsiveness and finesse of paddling without sacrificing its great power.

**Dimensions: 49 x 20.5 cm/19.3 x 8" | Blade size: 675 cm²/105 in² | Material: Fiberglass . Reinforced Carbon | Features: Quick Lock System**

[SELECT-PADDLES.COM](http://SELECT-PADDLES.COM)



### KOBER PADDLES - SPICY EFC

Whitewater paddle for ambitious paddlers with a penchant for propulsion. The stiff blades are set forward from the paddle shaft, allowing for an incredibly quick catch and thus powerful acceleration. The blades feature via a guide rib and a hydrodynamic blade back. The EFC full foam core saves weight and creates very good buoyancy.

**Length: 191, 194, 197, 200, 203 cm | Weight: 0.96 kg/2.1 lb (197cm) | Feather: 45° R/L | Blade size: 48 x 20 cm/18.9 x 7.8" | Shaft Straight: Fiberglass, Ø 30 mm, both sides oval | Split: T7 adjustable in length and feather possible (additional charge) | Blade Material: Fiberglass laminate, EFC, set forward | Color: Yellow-Green**

[KOBER-PADDEL.DE](http://KOBER-PADDEL.DE)



### VE PADDLES - CREEKER GLASS

A river-running paddle that is smooth and well-balanced. A more symmetrical shape and mid-sized blade area for control under pressure. Pre-preg glass fibre composite construction creates a tougher more hardwearing paddle. Available in straight and crank variants.

**Blade size: Small 650 cm²/100 in² . Standard 700 cm²/108.5 in² | Paddle length: 188 . 191 . 194 . 197 . 200 . 203 cm . Custom length available | Feather: 0 deg . 30 deg . 45 deg . Custom feather available | Grip orientation: RH . LH | Option of two piece splits | Blade colors: Yellow . Red**

[VEPADDLES.COM](http://VEPADDLES.COM)



### PALM EQUIPMENT - MAVERICK PRO PADDLE

The Maverick Pro glass-filled nylon blades and strong glass shaft make it a durable and dependable paddle, perfectly suited to newcomers, but also ideal for experienced paddlers looking for a good value, multi-purpose piece of equipment.

**Sizes: 194 . 197 . 200 cm | Colors: Black**

[PALMEQUIPMENTSUROP.COM](http://PALMEQUIPMENTSUROP.COM)



## SOUL WATERMAN - PROTON FREESTYLE

The new Powerstick Proton is based on the "bicycle grip" concept - but it's updated for modern technologies and paddling trends. The lighter Freestyle paddle is a kevlar/carbon blade construction, while the heavier and stronger Battle-Ax has kevlar/fiberglass blades. Non-slip ergonomic polyurethane grips are molded directly onto the shaft. We've reengineered the buoyant blade construction, so that what is usually the weak part of the back of the blade, is now significantly stronger than the similar type paddles of the past. We've also solved the blade swivel issue of older-type paddles. The overall effect is the same ergonomic feel of a bent shaft, without the inherent "twisted feeling" that comes from offsetting a blade from the shaft, on a paddle that has a relaxed spring to its power pull.

**Blade Size: 450 mm x 190 mm | Shaft Size: 20.5 mm | Grip Width (center to center): 680 mm | Feather: 30 deg | Weight: Freestyle 993 g . BattleAx 1140 g**

[SOULWATERMAN.COM](http://SOULWATERMAN.COM)



## SOUL WATERMAN - PROTON BATTLEAX

The new Powerstick Proton is based on the "bicycle grip" concept - but it's updated for modern technologies and paddling trends. The lighter Freestyle paddle is a kevlar/carbon blade construction, while the heavier and stronger Battle-ax has kevlar/S glass blades. Non-slip ergonomic polyurethane grips are molded directly onto the shaft. We've reengineered the buoyant blade construction, so that what is usually the weak part of the back of the blade, is now significantly stronger than the similar type paddles of the past. We've also solved the blade swivel issue of older-type paddles. The overall effect is the same ergonomic feel of a bent shaft, without the inherent "twisted feeling" that comes from offsetting a blade from the shaft, on a paddle that has a relaxed spring to its power pull.

**Blade Size: 450 mm x 190 mm | Shaft Size: 20.5 mm | Grip Width (center to center): 680 mm | Feather: 30 deg | Weight: Freestyle 993 g . BattleAx 1140 g**

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## ENTRY LEVEL

MADE IN A VARIETY OF SHAPES, ANGLES AND SIZES WITH PRICING ACCESSIBLE TO ALL PADDLERS.

## PALM EQUIPMENT - COLT PRO PADDLE

Designed for smaller paddlers, this lightweight paddle has asymmetric blades and a shorter aluminium shaft with a diameter suited to smaller hands.

**Blade size: 600 cm<sup>2</sup> | Paddle Length: 175 cm . 185 cm . 195 cm . 205 cm**

[PALMEQUIPMENTEUROPE.COM](http://PALMEQUIPMENTEUROPE.COM)



## KIDS

SMALLER BLADES AND SHAFTS FOR SMALLER HANDS AND GREATER PROGRESSION.

## SOUL WATERMAN - MICRON FIBERGLASS

The Micron is our step-up paddle for kids who are ready to move up from the Gremlin to a composite performance paddle. We've taken our tested and successful adult blade and scaled it down for kids. The Micron has a slightly buoyant blade, which offers increased support in aerated water, and a lightweight composite construction that is both durable and performing. The shaft is a small 20 mm diameter, so it has an organic flex feel to it, with grips that increase the shaft size to perfectly fit into kids' hands so they can paddle all day without fatigue. And finally, we have made the paddle highly visible, while keeping it classic and classy looking. Yeah, we like the day glow orange and yellow, but it's there for safety. A highly visible paddle is an effective communication tool, and it's easy to find after you drop it playing in your favorite wave.

**Length: 160-170 cm and 170-180 cm | Blade size: 170 mm x 405 mm | Shaft Size: 20.5 mm | Grip size: 28 mm | Materials: Fiber Glass . Carbon Kevlar**

[SOULWATERMAN.COM](http://SOULWATERMAN.COM)



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### REC & TOURING

Caribou	caribou.pl
Clearwater design	clearwaterdesignboats.com
DAG	dag-kayak.com
Delsyk design	rotoattivo.eu
Gatz	gatz.com
Galaxy kayaks	official.galaxykayaks.eu
Hobie	hobie.com
Islander kayaks	islanderkayaks.com
Lettmann	lettmann.de
RTM	rtmkayaks.com
RPI kayak	polyrotogroup.com
Tahe	tahesport.com
Venture kayaks	venturecanoes.com

### COLLAPSIBLE

Aquadesign	aquadesign.eu
Aqua marina	aquamarina.com
GATZ	gatz.com
Gumotex	gumotexboats.com
Hobie	hobie.com
Kokopelli	paddle-people.com
Nautiraid	nautiraid.com
Nortik	faltboot.de
NRS	nrs.com
Pakboats	faltboot.de
Spinera	spinera.com
Stellar	liteventure.de
Tahe	tahesport.com
Terravent	alouetteoutdoor.com
Triton advanced	faltboot.de
Verano watersports	veranowatersports.com
Wattsup	watt-sup.com
WTX	wtx.cz
Zelgear	zelgear.eu

### KAYAK FISHING

Big mama kayak	bigmamakayak.it
Feel free kayaks	feelfreekayak.eu
Galaxy kayaks	galaxykayaks.eu
Hobie	hobie.com
Native watercraft	nativewatercraft.com
RTM	rtmkayaks.com
Tahe	tahesport.com
Vibe kayaks	vibekayaks.com

### SEA KAYAK

Arctic watersport	arcticwatersport.fi
DAG	dag-kayak.com
Dagger kayaks	dagger.com
Designkayaks	designkayaks.com
Eco kayak	ecokayak.eu
Edge kayak	edgekayak.com
Kape	kape-kayak.com
Lettmann	lettmann.de
Melker of sweden	melkerofsweden.se
Nelo	dag-kayak.com
Norse kayaks	norkeskayaks.com
Prijon	prijon.com
P&H sea kayaks	phseakayaks.com
Rainbow kayaks	rainbowkayaks.com
RPI kayak	polyrotogroup.com
Seaflo	seaflooutdoor.com
Skim	liteventure.de
Vajda	shop.vajdagroup.com
Woo outrigger	woo-outrigger.com
Zegul	zegulkayaks.com

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Arctic watersport	arcticwatersport.fi
Beaver canoes	canoebeaver.com
Clearwater design	clearwaterdesignboats.com
Gatz	gatz.com
Lettmann	lettmann.de
Rotoattivo	rotoattivo.eu
RPI kayak	polyrotogroup.com
Venture canoes	venturecanoes.com

### WHITEWATER

DAG	dag-kayak.com
Dagger kayaks	dagger.com
Dragorossi	dragorossi.com
Exo kayak	exokayak.com
Jackson kayak	jacksonkayak.com
Lettmann	lettmann.de
Liquidlogic	liquidlogickayaks.com
Prijon	prijon.com
Pyranha kayaks	pyranha.com
Rpi kayak	polyrotogroup.com
RTM	rtmkayaks.com
Soul waterman	soulwaterman.com
Spade kayaks	spadekayaks.com
ZET	zetkayak.com

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### CRUISER

Aqua marina	aquamarina.com
Coasto	shop.coasto.eu
Indiana	indiana-paddlesurf.ch/en
Jbay zone	jbay.zone
NRS	nrs.com
RTM	rtmkayaks.com
SIC	sicmaui.com
Tahe	tahesport.com
Wattsup	watt-sup.com

### DISTANCE

Aqua marina	aquamarina.com
Indiana	indiana-paddlesurf.ch/en
Mint lama	mintlama.ch
NRS	nrs.com
SIC	sicmaui.com

### RIVER SUP

Aqua marina	aquamarina.com
Indiana	indiana-paddlesurf.ch/en
Level six	levelsix.eu
NRS	nrs.com

### HYBRIDS & SPECIALS

Ecool	ecoolsmart.com
Tahe	tahesport.com

### MEGACRAFT

Aqua marina	aquamarina.com
Aquaglide	aquaglide.com
Aztron	aztronsports.com
Coran sup	soulwaterman.com
F2	f2.com
Funwater	funwaterboard.com
Hobie	hobie.com
Indiana	indiana-paddlesurf.ch/en
Jbay zone	jbay.zone
Lite venture	aquamarina.com
Mint lama	mintlama.ch
Nawaka	funwaterboard.com
RTM	rtmkayaks.com
SIC	sicmaui.com
Tahe	tahesport.com
Watersport concept	watersportconcept.com

### YOGA & FITNESS

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Aquatone	aquatone.com
Funwater	funwaterboard.com
Hobie	hobie.com
Jbay zone	jbay.zone
Lite venture	aquamarina.com
Mint lama	mintlama.ch

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Aqua Bound	aquabound.com
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Cekr	cekrgear.com
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Eastpole Paddles	eastpolepaddles.com
Kajak Sport	kajaksport.fi
Kober Paddles	kober-paddle.de
Lettmann	lettmann.de
Palm Equipment	palmequipementurope.com
Select Paddles	select-paddles.com
Tahe	taheoutdoors.com
TNP	tnp.cz
VE Paddles	vepaddles.com
Wavedesign	wavedesign.com

### CANOE

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Palm Equipment	palmequipementurope.com
Profiplast	profiplast.cz
Ve Paddles	vepaddles.com
Wavedesign	wavedesign.com

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Aqua Marina	aquamarina.com
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SIC	sicmaui.com
Select Paddles	select-paddles.com
TNP	tnp.cz
Wavedesign	wavedesign.com

### WHITEWATER

Aqua Bound	aquabound.com
Cekr	cekrgear.com
Dollo	dollo-pagaies.fr
Kober Paddles	kober-paddle.de
Lettmann	lettmann.de
Palm Equipment	palmequipementurope.com
Prijon	prijon.com
Select Paddles	select-paddles.com
Soul Waterman	soulwaterman.com
VE Paddles	vepaddles.com

## APPAREL & EQUIPMENT

### WOMEN'S -

#### SPECIFIC DRY/SPLASH GEAR

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Kokatat	kokatat.com
Level Six	levelsix.eu
NRS	nrs.com
Palm Equipment	palmequipementurope.com
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Hiko	hikosport.com
Kokatat	kokatat.com
Level Six	levelsix.eu
NRS	nrs.com
Palm Equipment	palmequipementurope.com
Peak Ps	peakuk.com
Sandiline	sandiline.com
Spade Kayaks	spadekayaks.com
YAK	yakadventureequipment.com

### NEOPRENE

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Kokatat	kokatat.com
Level Six	levelsix.eu
NRS	nrs.com
Palm Equipment	palmequipementurope.com
Prado Sportswear	pradosportswear.com
Shark Skin	sharkskin.com

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NRS	nrs.com
Palm Equipment	palmequipementurope.com
HELMETS	
Aquadesign	aquadesign.eu
Palm Equipment	palmequipementurope.com
Peak Ps	peakuk.com
Sandiline	sandiline.com
Sweet Protection	sweetprotection.com
WRSI	nrs.com

### PFDS

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Baltic	baltic.se
Hiko	hikosport.com
Kokatat	kokatat.com
Neokudo	secumar.com
NRS	nrs.com
Palm Equipment	palmequipementurope.com
Peak Ps	peakuk.com
Secumar	secumar.com

### SPRAYDECKS

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Palm Equipment	palmequipementurope.com
Stormm Ride	stormmride.com

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