



## BLUEWAVE INFLATABLE CANOE

### INSTRUCTIONS OF USE AND OWNER'S MANUAL

#### ABOUT US

Bluewave has been manufacturing kayaks for many years and are a well known supplier of rigid leisure kayaks across the UK. The Bluewave Team loves getting out on the water, whether in a hard hulled or inflatable kayak, a paddle board or iSUP, and strive to provide the best equipment on the market to enable others to do the same. Our sense of adventure and enthusiasm for the industry is ever growing. We work with the highest grade materials and construction techniques to provide cutting edge, durable watercraft. Our products come with a standard 12 month warranty against manufacturing defects.

#### CONTACT US

We are a family run business and hold to the ideals of our founder. We recognise the value of each and every one of our customers, and wish to reciprocate the support given to us by remaining accessible and contactable to chat through concerns, questions or special requests when ordering.

#### PRODUCT

**Model: Bluewave Inflatable Canoe**

**INFLATE TO 10PSI**

WARRANTY: 12 months warranty against manufacturing defects.

#### SAFETY - WARNING

**THIS CANOE HAS NOT BEEN DESIGNED FOR WHITE WATER USE.**



#### SAFETY GUIDE

**NEVER ALLOW CHILDREN TO USE THE CANOE WITHOUT SUPERVISION.**

Kayaking or canoeing is one of the most popular sports in the UK and Ireland. Water safety should be paramount from the moment you consider going out on the water in any craft. Regardless of whether you are a seasoned pro or novice, familiarise yourself with potential risks and water safety procedures so you can paddle safely. As the popularity of kayaking and paddle based sports has increased, so have the number of rescue incidents reported. In many cases, paddlers were unable to call for help themselves.

**STAYING SAFE** - Always carry a means of calling for help and keep it within reach. Phones should be carried in water tight cases within easy reach NOT locked in storage compartments. Consider carrying alternative communication devices and flares if you are going some distance off shore.

Remember not all coastal areas have a mobile phone signal so consider other means of communicating should you get into any difficulty such as a waterproof VHF radio, Personal Locator Beacon (PLB), GSM tracker with a SOS function. Other safe practices include:

- Wearing a floatation device.
- Checking weather and tides.
- Telling someone where you are going and when you will be back.
- Don't paddle alone.
- Always carry drinking water and snacks.
- Wearing appropriate clothing for the conditions. Be aware of hypothermia and store additional waterproof and warm clothing for your trip in a dry bag. Wear a wetsuit or drysuit if warranted.
- Using sunscreen.
- Carrying a waterproof first aid kit.
- Carrying a tow line, whistle, spare floatation device, flares and drybag.
- **UNDERTAKING TRAINING:** Contact your local canoe club. You can get coaching sessions and training from the British Canoeing Club: [www.britishcanoeing.org.uk](http://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk).

**REMEMBER:** Some waterways require a licence - check before setting out.

**ALWAYS CHECK YOUR CRAFT BEFORE VENTURING OUT ON WATER.** Check your equipment is ready for the water and has adequate buoyancy if capsized before setting out. Whilst this craft is extremely durable and hardy, it is always best to make sure you are carrying your repair kit and a mobile pump.

## INCLUDED ACCESSORIES

- Inflatable canoe
- 3x paddles
- aluminium seats
- Wheeled carry bag / backpack
- Fin
- Two-way speed pump
- Repair kit



## INSTRUCTIONS OF USE

### PREPARATION

Choose an area large enough to unfold the canoe, ensuring the space is free of hazards which could damage the canoe or cause injury. The working pressure for the floor and the walls is 10 PSI. The back of the canoe can be identified by the presence of the inflation valves and drain.

### VALVES

The Bluewave canoe has a valve for each side chamber and the floor. Remove the cap by twisting a 1/4 turn to access the valve. The button in the middle of the valve has two positions - to let the air in or out. Click the button to change the function. At first use, the button should be set for inflation. This mode also keeps the air inside the chamber. To deflate, push the button. Before next inflation, push the button again to change to inflation. After finishing, reattach the valve cap.



## INFLATION

The Bluewave canoe has 3 valves for each side chamber and the floor. Firstly, inflate the floor to **10 PSI** and attach the closing cap. Secondly, inflate the walls also to 10 PSI and secure with caps. *The pump has both inflation and deflation modes depending on which side you are using.*

In extremely warm weather you may wish to let some of the air out when not using to allow for hot air expansion. **AVOID** over inflation as this will lead to your warranty being declared invalid.

The high volume pump comes with a pressure gauge and an inflate inlet. The pressure gauge will not move until you have reached the minimum PSI. You should feel the resistance in the pump when you start to reach the correct PSI. The highest recommended PSI pressure will achieve the best performance in your canoe.



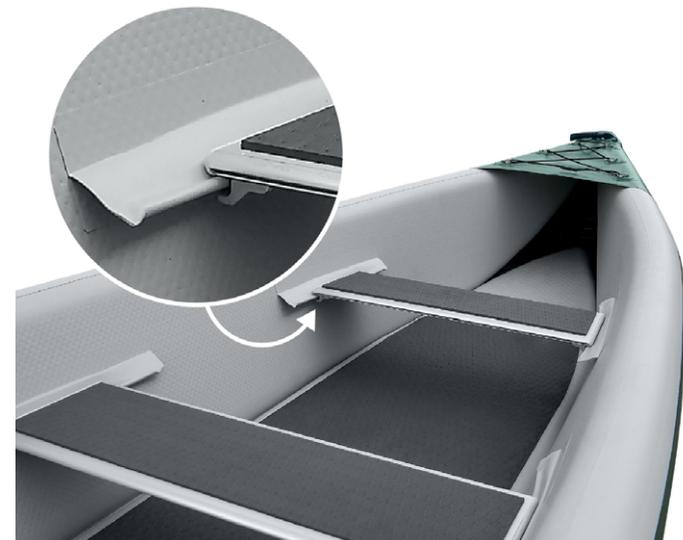
### DRAIN

The drain is located in the back of the canoe and is a convenient way to empty accumulated water from paddle splash and rain. Only open the drain on shore.

**WARNING:** The drain is not intended for use while on water.

### SEATS

Attach the seats by sliding them into their tracks. When both sides of the seat are in place, this causes pressure onto the sides of the canoe making the seat extra stable.



### **SKEG/FIN**

Turn the canoe over and slide the skeg/fin into the base. It will only slide in one way. Slide the locking tab into its groove until it clicks into place. Do not let the canoe lay on the attached fin to avoid damaging the fin.



### **DEFLATION**

Make sure that the canoe is fully dry before folding and stowing.

Remove all seats, skeg/fin etc. To deflate, push the button in the middle of the valve. Use your two-way pump on the deflating side to deflate the canoe from the remaining air.

**WARNING: DO NOT PLACE FACE DIRECTLY OVER VALVE AS AIR ESCAPES AT FORCE AND COULD BE DANGEROUS.**

Once you have deflated the canoe, fold the walls over the base first so the canoe is ready for a compact, tight fold. Always make sure the skeg/fin slide base is pushed down flat to prevent it from bending and becoming misshapen.

### **PROTECTION FROM HEAT**

Avoid leaving the boat in direct sunlight when ashore. Temperatures on a beach, dock, davit, etc. can get very high, which could affect the vinyl or glue. Excessive exposure to sun and heat can cause your Cruiser to become sticky or cause the glue to fail.

### **STORAGE**

The best way to store your inflatable canoe is dry in its bag. Always check for water in chambers when you are folding your canoe. Dry thoroughly to prevent mould developing during storage. Keep in a dry, cool storage area. Avoid direct sunlight, attics and metal sheds.

### **REPAIRS**

Your canoe is supplied with a repair kit which includes glue, mixing spoon and patching material.

We use a PVC glue specifically for PVC boats. Epoxy, waterproofing sprays and Gorilla Glue do not work.

**TIP:** The smaller the patch, the easier the repair. Most repairs fail due to the patch being too big.

**TIP FOR FINDING A LEAK:** You'll need a bucket and washing up liquid. Fill the bucket with clear water and add a good squirt of soap (couple of tablespoons) to the water. Inflate the leaking chamber to full pressure. Spread lots of soapy water on the leaking chamber with a hand towel or large sponge. Don't assume the leak is coming from the valve or seams. The leak may produce bubbles, make hissing or sputtering noises, or spray water.

Once you have located the leak you can judge the size of the patch required. Use a coin as a template, mark its outline on the patching material and cut out a patch using a scalpel or sharp scissors.

Take the same template, trace an outline on some masking tape and cut this shape out with a scalpel. Place the masking tape with the cut out section over the puncture on the canoe with the puncture in the centre of the cut out. This is now your guide for placing the patch.

Once you have glued the patch to the boat, remove the masking tape immediately and smooth the patch with a finger to remove any air bubbles. Heat the patch with a hair dryer for 10-20 seconds and smooth again.