

Storage and Maintenance

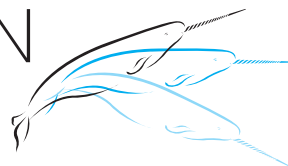
End-of-Season Checklist

Light maintenance is recommended to beautify your kayak before winter storage. Why? Because when the first hints of warm sunshine herald the arrival of spring, you will wish for only one thing: to go paddling!

Make sure that you:

	Clean your kayak using mild soap.
	Check your rudder or skeg mechanism.
	Check your steel rudder cables.
	Check the pedals and footrests to make sure they function properly.
	Check shock cords and replace them if necessary.
	Check the screws and o-rings.
	Check the silicone seals.
	Loosen the compartment covers to avoid compressing seals.
	Check the compartment straps.
	Inspect the hulls and make any necessary repairs.
	Rinse the sliders, pedals, footrests and rudder pulley to remove salt and sand.
	Clean the rudder blade in fresh water to prevent salt from tarnishing its finish.
	Rinse the shock cords and compartment covers inside and out.
	On the Saguenay model, always rinse and dry the neoprene skirts covering compartments to avoid damage by salt.
	On the Pakesso with skeg, the Fjord with skeg and Ellesmere models, rinse the skeg box to remove any accumulation of sand that could block the mechanism.
	Rinse the control knob on the Pakesso with skeg, Fjord with skeg and Ellesmere to avoid accumulation of salt or sand.
	Apply a coat of Protector 303 to your kayak and o-rings.
	Make sure that your kayak is dry before packaging or placing it in a closed bag.
	Make sure that the storage space and method of storage used is adequate.
	Check your PFD (personal floatation device).
	Check your paddle: if it is a two-piece assembly, rinse and disassemble it for winter storage.
	Check your pump and paddle float.
	Clean and dry your floating line.
	Clean your wetsuit and other gear.

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