



## Owner's manual

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### DRAKE INFLATABLE CATAMARAN

#### Preparing the vessel

- 1) spread the cataraft and inflate both side air chambers to 50 %,
- 2) thread aluminum thwarts through the centre strap, slide them into the floor sleeve and join them together,
- 3) thread thigh strap ends onto the thwarts and place them into slots. Make sure the strap is not twisted and the strap metal clip is facing upward. Fully inflate side air chambers.
- 4) tie the seat to your height. Ideally, your legs should be slightly bent and propped against the thwart while your back is upright against the backrest. Finally, place thigh straps over your knees.
- 5) Attach additional deck by securing it with a system of hooks into D-rings.

Warning! It is essential that you decrease air pressure in all air chambers when the vessel is used in direct sun! Should you fail to do so irreversible damage might be caused to the vessel due to increased air pressure.

#### Using thigh straps

Thigh straps are designed for paddling while kneeling down on whitewater and help the paddler remain attached to the vessel. Before using thigh straps make sure you are 100% confident and familiar with their use. Should your vessel capsize just stretch your legs to disengage thigh straps and set yourself free.

#### Packing the vessel

- 1) untie the seat and detach additional deck,
- 2) decrease air pressure and take out aluminum thwarts,
- 3) clean and dry the vessel thoroughly,

- 4) after deflation, side air chambers should lie flat down with top edges facing one another. Place one side air chamber on top of the other and fold them.

#### Repairing the vessel

For minor defects use a repair kit included with your vessel or similar adhesives designed for gluing soft PVC materials.

Treat both surfaces with acetone, apply a thin layer of glue, leave it until glue goes tacky a glue the surfaces together.

Note for gluing outdoors: repairing defects outdoors might be tricky due to volatile adhesive vapors which can form atmospheric moisture, thus hindering proper gluing result. Therefore it is vital that you safely reheat the surface after leaving the glue to dry for 5 minutes.

Warning! You are using a highly flammable Class 1 substance! Also, the vessel itself is flammable. When at home, consider using a hairdryer for reheating surfaces.

For major defects contact the manufacturer. Do not expose the repair kit to direct sunlight and/or naked flames. Low temperatures below 18°C cause the glue to harden, thus making it difficult to apply. Therefore it is necessary that you reheat it before use, e.g. by placing it into a warm water container.