



 **Pelican™**  
CANOE OWNER'S MANUAL



## WELCOME!

Thank you for choosing a Pelican canoe. This craft was built according to stringent quality standards and with our 40 years of acquired expertise. We hope your experience with our product will be pleasant and rewarding. Please take some time to read the content of this manual so that you may draw maximum satisfaction from the product. We believe Pelican canoes offer incomparable value.

We hope that you will take full advantage of your recent purchase.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Model

Date of Purchase

Dealer Name

Registration No.

Province/State

Model No.

Serial No. (ZEP)

## HOW TO LOCATE THE SERIAL NUMBER

*The serial number is located on the outside of the hull in the back right-hand corner. The number starts with ZEP and is twelve (12) digits long.*  
**Example: ZEP12345A678**



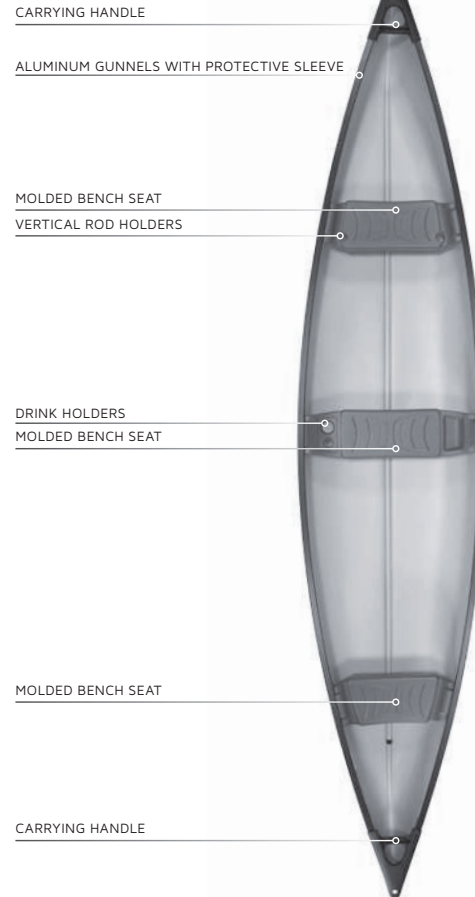
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## YOUR CANOE

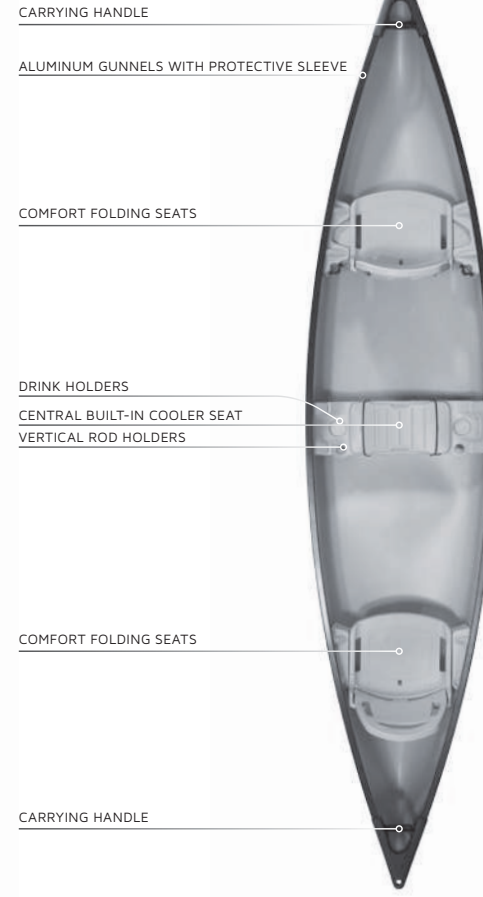
Take some time to learn about the various components of your canoe.

*Note: Not all models include or come equipped with all the parts shown.*

### MODEL SHOWN: PELICAN 15.5



### MODEL SHOWN: EXPLORER 14.6 DLX



## GETTING STARTED

Please read all the instructions in this owner's manual. Keep this manual in a safe place for future reference if necessary. The manual consists of:

### 1. Important information

There is a space provided at the beginning of the manual to record important information about your canoe (page 2). This information will come in handy if you need to contact our customer service department.

### 2. Warranty registration card

As outlined in the warranty section (page 7), you can register your warranty online at our website ([www.pelicansport.com](http://www.pelicansport.com)) or by mail by filling out and returning the registration card. You can find the registration card in the center of this manual. (page 9).

### 3. Manufacturer's Declaration of Origin

Certain governments require a Manufacturer's Declaration of Origin to complete the registration. The declaration is located in the center of this manual (page 8).

## MATERIALS/MANUFACTURING

Your canoe is made of Ram-X™. Its great flexibility offers exceptional shock resistance. This flexibility increases with heat or with the craft's prolonged exposure to the sun but may also slightly warp the hull. The warping disappears when the hull cools and never affects the craft's performance.

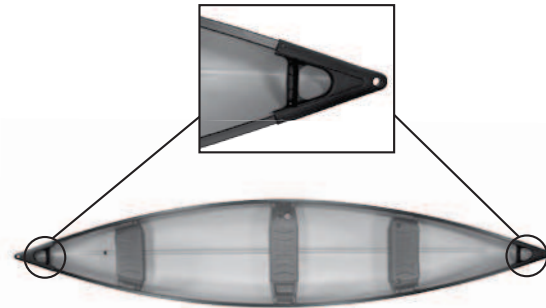


Ram-X™ is a superior material that was developed and registered in 1978. It quickly became the benchmark of quality in the industry thanks to its shock resistance and ability to regain its initial shape following an impact. Widely hailed by consumers, Ram-X™ is a step above other materials used in the industry.

## TRANSPORTATION

The carrying handles at both ends help in the transportation of the canoe by hand. These handles should not be used to fasten the canoe onto a vehicle.

- Make sure the canoe is firmly tied down, whether on a vehicle or trailer.
- Before setting out, make sure all accessories have been removed and packed into the vehicle to avoid damaging or losing them.



## PRE-LAUNCH CHECKLIST

- All passengers are wearing an approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD).
- Emergency paddle(s) or oar(s) are on board.
- There is an emergency kit (extinguisher, horn, extra fuses, first aid kit, etc.) aboard.
- Motor(s) and battery are in good order (*if applicable*).
- If using a gasoline outboard motor, always attach it to the canoe with a canoe motor mount (*if applicable*).
- All weight is properly distributed.
- Always have one buoyant heaving line at least 15m (49'3") long and one bailer or manual bilge pump (or bilge-pumping arrangements).

## LAUNCHING PROCEDURE

- All straps or tie-downs have been removed.
- You step into the center of the boat when boarding, to assure that the boat remains stable.
- Never board by stepping onto the gunnel.

## TRIM ADJUSTMENTS (IF APPLICABLE)

### Square back canoes only:

- Different load conditions may require different trim angle settings. When the drive unit (propeller) is closest to the transom, it will tend to push the bow down when power is applied. If the bow digs excessively into the water, shift some of the weight to the stern and/or move the propeller further away from the transom. On the contrary, if the propeller is too far from the transom, the bow will rise excessively when power is applied. In this case, move some weight forward in the canoe and/or bring the propeller closer to the transom.
- Performance depends on the relation between proper weight distribution, trim angle and engine horsepower.

## MOORING/DOCKING

- Always moor boat away from rocks or sharp objects.
- Make sure that the motor is raised before mooring (if applicable).
- Always moor your boat in water that is deep enough so that the bottom hull does not get damaged.
- Never moor boat against a dock without proper protection (bumpers) for the sides of the hull.

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE

The best way to clean your canoe is to wash it with lukewarm water and mild soap. Do not use harsh abrasives. Regular cleaning will keep your canoe looking like new. Never attempt to paint the canoe because it will not stick to the hull. If the aluminum gunnels oxidize from exposure, occasionally clean them with a good aluminum cleaner/polish.

## STORAGE

- The best way to store your canoe is to simply set it on a flat surface. Never store it on sawhorses.
- If outdoors, cover it with a tarpaulin.
- Do not leave straps or ropes tightly wound around the hull for any extended period of time, especially in warmer weather.
- The hull surface, much as the exterior finish of a car, will better retain its appearance if not exposed to the sun while in long-term storage.

## CAUTION

*Gravel and small rocks tend to accumulate beneath the keelson. Unless removed, these small rocks can wear a hole in the hull. As often as possible, turn the boat on its side and while pushing the bottom away from keelson wash out any rocks or gravel.*

### SQUARE BACK CANOES

*Some water may accumulate between the hull and liner due to paddling, or rain. This is not a defect. To drain, tip the canoe on its bow.*

## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

### WARNING

We suggest that you read the information below before using the boat. Failure to follow the warnings/precautions below may lead to serious injury or death. Paddle sports can be dangerous and physically demanding. Participating in paddle sports may put you at risk of serious injury or death. You should receive qualified instructions to learn proper paddling techniques, water safety, and first aid before going boating.

#### 1. **Weather and water conditions**

Check the weather and water conditions before you go boating. Your boat is designed to be used only in sheltered waters, lakes, and slow moving streams. It is not designed for whitewater use. Never go paddling in severe winds, rain, thunderstorms, choppy waters, strong currents, flood waters, or where tides will seriously affect your ability to steer the boat or return to shore.

#### 2. **Every passenger should always wear a Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) when using this boat.**

Before going paddling, read the PFD manufacturer's information pamphlet regarding the PFD and thoroughly familiarize yourself with how the PFD is to be worn.

#### 3. **Never use or consume alcohol, drugs, or any other substance that may affect your coordination, judgment or ability to safely operate the boat.**

#### 4. **Sound device**

The Coast Guard requires boaters to have a means of signaling other boaters of their presence. You should keep a sound device in the boat with you at all times. If possible, attach the sound device to your Personal Flotation Device.

#### 5. **Never stand up in the boat**

Standing up in the boat may cause it to capsize. If the boat should capsize, please note that, in most cases, it is far more dangerous to attempt to swim to shore than to stay with the boat.

#### 6. **Never exceed your ability**

Honestly assess your physical capability as to how far and how long you can paddle and swim.

#### 7. **Slippery when wet**

The hull material is extremely slick when wet. Always wear slip-resistant shoes and stay in the center of the boat.

#### 8. **Hypothermia**

Boating accidents in cold water are very dangerous. Hypothermia, the loss of body heat due to immersion in cold water, can be deadly. Survival time can be as short as 15 minutes in 35°F (2°C) water. Dress appropriately for weather conditions, wearing a wet or dry suit if necessary.

#### 9. **Never paddle alone**

It is best to have someone with you in case of an emergency or accident. Also, always tell someone your boating plans, including where you are going, how long you'll be gone, and how many people you'll be with.

#### 10. **Never allow minors to use this boat without adult supervision**

#### 11. **Always familiarize yourself with the body of water where you will be paddling.**

Learn what hours boating is permitted, whether there are any known hazardous conditions and where you can get help quickly in case of emergency or accident.

#### 12. **Always abide by all Coast Guard regulations and State and local laws, regulations, ordinances, and rules concerning boating and boating safety.**

Check with the Coast Guard and State and local authorities concerning proper boat handling and the proper equipment to be carried on board, such as lights and sound-producing devices.

#### 13. **Motor (if applicable)**

Never use a motor larger than rated on capacity tag displayed on the boat. Follow instructions that come with motor. Handle gasoline with extreme care. Avoid sudden maneuvers which could cause loss of control, and capsizing, or passengers to fall from the boat.

#### 14. **Weight capacity**

Review the passenger and weight capacity limitations. Ensure the loading will be within these limits. Proper distribution of weight is necessary to ensure proper balance (trim) and performance. Each boat has capacity tag clearly displayed on the craft.

#### 15. **Emergency paddle(s)**

Always bring an emergency paddle or oar on board.

## EXTENDED LIMITED WARRANTY



Your canoe is built of superior materials and in accordance to stringent quality standards. With adequate maintenance, it will give you years of reliable use. **But as with most products, it is subject to wear and tear. If you eventually need replacement parts, technical assistance or product/service information, please contact our Customer Service Department (1-800-463-6960), having ready at hand the product's model name and serial number ZEP, as well as the date and place of purchase.**

The present warranty is only valid if the original buyer registered the warranty within the thirty (30) day period immediately following the date of purchase. Registration can be done either electronically via our website ([www.pelicansport.com](http://www.pelicansport.com)), or by completing and returning the accompanying registration card (page 9).

**Pelican International Inc.'s warranty is valid only if the product is used for its intended purposes and for which it was designed.**

Product component parts and accessories are warranted for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase against defects in workmanship and/or materials.

The hull and deck are warranted for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase against defects in workmanship and/or materials and suitable for its intended purpose. Only by returning your warranty and registration card on time you will extend your hull and deck warranty to two (2) years.

## THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER:

- boats used for rental or other commercial use
- products that have been damaged by negligence, misuse or accident, or wear due to owner's failure to provide reasonable and necessary maintenance
- products which have been modified or repaired by unauthorized persons
- change in appearance of boat due to wear, exposure or any other environmental condition

During the warranty period Pelican International Inc. is obliged only to repair or replace, at its discretion, the above mentioned parts, at either its manufacturing plant, or at an authorized dealer store or service center, as decided by Pelican International Inc.

Transportation costs back to the appointed place of repair or replacement are at the expense of the consumer. Pelican is not responsible for any damages incurred in transport, for storing or transportation fees, nor for inconvenience or loss of time or money while repairs are being made.

Any return or repair of boats must be accompanied by an authorization number obtained by your dealer and which can only be issued by calling Pelican's Customer Service Department between 9 am and 5 pm Eastern Standard Time at 1-800-463-6960. The return of any Pelican boat will not be accepted by Pelican International Inc. without this authorization number.

This warranty is the sole and exclusive warranty by Pelican International Inc. in connection with its above mentioned boats and Pelican International Inc. makes no warranties or representations, expressed or implied (including warranties of merchantability and of fitness for a particular purpose) in such connection except as specifically set in this warranty.

All incidental and/or consequential damages are excluded from this warranty. Implied warranties are limited to the life of this warranty. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts or the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you. This warranty gives you special legal rights, and you may also have other legal rights which may vary from state to state.

**MANUFACTURER'S DECLARATION OF ORIGIN**

Sold in the State/Province of \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned manufacturer hereby certifies that the new boat described below, the property of said manufacturer, has been transferred on this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

on invoice no.: \_\_\_\_\_

to: \_\_\_\_\_

- Dealer name \_\_\_\_\_
- Address \_\_\_\_\_
- City \_\_\_\_\_
- State/Province \_\_\_\_\_
- Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

The manufacturer further certifies that this was the first transfer of said new boat in ordinary trade and commerce, and that all information given herein is true and accurate to the best of his knowledge.

Name of manufacturer: Pelican International Inc., 1000 Place Paul-Kane,  
Laval (Quebec) Canada H7C 2T2

Authorized by:

  
Christian Elie, President

**CANOE DESCRIPTION**

- Serial number: ZEP \_\_\_\_\_
- Model year: \_\_\_\_\_
- Model name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Length: \_\_\_\_\_





**IMPORTANT**

To validate the warranty, proceed to its registration within the thirty (30) days immediately following the product's purchase date. Registration can be done electronically via our website (www.pelicansport.com).

You can also complete and return the present registration card to the following address:

**Customer Service, Pelican International Inc.**  
1000 Place Paul-Kane  
Laval (Quebec) Canada H7C 2T2

**WARRANTY REGISTRATION CARD**



Product registration

Date of Purchase: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Serial number: ZEP \_\_\_\_\_

Dealer/Store Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dealer/Store Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## OUTFITTING AND FEATURES

Learn more about some of the key features of your canoe.

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### CENTRAL BUILT-IN COOLER SEAT

More than a place to sit, this multi-tasking bench seat offers built-in storage, two drink holders and two rod holders.



### COMFORT FOLDING SEATS

This durable seat ensures the optimal paddling position so you can paddle in comfort. Its seat back folds for easy transport.



### VERTICAL ROD HOLDERS

The perfect place to store and position fishing rods. Can be used for trolling or multi-rod fishing.

