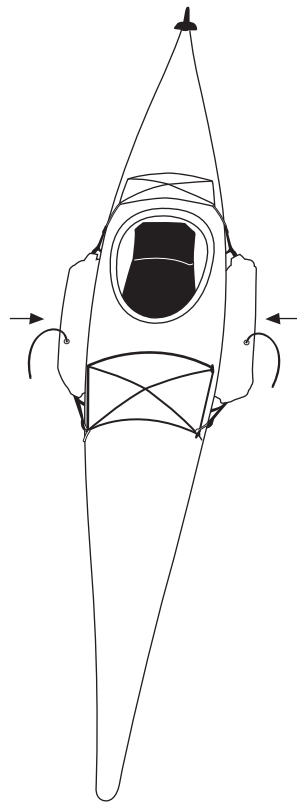
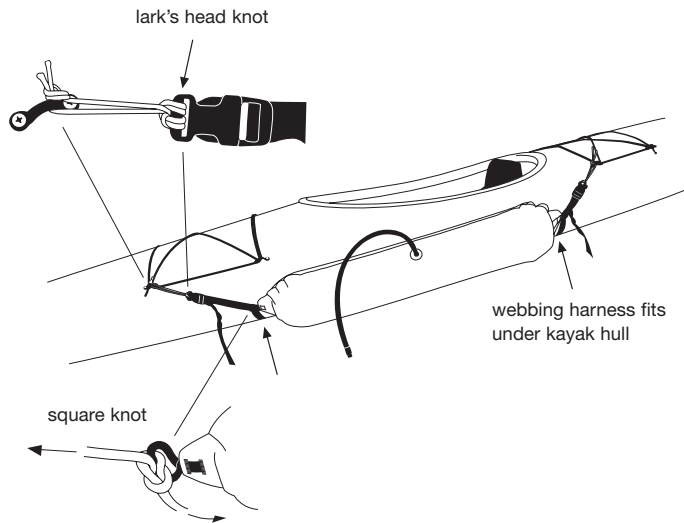


Feathercraft Self Rescue Sponsons

PACKAGE INCLUDES

2 sponsons / 2 lengths of webbing / 4 side release buckles / cord



Your Self Rescue Sponson bag should always be clipped to the kayak deck at the first point of deployment, ready for use. To be prepared for an emergency, practice how to use this rescue tool in calm waters.

Harness Installation

The webbing supplied is to create a harness for the sponsons, fitting an approximate kayak beam of 23". The sponsons are to align with the cockpit of your kayak. The webbing harness fits under the kayak hull.

Thread webbing through ends of sponson until both are at mid-point. Move each sponson about 10 inches from mid-point (about 20 inches apart). Tie a knot to secure at the ends of each sponson.

Deck Fittings

Cut four equal lengths of the white cord, 18 inches long. (Flame ends of cord with a lighter to prevent fraying.) Fold cord in half and tie a lark's head knot to female buckle and turn. Tie this buckle to deck fitting using the overhand knot. Thread the male buckle onto the webbing extending from each sponson.

Fit to Kayak

Center the sponsons between deck fittings so the lengths of webbing between buckle and sponson are all equal. This ensures sponsons are fully reversible, either one fitting either side of the kayak. Sponson hose faces away from kayak. Webbing strap/harness fits the hull of the kayak. Attach buckle on sponson to buckle tied to deck fitting, allowing the full length of the sponson to extend along the side of the kayak. Sponsons should be snug to the kayak.

Tie an overhand stopper knot in the free end of the webbing, and 2" behind each male buckle end to prevent loss. Cut excess webbing about 4" behind the stopper knot. Flame ends. In the event a buckle fails you will have enough webbing to tie directly to the deck fitting.

In calm, safe and controlled conditions, evaluate fit and positioning. Sponsons should be at least half immersed for increased stability, minimum drag while paddling, and reserve buoyancy for re-entry.

To Prepare for a Self Rescue

Clip the sponson bag to the stern deck. Clip one end of sponson to buckle tied to deck fitting at stern, ready for use. After a capsize, wet exit the kayak. Do not right kayak. Pull sponsons from bag clipped to stern deck. Completely install the sponson closest to you, pulling sponson forward and attaching to clip on bow deck fitting. Half inflate sponson. Throw the other sponson over the hull of the kayak. Right the kayak by pulling it towards you. Attach sponson to buckles at bow and stern. Completely inflate both sponsons. Re-enter kayak by straddling stern and pulling yourself forward, keeping your center of gravity low. Pump out the kayak.