

# BayLee Rafts

for River

made in Canada by *Feathercraft*<sup>TM</sup>

# River BayLee

## Inflation Bag

(standard with BL1 only)



## Air Pump

(ships with self bailing models)



Fill Adaptor  
and twist valve  
connector



## Boat Valve



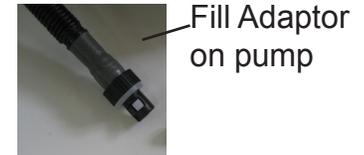
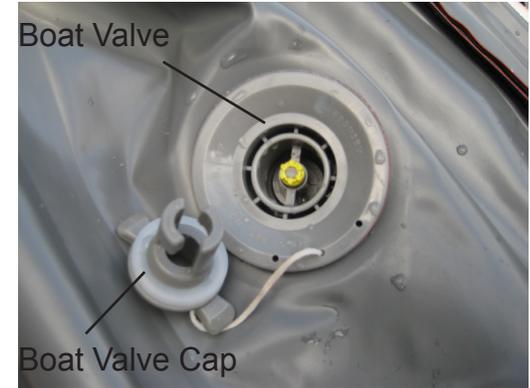
## Inflate raft with pump.

To fill, push fill adapter into valve and turn clockwise 1/4 turn.

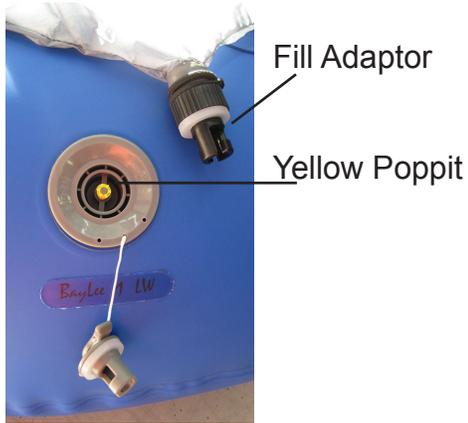
Orally inflate seat bottom and back. Do not over inflate.



To dump, push yellow poppit in and turn clockwise 1/4 turn



## Using Inflation Bag standard with BayLee 1



To fill with inflation bag, push down yellow poppit and twist. Connect fill adaptor to boat valve. Turn 1/4 turn clockwise to secure.

- Scoop up air into bag and hold top of bag shut.
- Do not push or kneel air into the boat. You must pull the boat up to you during inflation.
- Once the boat has some shape, detach bag, release poppit to "UP" position. Replace valve cap and finish inflating orally.
- Inflate both sides evenly.



## Attach Optional Skeg to Floor



If you are rowing, attach with strap under your feet.

If you are paddling, you will be going in the opposite direction. Attach with strap under your seat.

Wet the skeg to have it slide under the strap easier.

Inflate



Attach Seat & Thigh Strap



## **Safety & Education. Please read carefully!**

Kayaking can be hazardous and can involve the risk of serious injury or death. Kayakers are responsible for obtaining appropriate instruction in paddling skills, equipment safety, water safety, rescue and first aid. It is strongly recommended that you obtain training in kayaking safety from a qualified and experienced kayaking instructor.

The various components of Feathercraft kayaks are subject to wear, breakage and failure. This type of damage can lead to accidents resulting in serious injury or death. It is your responsibility to maintain your kayak in excellent condition.

If you have any doubts or concerns about the condition of your Feathercraft kayak, please contact us.

Kayak safety training should include the following topics:

### **Paddling Skills**

Paddling techniques need to be practiced in various water conditions. Maneuvering a kayak through rough seas, currents and tidal zones is quite different from paddling on flat water. Practice wet exiting your kayak and re-entry with the paddle float.

### **Hypothermia**

The greatest danger to a kayaker is hypothermia or cold water immersion. Protection against hypothermia involves more than simply wearing the appropriate protective clothing. It involves all aspects of kayak safety.

### **Know your Kayak**

Your safety on the water is dependant on all components of your kayak functioning perfectly. You must inspect your kayak for signs of wear or failure before setting off on every trip, including seams, spray skirt, and hull. Ensure valves are not leaking and the boat valve caps are secured.

### **Spray Skirt and Safety Sock (Sea Sock)**

All Feathercraft kayaks come equipped with a spray skirt and safety sock (except the Sit-on-Top models). These are important safety items, but you must be fully familiar with their use before an emergency arises.

## **Personal Flotation Device and Helmet**

The wearing of an approved PFD is highly recommended for all kayakers, even those who are strong swimmers. A helmet should be worn for whitewater or surf zone paddling.

## **Safety Equipment**

The safety equipment you will carry in and on your kayak will vary with the nature and length of the trip. Kayak trips of any duration however, require a towline, first aid kit, pump, spare paddle, bowline, flares and whistle as essential items. Safety equipment will only be of use to you if you have the knowledge and training to use the equipment in an emergency.

## **Self-Rescue and Group Rescue**

The nature of kayaking is such that some day you or a member of your group will capsize. This experience can vary from a refreshing dip in the ocean to a life-threatening emergency. How you handle a capsize will depend entirely on your training and experience. The kayaking community is blessed with a wealth of material, including books, manuals, magazines, articles and videos, and resources including schools, clubs, associations and training centres dedicated to kayaking safety. As with any skill, kayaking safety must first be learned and then practiced. We at Feathercraft strongly recommend that you access resources for kayak safety in your community before venturing out onto the water.