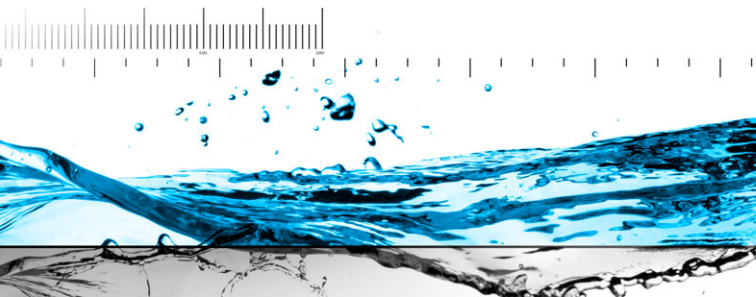


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Zegul

The Zegul product range is targeted at more advanced and dedicated paddlers. The keywords related to the Zegul brand are: perfection, emotions, inspiration and innovation. Refined details and elegant shape reflect all that is beautiful in Zegul kayaks. Through the Zegul brand Tahe Kayaks brings you a range of performance kayaks that is unique. All Zegul products are manufactured using the latest, highest quality materials and techniques available.



Introduction

This manual helps you to get safe and enjoyable use out of your kayak. Please read this manual carefully and get acquainted with the kayak before you use it. If this is your first kayak or if you have changed to another type of kayak, for your own safety and convenience you should learn about this type of kayak before using it. Your dealer can give you additional information. All forms of kayaking can be dangerous and demanding in some situations. To enter exciting and challenging situations in relative safety, the paddler should have relevant knowledge, skill, training and experience. Not every kayak is designed and built for every activity. Check with your dealer to make sure you choose the right equipment.

Keep this manual in a safe place and pass it on to the new owner if the kayak is sold.

Terms and abbreviations

We are sure that you know that kayaking is a fun, enjoyable and very safe sport. However we want to make you fully aware of all the safety information you may need.

The following abbreviations are used in combination with a safety alert symbol:

(D): Danger, (W): Warning, (C): Caution.

DANGER (D)

Denotes that an extreme intrinsic hazard exists which would result in a high probability of death or irreparable injury if proper precautions are not taken.



WARNING (W)

Denotes that a hazard exists which can result in injury or death if proper precautions are not taken.

CAUTION (C)

Denotes a reminder of safety practices or directs attention to unsafe practices, which could result in personal injury or damage to the craft or components, or to the environment.

(D) Make sure that you have read and understood the content of this manual before using your kayak. Also read the safety instructions located inside your kayak.

The kayak

Rudder – Some Zegul kayak models have a rudder. The rudder, when deployed, helps you manoeuvre (steer) the kayak. If you press the right foot pedal the kayak will turn to the right and if you press the left foot pedal the kayak will turn to the left.

Handles – All Zegul kayak models have handles. The handles are used for carrying the kayak. (C) Never carry a heavily loaded kayak with the handles. Hold the kayak by the hull instead.

Rubber hatches – All Zegul kayak models have rubber hatches for access to compartments. To remove the hatch cover, simply grasp the lip on one side and peel it back. When reattaching the hatch cover, make sure that the cover and the rim are free of dirt. (W) Make sure that the



hatch cover is seated all the way in order to form a proper seal.

Skeg – Some Zegul kayak models have skegs. The skeg is located under the hull near the stern of the craft. It is deployed by a skeg control on the right side of the cockpit. Although deploying the skeg decreases manoeuvrability, it is useful to improve tracking when needed.

Deck line – All Zegul kayak models have deck lines going around the deck. These are used for attaching accessories to the kayak and for safety to hold on to if you end up in the water.

Cord – All Zegul kayak models have cord lines on the kayak deck. These are used for attaching accessories or safety equipment which you need to have accessible while on the water.

Carrying

Alone – Lift the kayak at the cockpit and slide the kayak up onto your thighs. Then boost it onto one shoulder. (C) If you are going to carry a kayak by yourself, be very careful not to lift with your back.

Together with another person – If the kayak is empty, hold the toggle handles. (C) If the kayak is fully loaded, do not rely on the handles. Put your hands under the hull instead.

It is always easier to carry a partially loaded kayak to and from the water, and load your heavier gear at the water's edge.

Kayak trolleys are a great way to wheel your kayak around while reducing stress on your back. Contact your dealer for more information.



Fitting into your kayak

(W) Make sure that you have made all of the necessary adjustments to your kayak before you use it in the water.

Footrests – All Zegul kayaks are equipped with SmartTrack™ adjustable foot pedals. To adjust the pedals, lift up the lever, slide the pedal to proper place and lock the lever down to secure it. The upper part of your feet should press evenly against the footrests with your knees slightly bent. You should not be seated too tightly.

Backrest – For back support the backrest can be adjusted forward and backward. It is necessary to adjust the backrest before you put the kayak in the water. You may have to adjust the backrest several times until you find the best position.

Attaching spray skirt – Start by putting the spray skirt over the back of the cockpit. Make sure that the sides are on correctly and finish by putting on the spray skirt in front. (W) It is important that the release tab or grab loop on the front of the skirt is not folded under, inside the kayak. You need to be able to reach it easily for quick release.

Safety equipment

We recommend that you bring/use the following safety equipment when paddling your kayak:

- Nationally approved and correctly sized, Personal Flotation Device (PFD)
- Whistle
- Tow rope
- Bailer pump on deck, properly secured



- Navigation lights when visibility is poor
- Easily accessible spare paddle
- Paddle float
- Compass
- Knife
- First aid kit
- Appropriate clothing for the weather
- Cell phone and/or VHF radio

Before you paddle

Packing – When packing a kayak with gear, it is important to trim the boat properly. A good guideline to use is the seam of the kayak in relation to the surface of the water- try to keep it fairly level.

Make sure that the following things are done, before you start paddling:

- Footrest and backrest are in the right position
- All necessary equipment (safety and other) are packed
- Someone on shore knows your route and when you should return
- All hatches are attached correctly
- The spray skirt is attached correctly

Maintenance

Cleaning – Rinse out and wash the inside (particularly the cockpit) and the outside of your kayak after every use. This will prevent sand, food waste, beach scum and general debris/dirt from destroying (fouling) your kayak. Usually just a freshwater rinse works well.

Storage – When storing your kayak protect it from sunlight. This will



significantly lengthen its useful life. If it is stored outside, it can be covered with a tarp or simply stored in a shady place. When storing your kayak on a rack or cradles, support it under or near the bulkheads.

Contact your dealer for information if you need to perform other maintenance.

Transportation on a car

(C) Improper transportation of your kayak can easily cause damage. A quality roof rack with specialized kayak carriers is a small price to pay for protecting your kayak and car.

Check that the car's rated roof load is approved for the weight of the kayak (see the car's manual). Use load carriers approved for the weight

of the kayak. Keep within the speed limits for carrying loads on the roof and use strap-bands sufficiently strong and of good quality. A composite kayak is usually carried deck up and hull down because the hull is built stiffer than the deck.

(C) Avoid over tightening your strap-bands.

(W) Never transport a loaded kayak on your roof rack. The hull may not support the extra weight.

Repairs and modification

Contact your dealer for more information regarding repairs and modifications.



(D) Never modify your kayak in any way. Do not sand, drill, fill or remove parts. An improperly modified kayak could fail and cause you to lose control.

(C) Any modification to your kayak or components means that your kayak no longer meets our specifications and therefore voids your warranty.

Weather and topography

(W) Make sure you are familiar with how to deal with the following situations, which can occur in open water. Consult local experts or available literature for additional information on these important subjects:

Wind – Avoid paddling when whitecaps are visible until you thoroughly

understand and master these conditions. Wind can, 1 upset a kayak, 2 make it difficult to turn, 3 create unmanageable waves, 4 prevent you from holding a course and 5 slow you down or stop you.

Fog – Fog can result in sudden and total disorientation. You will need a compass, but you may gain some orientation from sounds of beach surf, bells, foghorns, etc, as well as from steady waves and wind direction.

Shallows – Waves steepen and break on beaches and shoals. Avoid those areas when waves are large or strong currents are forced to flow over them.

Surf – Waves steepen and break on beaches and shoals. Generally try to avoid landing on surf with a loaded kayak. Avoid surf on rocky beaches.

Headlands – Conditions are frequently more difficult around headlands with increased wind (funneling), accelerated currents and rebounding waves.



Cliffs – Cliffs limit landing sites and can cause chaotic rebound wave conditions.

River mouths – Difficult wave conditions occur when a river outflow runs against the waves.

Zegul limited warranty

Subject to the terms herein all Zegul kayaks are covered under warranty against any defect in materials and workmanship for a period of two years from the date of purchase.

This warranty is limited to the original owner and is only in effect if the warranty registration card is returned. Paddles and other accessory items are covered under warranty for a period of one year from the date of purchase.

CONDITIONS:

Zegul will repair or replace all items returned under warranty at its own discretion.

Zegul is sole judge on warranty issues.

The costumer must pay all return transportation, freight and or packing charges for warranty claims.

Kayaks used commercially are covered under warranty for a period of one year.

If a product is deemed to be blemished and is sold as a blemished quality product, the warranty is still in place with exception of coverage of the blemish itself.

The following are never covered under warranty: freight damage, improper storage, improper use, abuse, towing, normal wear and tear and color fading due to UV rays.

