# **Inflatable Kayak Instructions**

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### Deflation / Storage

You should plan on storing the Hanauma for more than a few days, it is advisable to towel it off or let the kayak dry in the sun and then deflate and store it.

- 1. First deflate the kayak entirely.
- 2. Fold one side of the kayak toward the center.
- 3. Next fold the other side so that it overlaps over the first. There will still be some air in the kayak. This is normal and no reason to worry.
- 4. Starting from the stern, roll the kayak up like you would roll up a sleeping bag. It is important to roll it tightly for compact storage.
- 5. Once the boat is rolled up, you can easily store or carry it.
- 6. Store your kayak in a clean, dry area away from extreme changes in environmental conditions

#### Inflating your Clear Blue Hawaii Kayak

- 1. Before starting, locate a relatively flat, clean space to unpack your boat.
- 2. Remove the Kayak from its packaging and unroll the kayak so it is laid out flat on the ground. You will find that the kayak has four inflatable chambers, two of which come equipped with Boston valves at the bow and stern and the other two valves in the seating areas.
- 3. After you have identified the parts of the kayak, use a standard, traditional manual pump that you can buy at any sports department store (not included in the package) to inflate the kayak. It might harm the Kayak to use an air compressor designed for auto tires as the boat is designed to work at a far lower working pressure, so we recommend only using manual pumps or electrical pumps specifically designed for inflatables.
- 4. First, inflate the right-hand side chamber of the kayak. Inflate only one chamber at a time until the kayak has achieved the desired rigidity.
- 5. Insert the seats and position them on the deck identifiable by Velcro strips.
- 6. The straps are adjustable for a comfortable seating position. Position the seats to your preferences by simply adjusting the buckles and webbing.
- 7. Before use, make sure that all valves are tightened to avoid leakage.
- 8. Your Kayak is ready for use now. Enjoy!

#### Care and maintenance

There is not much that you need to keep in mind when caring for the Hanauma, if you follow some basic guidelines, it will remain in almost new condition for many years. It can be stored either inflated or deflated. Inspect and rinse your kayak and all accessories after use to prevent salt drying on the kayak (if used in salt water). This can be done with the use of a mild soapy solution, please avoid detergents or any type of silicone-based products. When storing the Hanauma in confined spaces, please ensure it is completely clean and dry so that it does not get mold. When storing it outside, we advise to protect it with a tarp against direct sunlight, rain, leaves, and so on. In extremely cold temperatures, the PVC might become brittle; we therefore do not recommend using it in temperatures below 32 degrees Fahrenheit (0 degrees Celsius).



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# Repair

Even though the Kayak is highly puncture-resistant, occasionally punctures can occur. It is relatively easy to repair these leaks and should only take a few minutes even for inexperienced users. Repair kits can be bought at sporting goods stores.

All repairs must be done in an open area and/or with excellent ventilation All items must be kept out of the reach of children, this includes glue,

solvents and other dangerous materials

Do not swallow the glue or inhale vapors

Avoid contact with the eyes and skin

- Deflate the Kayak.
- The area to be repaired needs to be clean and dry.
- Apply a small drop of glue on small punctures (less than 1/8 th ") and let glue dry for 12 hours. If you need to use the Kayak sooner, let dry the glue for 30 minutes to one hour.
- Then inflate the boat; yet only inflate the repaired compartment about 3/4 full.
- After inflation, your Kayak is ready for usage again, yet a permanent repair still needs to be made later.

Larger Leaks need to be patched. Patching should only take a few minutes. Please follow these steps :

- Locate the leak. This can be done by visual inspection, listening for air leakage in quiet surroundings or by spraying soap water over the area of the boat where you suspect a leak. A leak will produce bubbles showing the location of the leak.
- Deflate the Kayak.
- Remove dirt or grime from area of leak and thoroughly dry it.
- Cut out a large enough patch from the repair material, put it over the leak and trace it with a ballpoint pen. If you angle the pen inward, the outline will be covered by the patch and thereby invisible after the repair.

- Apply glue to the underneath side of the repair patch and on the leak area. The affected areas need to be coated lightly but effectively with the glue.
- Let the glue dry for a few minutes until it appears to be tacky.
- Place the patch on the area and press it down firmly. Place a heavy weight (several pounds) over the repaired area and let dry for 12 hours.
- When patch is dry, seal off edges with glue and let dry for four more hours.
- <sup>•</sup> After inflation, your Hanauma is ready for use again.

#### WARNING

When boating: learn and respect the local regulations and practices. Do not neglect the safety rules as this could jeopardize your life and the lives of others.

Before setting off, make sure you are thoroughly briefed and feel comfortable with operating the boat. You will be responsible not only for its safe and correct operation but also for the behavior and safety of yourself and your passengers.

Never leave land without the essential safety equipment: lifejackets (PDFs), foot-pump, repair kit, paddles, and other necessary equipment that might be required by law in your area.

Do not exceed the authorized number of persons or weight. Make sure your passengers remain seated. We will take no responsibility if this warning is disregarded.

No alcohol or drugs: Do not drink alcohol or take drugs before or while operating your boat. Maintain passengers sobriety.

FOR USE AS A RECREATIONAL/TOURING KAYAK ON CALM WATER, NOT SUITABLE FOR RAPIDS OR ROUGH SEA. THIS IS NOT A WHITE WATER OR SURF KAYAK. TO BE CONTROLLED BY SOMEONE EXPERIENCED ON THE WATER AND APPROPRIATE WATER CONDITIONS, RECOGNIZE THE LIMITS OF YOUR ABILITY. UNDERSTAND YOUR SURROUNDINGS, WEATHER, AND BE ALERT FOR OTHER VESSELS ON THE WATER.

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