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ave Sport has always been, and always will be, about moving the sport forward. In 1986, founder Chan Zwanzig conceived a vision of creating innovative whitewater kayak designs to bring the energy and passion of other outdoor sports into the paddlesports realm. His inspirations included skateboarding, surfing, mountain biking, and snowboarding. Our sport was changed forever.

Chan enlisted the hottest names in kayaking to drive the direction of Wave Sport. By working with the best kayakers in the world to design, test, and promote the brand, he put Wave Sport's finger on the pulse of this ever-changing sport.

The athletes have always demanded the best product. With the conditions they encounter every day on rivers from Alaska to Africa, and everywhere in between, they give Wave Sport the best testing, research, and design vehicle imaginable.

Our goals in 2001 are the same as Chan's in 1986: Designing and manufacturing the products that allow paddlers to learn quicker, progress faster and push the limits of kayaking. We still believe that it's the kayakers who drive this bus, from start to finish. That's why we have the most successful team on the competition circuit worldwide, hands down. Team Wave Sport crisscrosses the world, always in search of the perfect play spot, the perfect first descent or the next world championship. In the process, they give us the key information it takes to deliver the cutting-edge products with which we're synonymous.

So get out there and become a part of the Wave Sport family—doesn't matter if you're a man or woman, young or old, short or tall, Wave Sport is creating the right products to make your first day or your 20th year on the river enjoyable.

And after all, isn't that what it's all about?

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New designs make the sport ever more accessible, record numbers of people are getting into kayaking, and the fit and feel of boats is better than ever before. There's never been a better time to be a kayaker!

The path to the present hasn't been straight and narrow, and the sport has grown from its foundations. The whitewater kayak was born when an unknown genius realized that the shape of seagoing kayaks was ideally suited to running rapids solo. In 1949, the first slalom world championships were held. Rules were made setting the minimum length of most kayaks at a standard four meters (13' 2") long, perhaps forestalling today's shorter, more playful boats. Kayaking remained a fairly obscure discipline and there was little progress in boat design for nearly three decades.

In the \*\*SOS\*, a new breed of kayaker appeared: paddlers who liked to run rivers and play more than anything else. These squirt boaters began a revolution in boat design, demanding shorter boats, squirtable sterns, and the ability to get vertical more easily. Today's rodeo moves evolved from the moves squirt boaters were performing in the 80s and designers began incorporating squirt boat features into playboats. The playboat era had begun.

Rodeo boating became a dominating force in the "SOS. Wave Sport began revolutionizing the way boats are designed by making them more performance oriented and creating different boats for different size boaters, giving paddlers access to kayaks that were more fun, easier to paddle, and suited to their size. As more and more paddlers discovered what New School kayaking had to offer, they learned the moves quicker and advanced more rapidly than they had in the sport's early days.

So here we are at the present. All kayaks (except creek boats) have planing hulls, squirtable bows and sterns, are 8' 3" or shorter and new designs generally come in two sizes. Kayaking in general couldn't be better: 2000 saw the quickest advancement ever for the beginning and intermediate paddler while experts have a whole new set of fun moves to do with the newest boats and techniques.

The **future?** With the many talents of our people in R&D and manufacturing, the dominant whitewater team on the road, and long-time paddlers throughout the company. Wave Sport has amassed a total whitewater team. Look for kayaks that fit better, run rivers better, do today's moves easier, and make more moves possible—and look for them to come from Wave Sport.

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#### Dominance by Design: It's the Wave Sport Way

At Wave Sport, we operate on a simple philosophy: in order to dominate, you've got to have a dedicated team of outstanding athletes paddling quality boats based on cutting-edge design. And to have cutting-edge designs, you've got to listen to your athletes. Guess what happens when you do? You capture 42% of the top three spots on the podium at whitewater competitions across the world, just like Team Wave Sport did in 2000. In order to dominate, you've got to have designs that are driven by world-class athletes, and you've got to have an edge in design and construction. Wave Sport has it all — and so can you.

#### The Design Difference

In addition to having the benefit of the world's best paddlers and their expertise, Wave Sport has the edge with its design team: David Knight and Eric Jackson. "EJ" is a former Olympian, Team Wave Sport member, world-class athlete, extreme kayaker and designer whose life is kayaking. David Knight is a recognized marine engineer who has contributed to submarine designs for the US Navy—but he lives for whitewater. David conceived and created the Paramax design program, the only parameter driven design program in the industry; it's not some off-the-shelf program made for designing big boats in flatwater. It took seven years to develop this kayak design program, and the results speak for themselves. Because each design we create gives us the numeric feedback needed to improve upon the next one, our R&D times are shortened, meaning we get cooler boats to you quicker.

You also get a proven design. The time that EJ and the rest of Team Wave Sport put into paddling these designs means they'll perform to the max. EJ's daily, practical experience on the water, combined with his engineering background allow Wave Sport to keep pushing ahead in design by creating more winning designs faster. Between them, EJ and David Knight are responsible for the X, Y, Z, XXX, ForPlay, EZ, Big EZ, Evo and Score.

The future will be dominated by Wave Sport designs...

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Wave Sport -Team Domination by Design

Eric Southwick 1999 World Men's Freestyle Champion

Debs Pinniger, Julie Dion & Brooke Winger

Top Three Spots 1999 World Women's Freestyle Championship

Eric "EJ" Jackson 2000 PreWorlds Men's Freestyle Champion

Julie Dion 2000 PreWorlds Women's Freestyle Champion

#### Quality You Can Count On

It's one thing to have great designs, innovative designers and the most dominant team in white-water, but unless you can deliver a quality product, you're not ready to play with the big boys. At our state-of-the-art facility. Wave Sport boats are roto-molded from top quality, SuperLinear polyethylene in computer-controlled rotational molding ovens. At Wave Sport, we take pride in the fact that our cutting-edge designs are produced with the latest technology and manufactured to the highest production standards. Professionals are designing, building and testing these kayaks to bring you the best boats out there.

#### **How To Use This Catalog**

With the sport changing at a rapid pace and a flurry of new boats coming out each year, choosing the boat that's best for you can be mind boggling. This catalog was designed to help make the ever-more-difficult process of deciding on a boat easier than ever. This catalog not only highlights our new products—it gives you a step-by-step process to picking the best boat for you.

As you proceed through the catalog, you will see some new charts and graphs that were designed to help you determine the proper boat for you. We've based this on some basic facts:

Fact: People want to do different things on the river.

Fact: A variety of characteristics determine how well boats do these different things.

So, what do you want to do? Do you like to run rivers looking for play features, do you put your energy into rodeo boating, or do you look for steep creeks and never-before-run new lines? We have rated our kayaks using three boating style categories, based on how each performs, to help you pick the boat that will work best for what you want to do: River, Play, and Creek.

Next, you need to consider the performance characteristics that determine how different designs react to characteristics such as volume, boat size and paddler weight. Each page has a chart that shows how all these characteristics interact to determine which boat will be the best boat for you based on what type of boating you will be doing and which performance characteristics you value most. At Wave Sport, we've taken our sport to such a high-tech level that it's simple.

At Wave Sport, we are, first and foremost, whitewater kayakers and we're passionate about the sport. We believe that this is the strongest design and management team ever assembled in the whitewater industry. Look for them on the river the next time you're out paddling — that's where you'll find them when they're not in the office creating the best kayaks you!

Andy Zimmerman, President

John Shepherd, Vice-President

Keith Wallace, Brand Manager

Eric "EJ" Jackson, Director

Bob McDonough, R&D Team Leader

Dan Gavere, Photographer and Videographer

David Knight, Creator of Paramax Boat Design

Bo Colbert, Roto-molding Technical Director

## a guide

#### Here it is folks!

The ultimate guide to choosing the best kayak for you and your boating style. Whether you're cruisin' down the river Sunday drivin' style, throwin' down at your favorite playspot or droppin' the gnarly creek lines, we've got a boat for you to get the job done. This fold-out guide serves as an icon reminder while you're checking out each boat page.

#### **Boat Features**

Starting with the basics, there are four features that you will find on all Wave Sport kayaks: Wave Sport Hull Designs, Drop-Chines, Grab Loops and Security Bars. Each kayak will also have additional featured items, such as side hull designs, outfitting or added comfort adjustments, that are unique to that boat. Check the icons under the features bar to learn what is included on each specific boat.

#### **Boating Styles**

Once you've decided what type of kayaking you want to do most, it's important to know how well each boat will river run, playboat, and creek for your weight. We understand that these categories may overlap and most boaters want to do a bit of everything each time they're out on the river, so we've shown how well suited each kayak is for each boating style. Look for star ratings on the three boating style categories along the bottom of each boat page.

#### Performance Characteristics

Depending on the paddler's weight, each kayak will react and perform differently. Look for ratings on seven performance characteristics along the bottom of each boat page. All you've gotta do now is find your weight range on the chart and see how the boat performs for your size. The more stars, the better!

#### es are Standard on Sport Kayak.

(WSHD)—Designed using the Paramax design system for the best dliness and unparalleled performance across the board.

es-This bevel between the hull and the side hull is our secret to superb creasing play performance while retaining a non-edgy, user friendly feel.

strength webbing at both ends provides anchor points for a pinned boat, and superb vehicle tie-down points.

roof stainless steel bars at both ends are ideal for locking boat and

#### port Kayak Features ide Hull Designs...

exclusive side hull edge enables the boat to carve like it's on rails and edge, for the sickest surf ever. Blunts, clean spins and aerial maneuvers

des final stability (or stable platform) when put on edge. Our unique reating a high performance boat that is also user-friendly.

YAK'S SIDE HULL DESIGN, NCLUDED ON THAT BOAT.

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#### ght and Performance

has a direct effect on how your kayak performs, so we've developed a se this important relationship easy for you to understand. The fold-out seven different weight ranges. Simply find your weight range and followess to the characteristic you want to review. Characteristics are displayed and the chart gives a rating for each of ten performance characteristics. ars, the better that kayak will perform that characteristic for your weight.

#### .and Outfitting for Success!



• F.A.T. (Fit Adjustment Technology) Outfitting—Setting a new industry standard, F.A.T. Outfitting consists of fully adjustable hip pads, thigh hooks, and bulkhead, seat pad, and 6-point attachment backband—a custom fit without glue or hassles.



• Standard Outfitting-The original Wave Sport outfitting system, including thigh braces (large and small), adjustable backband, and adjustable seat.



• Adjustments for Smaller Paddlers—the Evo features a lower deck height (9.5", which allows proper knee height for smaller paddlers), and a smaller standard keyhole cockpit, making it a snap for smaller paddlers to get the skirt on and off.



• Breakaway Bulkhead—Our innovative breakaway bulkhead is fully adjustable from the cockpit and designed to protect your ankles in the event of a severe piton.



 Adjustable Foot Braces—Our aluminum foot brace system is infinitely adjustable from the cockpit to accommodate any size paddler—ideal for those boaters searching for ample foot room and maximum comfort.

#### Kayak Hull Features:









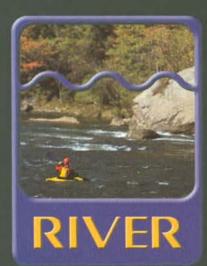
Stuart Mounsey Photo: Dan Gavere



EVERY WAVE SPORT KAYAK FEATURES MOLD-IN® GRAPHICS THAT ARE MOLDED RIGHT INTO THE BOAT WHEN IT IS ROTO-MOLDED IN OUR COMPUTER-CONTROLLED OVENS. LONG LASTING GOOD LOOKS GUARANTEED.

DOMINANCE BY DESIGN

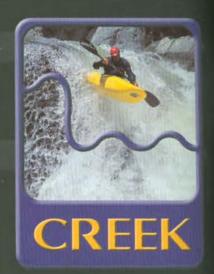
## be stylish



The river-running playboater usually paddles the entire river, but the emphasis is on being out on the river with friends, running new rivers, catching surf waves, and looking for play spots in the process. Key features for this type of boat are user-friendliness, non-edginess, and comfort, while maintaining as much playability as possible.



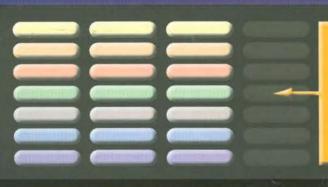
The full-on play-boater paddles everything but is always looking for river features where he or she can throw down the latest play moves. No eddy line goes by without a cartwheel, no splat rock is left untouched and every hole is torn to shreds. Key features for this type of boat are the ability to easily get vertical, retentiveness in big holes, and spinning on green waves.



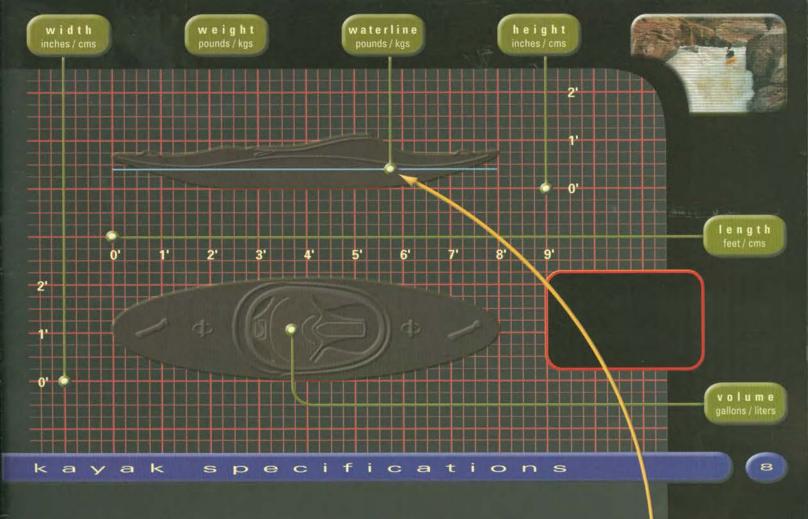
The creekboater also paddles all types of rivers, but focuses on rivers that are at the limit of the paddler's ability: usually steep creeks with tight lines, great boof spots and first descents. Safety features (such as security bars and breakaway bulkheads), non-edginess and a fair amount of volume are the key features to seek in a creek boat.

Tanya Shuman, Tyler Curtis and Dan Gavere Photos: Dan Gavere, Tanya Shuman and Taylor Robertson

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PERFORMANCE RATINGS FOR THE THREE BOATING STYLES ABOVE ARE ALWAYS LISTED IN THIS LOCATION ON EACH KAYAK PAGE. JUST FIND THE APPROPRIATE ICON FOR THE CHARACTERISTIC YOU WANT TO REVIEW AND FOLLOW THE COLUMN UP TO YOUR WEIGHT CLASS ROW – AND THERE YOU HAVE IT! MORE STARS MEAN BETTER PERFORMANCE FOR THE SPECIFIC WEIGHT CLASS YOU ARE REVIEWING.



#### **Kayak Specifications Chart**

As you work your way through the catalog, you'll find the Kayak Specifications Chart (above) placed consistently in this location. It contains accurate measurements of every boat in the line, making them easy to compare. This chart includes the boat's length from bow to stern, width at the boat's widest point, height (measured for knees), weight of the boat, and volume measured in gallons/liters. We have also shown the waterline, and where it would be located at a specific weight.

#### What is a Water/Parting Line?

Where the waterline falls on a kayak depends on your weight and the boat's volume. The relationship between the parting line and the waterline is critical in determining how the kayak will perform for different types of paddling. The waterline indicator in each chart is shown as a blue line and has been created to help you understand its relationship to the parting line for each of our kayaks. The weight we choose for each boat is the weight that would maximize river running and playability for that specific kayak. The paddler who is heavier than the given weight will push the parting line closer to the waterline. making the kayak easier to get vertical and perform freestyle moves, but the river-running performance will decrease because the boat will be edgier and have less speed. On the flip side, the lighter paddler will cause the parting line to be higher above the waterline, making the kayak more suitable for river running (faster and less edgy) but more difficult to get vertical due to greater buoyancy.



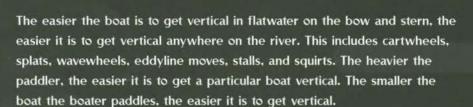
## now try this



### GO TO THE EDGE

The height of the water/parting line between the deck and hull (the "edge") determines how friendly the boat is for river running. The heavier the paddler, the closer the edges are to the water and the more edgy the boat becomes. The higher the edges are in the design, the better suited the boat is for river running.

#### **GET VERTICAL**









#### STAY IN THE HOLE

The more volume the boat has, the more retentive it is. And the shorter a kayak is, the more retentive it is. The goal is to have the lowest volume kayak you can and still be retentive. Retentiveness keeps you from being blown out of a hole before you are done showing off your moves.

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THIS WORKS THE SAME WAY AS THE BOATING STYLES SECTION EXCEPT THIS PART OF THE CHART IS FOR PLAY FEATURES.

















Describes how well a boat spins on a wave. The looser a boat is, the more likely you are to successfully spin on any wave.

The looser the better.

#### CARVE IT UP



How well a boat carves or grips the water when put on edge is determined by the chine shape and the hull. These edges work much like the edges on a snowboard: No edges, no carving. Our newer models feature a planing sidehull specifically designed for carving.



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# CONTROLL -



#### **FULL STEAM**

Forward speed can be measured on a wave or in displacement mode when just paddling down a river. Long and narrow mean fast (and probably not very stable) and short and wide mean slow (and steady).

#### EASY RIDER



Every boat will accommodate paddlers comfortably up to a certain size paddler, and it varies for all paddlers. The length of the paddler's legs, foot size, and thigh thickness are the major factors that determine comfort. In addition, our new F.A.T. outfitting system, available on many of our kayaks, allows you to customize your boat to fit your body without a lot of time and effort on your part.



Courtney Lynch, Billy Craig, Taylor Robertson, Eric "EJ" Jackson, Eric Southwick, Alan Ray, and Jamie Cooper Photos: Dan Gavere and Tanya Shuman

DOMINANCE BY DESIGN

The next leap in playboat evolution is here. The EZ is more than just an amazing freestyle kayak that will add new chapters to your whitewater playbook (chapters like "Blunts", "Ollies" and "Loops"). It's the freestyle kayak that's fun to paddle into and out of your favorite play spot, even if it means running the harder rapids.

Plenty of rocker, carefully distributed volume and a short hull meld incredible vertical ability and retentiveness with excellent river-running characteristics and stability. It's the playboat that remembers there's more to play than parking in the hole.



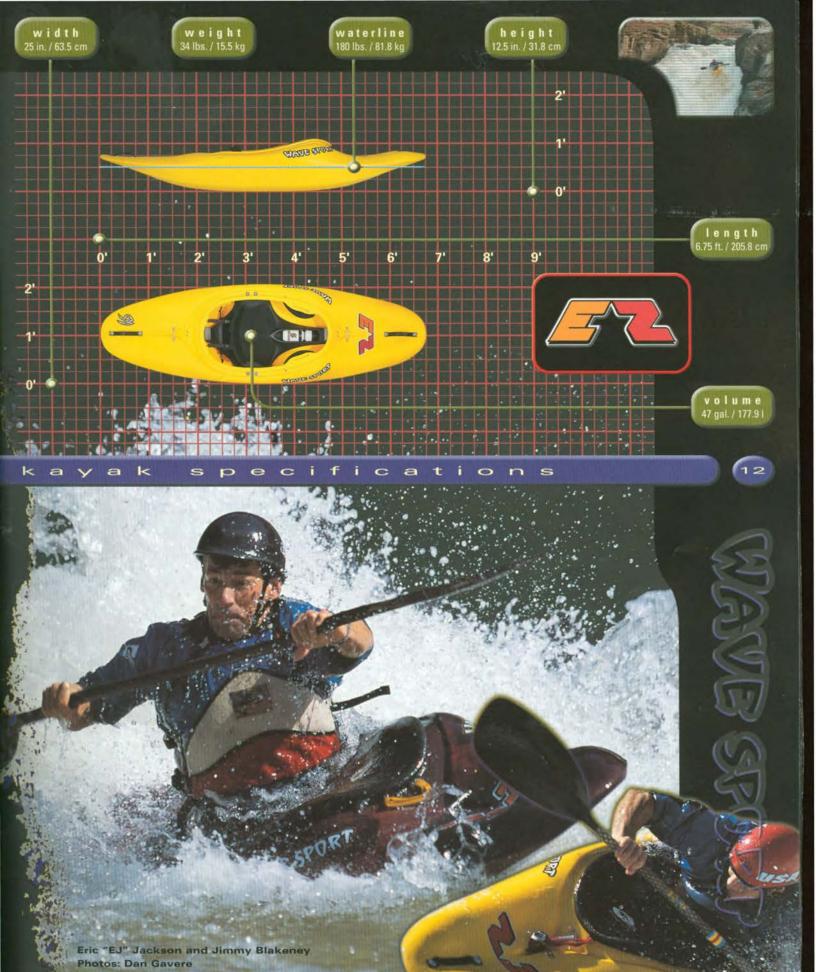
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## BIG EZ

Everything that makes the EZ a revolutionary kayak is right here, bigger and badder. It will take you vertical and beyond with ease, let you run the river with confidence, and it's sized to fit the larger paddler. No bigger person's boat ever came in such a small package, but generous foot bumps and the new F.A.T. outfitting system make this a super comfortable kayak to paddle.

Experts will love the Big EZ as a high-performance freestyle machine while intermediate paddlers will be impressed with the boat's stability, control and how it opens up whole new levels of play with ease.

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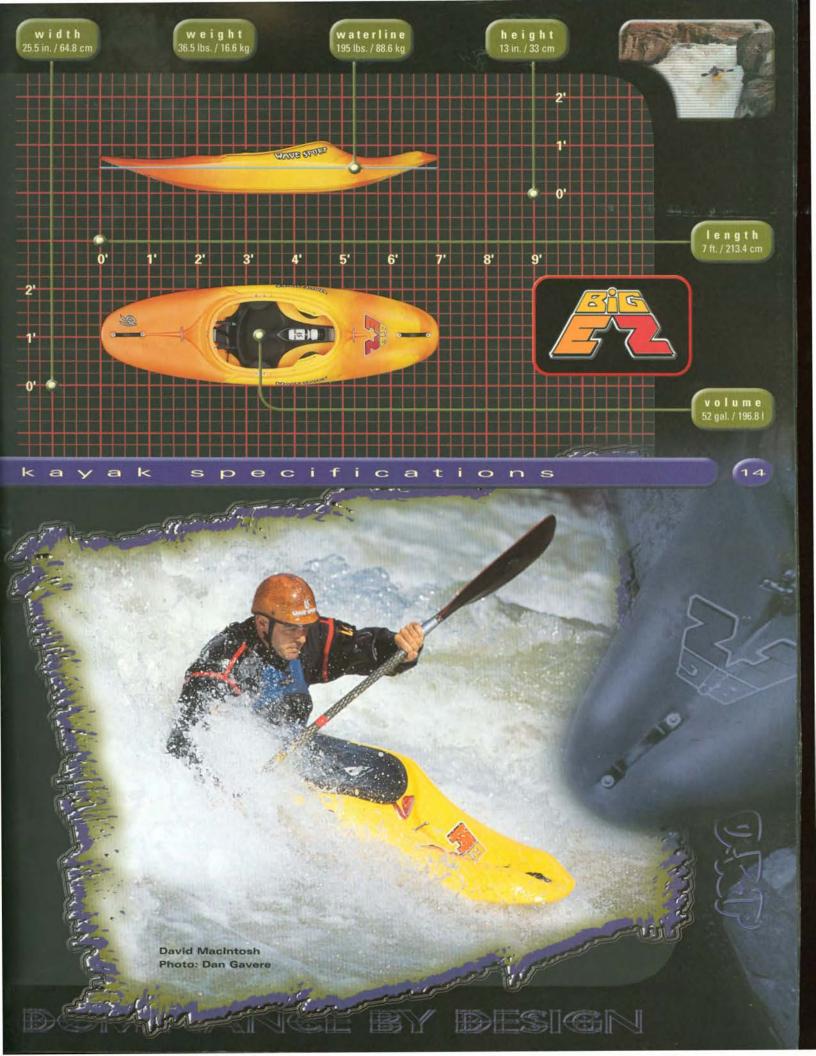




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What keeps you from making the moves you want to make? If it's because the boats you've tried have been too big for you, then you can remember 2001 as the year everything changed. The Evo is the first true high-performance playboat sized for the smaller paddler, and it's not a "kids boat." We don't make toys. The Evo is a rodeo-ready machine for younger paddlers, women, and smaller men.

Super-loose and super-slicey, this boat started winning competitions as soon as it hit the water. The smaller and lower cockpit rim means the water is in easy reach and the added F.A.T. outfitting gives you the best comfort and control you will find. Trust us: When you're in a boat that fits, it's a whole new river.





The mysterious ToadBug, our mascot for the "EVO"lution >>>

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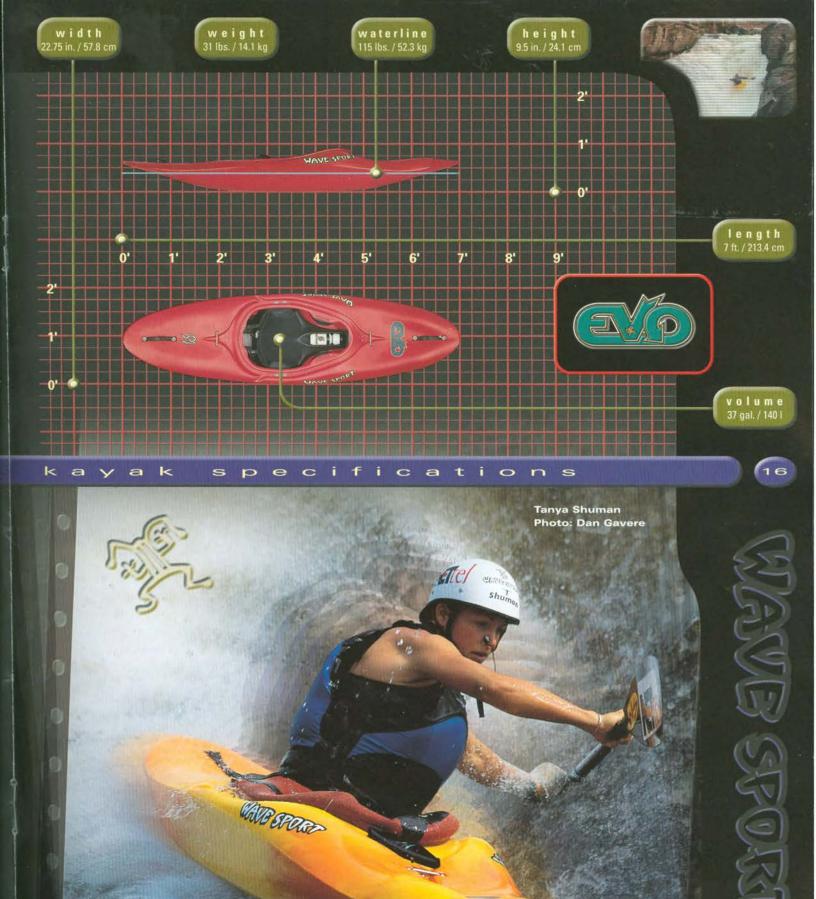








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## SCORE

Quite simply, the ForPlay writ large by being a true performance kayak sized for the larger paddler. By virtue of its size, Score adds more speed, carving and looseness to the already impressive ForPlay characteristics. Just because you're bigger than average doesn't mean you're limited to some old-school boat—not anymore.

Featuring our F.A.T. outfitting and carefully distributed volume, this boat is comfortable to paddle and easy to control. All this on top of performance that will introduce you to a whole new realm of playboating.

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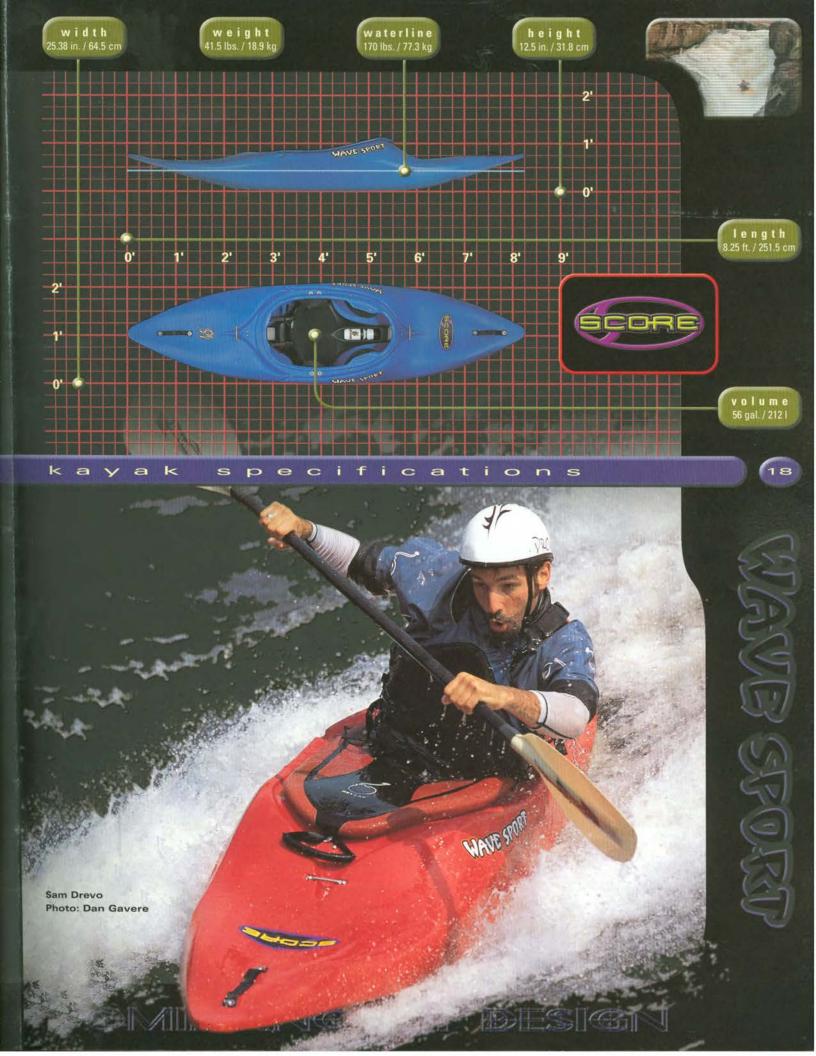












## FORPLAY

Last year's superstar playboat is back, better than ever. We've added our fantastic new F.A.T. outfitting and increased the foot room to improve this World Champion design for the new millennium. We haven't compromised what makes this boat a winner either. It still has the innovative "sidehull" design that lets it carve on a wave like no other kayak before it could.

Couple this with a long, loose hull and you have an amazing surfing machine. It still has the super-slicey ends with narrow tips that make the ForPlay very forgiving when linking vertical moves.

When you have the technology, the best *can* just keep getting better.

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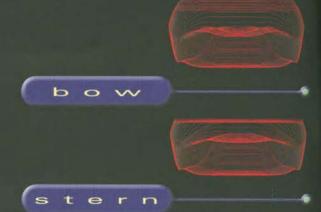






This is the boat that completely dominated the 2000 rodeo season by winning 42% of the top three spots on the entire US circuit. The XXX may have been designed for women, but when a boat wins like a "Triple," people do their best to fit into it, however big they are. It's a top performer because it marries our super-loose hull with ultra-low-volume slicey ends to generate exceptional vertical and horizontal maneuverability.

Because winning is never enough, we've improved the 2001 XXX by increasing the rocker and installing our new F.A.T. outfitting, adding comfort and control to an already formidable performer.



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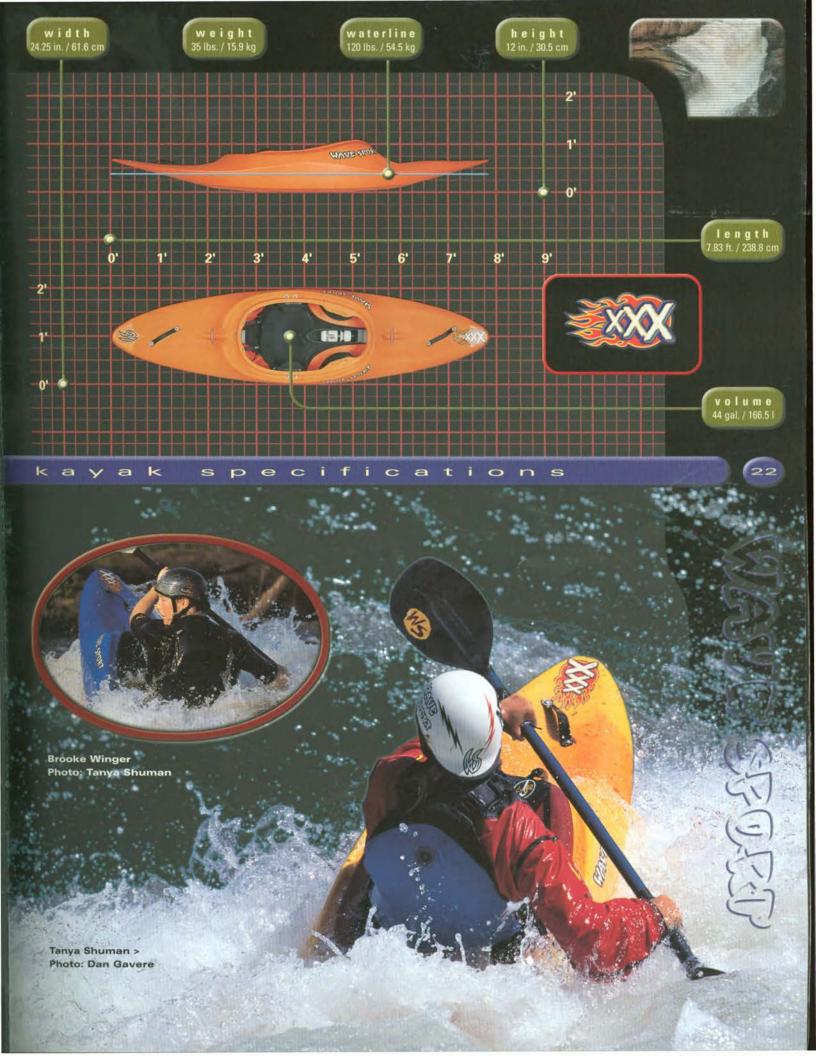
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Are you Paddler X? If you're looking for a boat that combines stability, comfort, control and performance, then the answer is yes. Not too big for freestyle, not too small for river running, this is an extremely versatile kayak. The X raised the flag on the planing hull revolution and has dominated competition whitewater paddling like no other boat since, with the exception of our own XXX.

Don't let that intimidate you, though: the X is very user-friendly and forgiving, making it a great pick for the smaller or more aggressive novice. It will give you the tools you need to develop skills and confidence on the river without

holding you back when you are ready for the advanced

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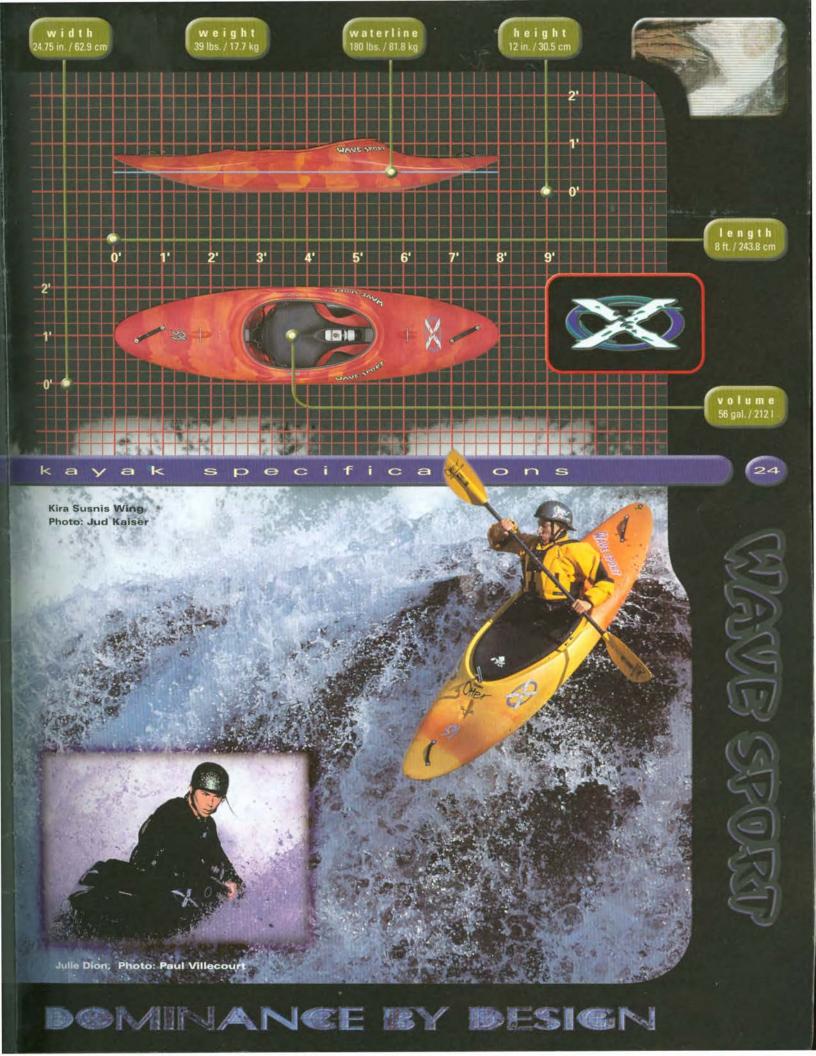












It's no accident that the Z is one of our most successful designs. First, it's ideal for the novice looking to improve his or her skills quickly, offering width for stability and rockered ends for predictable. non-grabby performance. Second, its length and volume make it a terrific river-runner, fast and comfortable for long days on the water. And third, it's a true playboat, fully capable of executing virtually any move you'll see on today's pro circuit.

The Z's versatility means you can paddle it for many years to come. It's a kayak you can't outgrow.

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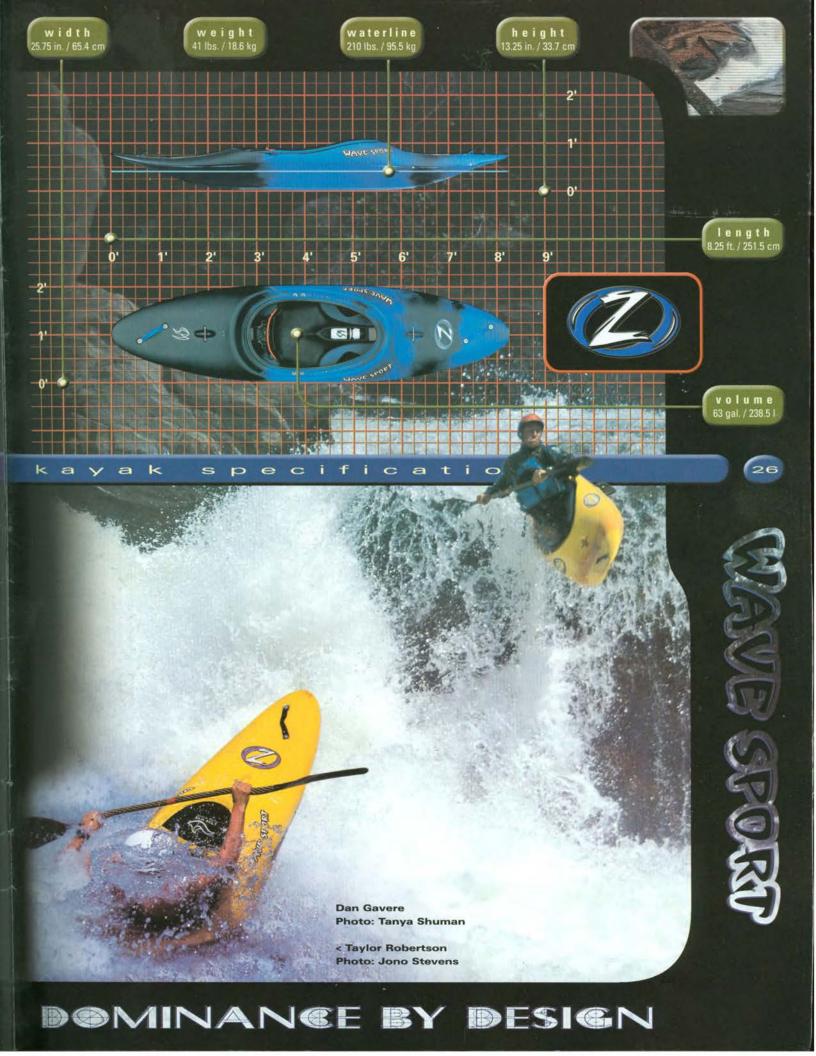














Paddling aggressively through the most challenging features the river can throw at you requires more than skill and daring—you've got to have the right kayak. The Y was designed as a world-class creek boat. High-volume, a short, maneuverable hull, plenty of sidewall flare, and big wide ends that stay out of the water mean you'll spend more time planning your next move and less time bracing and rolling.

In the Y, you'll be able to hit your line, react to the river, score the perfect boof and power right through the hole lurking at the bottom. Ample volume makes it comfortable to paddle all day and easy to exit when you have to. In steep creeks and big water, these features equal safety.



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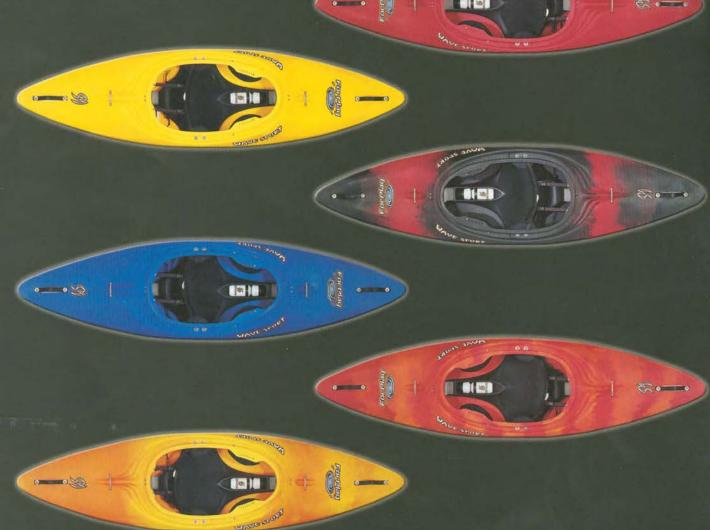






Every Wave Sport kayak is available in eight luscious colors, from pseudo-conservative to wild. Due to the nature of roto-molding, actual color mixes may vary slightly. • 🥌





Choosing a Wave Sport color is easy if you just paint by the numbers.













#### You Can Paddle Days!



Look for Wave Sport to cover even more of the continent this year as part of the You Can Paddle! Days event series. Scheduled to visit more than 250 locations during 2001, You Can Paddle! is a unique on the water paddlesports demonstration program sponsored by Confluence Watersports Company, Chevy Trucks, American Rivers, and Canoe & Kayak Magazine. Our title sponsor, Chevy Trucks, has

supplied the local Wave

Sport, Mad River Canoe and Wilderness Systems representatives with specially-equipped Chevy trucks outfitted with a wide selection of kayaks, canoes and paddling accessories. These Chevy



trucks are rolling into locations nationwide, staffed by paddlesports professionals to answer all your

questions and to help you get involved in the exciting paddlesports community. It's the perfect introduction to paddling! For more information on Chevy trucks, please visit www.chevrolet.com. To keep up with You Can Paddle! Days event schedule and to learn more about the wide world of canoeing and kayaking, see

what Canoe & Kayak magazine is up to at www.canoekayak.com. New for 2001 is the involvement of American Rivers as the official conservation sponsor of You Can Paddle!. For more information, go to www.americanrivers.org. Ask your local Wave Sport dealer when You Can Paddle! is coming to your area, and check out www.youcanpaddle.com for a complete schedule.











#### Scenic Waterways Grant Program

At Wave Sport, we're committed to our sport, and our environment.

That's why we've begun the Scenic Waterways Grant Program, which will provide \$75,000 every year for the creation of "water trails" around

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