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**Great For Beginners – The Inflatable Sit–On–Top Kayak**

**By Niall Barco**

For beginners, inflatable kayaks are usually the place to start learning. Sit–on–top models have introduced many people to this growing sport.

Inflatable kayaks are a great way to go for leisure and recreational purposes. Inflatable sit–on–top kayaks are becoming more popular. Kayaking is catching on as the sport that everyone wants to try.

For those who can't spend much money or who may not yet be serious about kayaking, an inflatable kayak may be the place to begin. They are adequate, and a variety of models are available, just like their hard–shell brothers.

Inflatable, sit–on–top kayaks work on any type of water. They are durable enough to go into rough waters without being punctured. Sit–on–top kayaks usually have two seats on top of the kayak instead of a seat inside like normal kayaks.

The advantage for beginners is the different style and technique of kayaking gained by sitting on top of the boat. Beginners may want to try an inflatable, sit–on–top kayak. Traveling with them is easier, and storing them is, too.

You want to make your first kayak experience the best that it can be. You will likely love the sport if you have the best equipment. Inflatable, sit–on–top kayaks have advantages, including comfort and the fact that you may well be more confident when you are on top of, instead of inside, the kayak.

Top brands such as Hobie Cat and Coleman have unbeatable kayaks, so quality will never be a problem.

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## **Inflatable kayaks**

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Inflatable kayaks: easy to use and light.

Inflatable kayaks are generally a lot sturdier than most people would imagine. Generally the mental image that comes to mind when "inflatable kayak" is said is one that looks like an inflatable toy. However, this is far from the case and in fact, some of these inflatable kayaks can even be used for whitewater touring.

There are a few benefits to inflatable kayaks that should probably be mentioned first, however. These benefits probably seem relatively straight–forward, but they are all reasons to get an inflatable kayak on their own. First of all, inflatable kayaks are probably the most buoyant of any type of kayak. This makes sense, since the kayak essentially consists of blown up inner compartments. If you're looking for a kayak that will more than likely stay upright, then this is probably the best option for you.

You should also consider just how easy it is to move around with inflatable kayaks in contrast to some of the other kayak types. First of all, most of the available kayaks that are made out of other materials are actually fairly heavy. There are a few exceptions, but for the most part, kayaks are at least a little bit heavy and you have to have the right rack on your car in order to travel with them.

One major advantage to the inflatable kayaks, however, is that they can easily be broken down and stored. All you have to do is deflate, fold, and pack your kayak up before you go anywhere. One disadvantage is that you'll have to inflate your kayak before you're ready to actually start paddling, but this is definitely a minor concern when you consider that you'll be able to bring your kayak on an airplane if you need to.

The last thing you should consider about inflatable kayaks is that it is much easier to store them – which may mean that they will last longer than a lot of the other kayak designs. After all, in order to store an inflatable kayak, you only need enough room to store the deflated kayak. For a regular type of kayak, you'd need to have enough room for the entire boat.

In short, if you're looking for a convenient, light, and easy to use kayak design, then inflatable kayaks are definitely the type for you.

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