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If you're looking forward to relaxing paddle and moving around your favorite lake in super comfortable seat contouring, the Old Town Discovery 119 solo canoe is your answer. It is an incredibly fun and compact light canoe that is very easy to handle. The design and construction is such that it is very hard and rigid, but it is not very difficult either. For a long time, he was as well-liked as all the other models in line. You can ride on it with one paddle and double paddle shovels, whatever you want. The extra Rigid but resilient Old Town Discovery 119 Solo Canoe has a super-linear construction that gives it all the power and rigidity it needs. It also makes the ship very stable and flexible in the face of solid waters. Since the lightweight boat is in weight, it makes an excellent solo canoe and can be easily operated by one person without any hassle. It has a three-layer rotary shaped polyethylene construction that makes it durable and long-lasting for many years to come. Enjoy a boat ride like never beforeDe Li is an easy and fun boat ride or fishing, this canoe will help you do everything. It has comfortable and soft nylon web seats that make your ride extremely enjoyable and easy. The seats also have an adjustable folding backrest, which means you can move the positions as far as you like. Old Town Discovery 119 Solo is an agile canoe that helps it move with great ease in shallow waters. It is also formed-in-the-hull kneeling which makes it follow superbly in the water. Canoe gunpowder is made of vinyl, which gives it an advantage and strengthens the sides of the boat. It is designed with ash thwarts that are basically strut set in a cross way. The edixes are shaped like yokes and can be used as a carrying pole. Specifications and features Length: 11'9/ 3.6mWidth: 32.5/ 82.6m Weight: 49lbs/ 22.2kgMaterial: Three layers PolyethyleneRocker: ModerateBottom: Shallow archSides: StraightProsSuper Lightweight Weight Long lasting and durableTracks wellSpaciousConsVery slowYou should not be taken in very deep waters Cut seats sometimesVerdict Old Town Discovery 119 Solo Canoe has been on the market for a long time and passed as a favorite of many people. There seem to be a few drawbacks that can make you hesitant to buy. Regardless, it is very reasonable, durable and easy to operate a solo canoe. The verdict for this goes in a positive sense. All in all, it's worth the money and comes with zero regrets. Behind my house, a moat suffocated by grass leads to an overgrown canal that is thrown into a small bass pond. On weekday night, or windy weekend morning, I put my PFD, threw the Discovery 119 Solo Sportsman over one shoulder, backpack accessories and bottles of water over the other shoulder and grabbed my paddle and fishing rod. Then I wade through the weeds and drop a little canoe off the drain in. with your sit-on-top kayak. Old Town new Discovery 119 Solo Sportsman is a canoe and kayak hybrid; Imagine a small canoe paddle with a kayak paddle. Compared to other hybrids, the Athlete excels at combining the best qualities of canoes and kayaks. The closest comparisons come to Old Town's Next hybrid and Sportsman's grandfather, Discovery 119. Although NEXT and Sportsman are hybrids of canoes and kayaks, the Athlete has more free plates, a wider beam and fewer tumblehomes. The sports keel is a bit of an arch for sporty driving. The only comparison between Solo Sportsman and the original Discovery 119 canoe is the common hull. At the top, the Old Town added a low-profile seat and storage for hunting and fishing gear. Lined up against other hybrids, Solo Sportsman is lighter, more comfortable and drier than the cross between a stand up paddle board and a kayak. The body of the canoe gives the athlete enough volume to carry a dog or child. Compared to other grab-and-go kayaks, designed for fast trips with limited equipment and minimal effort, the Athlete rises to the top. If the goal is to provide an easy-to-use, transportation and storage fishing platform, the Athlete hits homerun. Weighing just 56 pounds, the Athlete is light enough for one person to lift it. The open cockpit makes it easy to carry shoulders or pull with an extra-large aft handle. Bottom: Stand and fish or sit in a low profile seat | Photo: Roberto WestbrookMy's favorite feature of the Discovery series is the three-seater polyethylene carcass. Using a foam center and a solid hard plastic outer layer, the plastic sandwich is light and hard. I can drop and pull the Athlete and barely scratch the surface. The three-layer material seems tougher than the roto-shaped plastic used in traditional sit-on-top kayaks. Discovery Solo Sportsman is a good choice for jumping over rocks in low-water rivers with minimal rapids. More importantly, they can land the ship down rocky banks and concrete culverts, perfect for suburban command fishing missions. Top: Looks like a canoe, paddles like a kayak | Photo: Roberto Westbrook At the top of Sportsman's twist on a canoe and kayak hybrid, too. The open cockpit canoe offers space for packing light camping equipment, the space behind the seat will be held by a large crate or refrigerator of 25 neighborhoods. In front of the seat, the Old Town moved thwarted forward for more space to accommodate leg pegs in a kayak for a sturdy paddling platform. The front thwarted has a gear track set flush to hold fish finders, rod holders or other additives. I added a paddle holder to the gear track so my cane wouldn't slip out of the kayak between casts. The rear thwarted, just behind the seat, hosts two flat-mount bar holders with space for another gear track or other accessories. A solo athlete can easily handle a ton of equipment, but Piles go against a small ship of grab-and-go DNA. To throw away the equipment crate, use standard rod holders and throw equipment and lunch in a waterproof backpack. I added a new YakGear YakSack to the rear thwart to hold a small tackle box, leader and a couple of fishing gears. [Also read: The ultimate guide to setting up your fishing kayak] A pair of adjustable foot pegs provides a solid foundation for strong paddle strokes. The new locking mechanism on the wedges of the feet remains in place. Of course, the star of the show is the new solo sportsman spot. The frame seat at NEXT does not provide support for strong paddle strokes. A bench seat in a Discovery canoe isn't designed to sit, more like a receding post office for rowers kneeling on the canoe floor. The sports seat is a full-fledged seat with a padded back and bottom. The seat is slightly elevated from the floor to stay out of the water. The low position improves stability and moves the rower closer to the water for more power on the stretch. The rear seats can be adjusted up and down and back and forth to provide lower back support for any height rower. The padded bottom of the seat and adjustable fit make the Athlete one of the most common canoes for one rower. [Kayaking buyer guide: Old Town canoes and kayaks] Armrests have a cube for small objects to catch or shotgun shells with cutouts to hold pliers, scissors or hanging bait. The armrests are lined with a small patch of EVA foam. This comfort was appreciated. With a low seat and high gunners, I found myself resting my elbows on pads. The configuration improves stability and offers greater protection from the elements, but I found myself paddling with high arms and wide arms.. Using longer, the 240 Carlisle Predator paddle helped me reach the water, but sitting so low in a canoe took some tuning. When they called me, I could see myself taking Solo Athlete on longer trips. Approved, the kayak and canoe hybrid is not an all-around boat for any type of fishing. But for a freshwater commando fisherman or waterfowl hunter, discovery 119 Solo Sportsman suits the needs of a sturdy, capable boat that can be filled with bait and dog or lowered over the shoulder and hucked at a hard-to-reach fishing spot. Canoe Sports Utility | Featured photo: Roberto Westbrook Stable, robust and easy to row. I've used this seven-row solo boat so far this summer. I bought it second-hand from an old timer who never used it and had it go full of boats. I've got a lot of work to do with it, and she looks brand new. It can pull a lot of weight for a small canoe. I always take my 75lb. Golden retriever with. It fits nicely in front of my feet and there is plenty of room for dry bags/equipment. It was pretty easy and stable and to get the fish out. You can't beat the weight of this light canoe. I can slide it right in. the back of my back door truck down and barely hanging in the back. I'm excited to use it soon for a multi-day trip with lots of portaging. There is no central yoke as it is found in a traditional canoe. I built my own padded portaging rails for my own purposes. I use a solo paddle and take with a kayak paddle as well, just in case we run into some gnarly winds or when we have to paddle back along the river when one way the paddle is not feasible. It's nice to have a kayak paddle for this, while we're paddling faster. The boat is manageable and a pleasure to practice and fine-tune the rescue on open water. I feel at home in this little craft on Alaskan waters. For a hardshell canoe, the boat is quite compact and light. Measuring 11.9 meters in length and 49 pounds in weight, it is safe to assume that this boat will not be so difficult to carry around. If you don't change the equipment, don't use it! Because of the many negative reviews, I feel that I have to point out that, a lot of the things we buy are mass produced, and therefore, they do not suit everyone exactly. I bought the Dicks version and hated the seat and the position, so I bought a seat from a can, a crazy stream and installed foot pegs... Now it's a great ship for me. I also added some D rings to the bottom of the boat, to tie a refrigerator or a 60-liter barrel. Anyway, it's a terrible ship for me. I'm about 7 years old and it's held up wonderfully. If you have a dog on the water... Canoeing is the only way to go! If that's an indication, I no longer own this ship. A few years ago I picked it up secondhand with the thought that it would be fun to have a solo paddle canoe on local lakes and rivers. I could never track it well enough to be effective except with a (long) double-edged paddle that was uncomfortable with the width of this ship and resulted in frequent banging of joints on gunpowder. All in all I think it was too short/wide to be fun to row, especially for a shorter person. I also had a very difficult time getting it on top of my car despite the pretty reasonable weight... It was always embarrassing and that's why I didn't row very often. I finally sold it after approaching the ocean and getting a sea kayak, which I enjoy much more (and can lighter car top, despite the fact that it weighs a few pounds more than this canoe). This canoe might be fine for someone who wants to fish or birdwatch out of it, but not so much for someone who wants to cover the distance. depuis 1 mois j essaie ce canot,, et franchement is suis impressionné .. stable ,,et guard with direction .. j emploie une pagaie werner,,,la baja ,, que j ai rallongé a 265cm,,, et c est parfait,,, ce canot navigue franchement bien,,,,, <2> la coque est rigide,,le fait qu il soit court aide sûrement a cet effet,,, et la liston en vinyle,,, est robuste a souhait,,, aucun c est specifié que vous pouver trouver plus léger,,(50lbs) mais la résistance du produit de la coque est sécurisant,,, is mesure 5pieds 7 pouces et pèse 190 lbs,,,,, <3> <6> is suis en forme,,, et ce canot me convient parfaitement,,,et a 62 ans,,, j en ai eu des canots dans ma vie,,,celui-là,,, c est vraiment bien I'm 6'1, 200 lb. experienced whitewater canoeist and wilderness tripper. It was hard for me to find a solo canoe here in the south that's light, not kevlar, not the white C-1 I have. I also got tired of taking my Kevlar Swift Osprey to slow rivers where shallow flocks abound and traction is required. 119 is good for all such rivers down with up to Class 2 is maybe some IIIs, and being plastic is fine to pull. I use a canoe folding rear seat for more comfort and a 250cm long kayak paddle. Due to the short length of 119 and the location of the seats, the pedal paddle works best. The seat is low, you can't put your kness under it, but stability is fine. Remember this isn't going down Class IV. I bought this boat online and shipped it directly from the Old Town. It's well packed and I damaged it from Old Dominion Freight. After inspection, there were two holes at the bottom of the hull that went all the way to the foam core. I contacted the Old Town about the issue, and after almost a week, I called them back and they advised that this was a common problem with their ships and did not affect either performance or durability. I think time will tell, because their solution was to melt my email piece of plastic into holes. Furthermore, the specifications stated by the Old Town are excluded. The depth is listed as 19 on bow and stern and actually measures 18. In the middle of the boats, the Old Town advertises 13.5, and my ship 12. In addition, the width is advertised as 32.5 and is actually 31.5 on my boat. Not huge differences, and will be of use 25 percent of the time, but if someone is looking for a small river runner they could make a difference (especially when paired with a useless keel on board). The only reason I bought this boat was to drag a cheap boat across a flock when the river was low, but I didn't expect to patch it up before I even hit the water. Or pay full price for a factory defect. I canoeed 2,552 miles of Mississippi with this canoe. I moved the seat to the back. This helped with the packaging and also helped with the track. I've been through eight tug waves and a lot of chops. I've never tipped. I'm canoeing the river TN next month with the same canoe. Move the seat to the back of the canoe. They've had this old town canoe for years. Added trolling motor carrier makes for excellent cruising time in silence! Hey, you. I'd like to say a few things about this canoe. OT Discovery 119.First of all, I would like to say a few things about my needs when it comes to canoeing. I was for something I could handle on my own. Lift and get the car down by yourself, and also a boat that could handle a decent amount of weight. I've been thinking a lot about what my needs are going to be, whether I need something with a rocker or not. And how stable I needed it to be. I'm an avid fisherman, but at the same time I didn't want a canoe that was too stable because I realized it would have a big impact on speed. I narrowed it down to a small canoe 12-14 feet, or buy something made of Kevlar. Reading reviews here again is uncertain about OT D119. Because people said there were too many tips. And that's just a lie. I ended up buying one at the end. And he was surprised at how stable he was. There are so many bad reviews on this site, which are not taken into account. And these reviews create some uncertainty. I like research before I buy, so maybe his only people like me who take what people say as a consideration. People here write that they have 30 years of canoe experience, and they've had problems with OT D119. It was like they couldn't row at all. I have no experience with canoeing. And it took me 2 minutes to row it straight with a 5 min YouTube lesson on J-move (or what it was called). There's no tendency to tip at all, NONE GOD. If you tip, it's because you ask him, or you're a little ignorant of a few things when it comes to canoeing. Like holding the head and upper body in the center of the canoe, not outside the edge of the canoe wall. If you don't know that, you learn it in a few minutes. Since OT D119 lets you know if you're getting close to tipping. So take my advice that this canoe is great. It depends on your needs, but this is good if you need something small, and it can package the quantities of equipment, I checked every brand, compared the data. And unless you can come across a used OI Pack canoe, this one is the best. Paddling.com really need to filter out anger-reviews from unhappy customers who clearly haven't chosen the right canoe. It's a big mistake. And let the frustration come to an end in reviewing the product. But this ultimately does not help any of us, thereby eliminating the whole purpose of making reviews. I took my new Old Town Discovery 119 on my first trip today, early April, and I was pleased. I'm a 64-year-old in pretty good physical shape for my age. I also have experience in canoes from decades ago. I'm carrying a 119 in the 6th bed of my mid-range pickup truck. I've got 8' canoe support from the back door down. I secure it with two light duty ratchet tapes. Loading, unloading and travel is a breeze. I hadn't been in a canoe in many years, so it was my first time riding with a canoe empty, except for myself and the paddle. I use the paddle because I was pretty good with J caressing - and obviously I still am. Some wrote about using kayak paddles with 119; I'm sure there's nothing wrong with that, but I. I don't want to run it collectively. The first hour long trip around the small lake was pleasant and unusual. I quickly regained my confidence. I went back to launching the ship and attached the receding to the seat, which really improves comfort. I turned 119 with one 8 lb anchor. mushrooms and one ultra-light turning rod and roll. I was carrying a small assortment of accessories in a plastic box in one of the pockets of my life jacket. Everything went well for a few hours of early fishing season - too early for the fish seemed. I secured the anchor on the front thwarted and stacked it in front of the thwart, which was pretty handy. I stored the stick and roll behind the seat, pointing astern, while paddling, which worked well until I carelessly allowed him to slide and project the right side. I endangered the precious old ultra-light bar with my carelessness, but it's not the fault of 119. In short, I think Old Town Discovery 119 is a great little canoe. It's light enough for an old man to manage, perform acceptable on calm water and meet my expectations. I bought this little boat here in Germany a few weeks ago. It's the latest version with a nylon seat for belts (I also know the old version with plastic seat, but I didn't like it). I've only used it in calm conditions so far. The trunk of the seams is durable and it is rigid, there is no oil preservation. The ship follows surprisingly well using a canoe paddle. It's not for winning a marathon race, but speed is fine, not just for use on moving water, but for day trips without electricity. I'm 20 feet two inches tall and 215 lbs. Weight is not a problem for this ship, but sitting was only 6 inches high. I cut the metal plates in two and nailed it together. Now the seat is about 2 1/2 inches higher - much more comfortable and there are no problems for stability. The weight is 49 lbs, the Old Town specification is more or less true. It's fine (and very good for a poly boat), I can put it on my car without problems. Good boat, I'm happy with it! Love to use this old town. I went and got one for me. I use it a lot of the time. I'm glad I did. went to the lake and the rivers. and ponds are great. I hope to see people doing this and I like I'm the lucky new owner of Old Town Discovery 119. I was already an almost happy kayak owner, but strong wasn't a pleasant ride when I tried to take my 74 lb dog. I also wanted my boat to be cheap, durable and quite light. Enter 119. I will point out the discrepancy I recorded - the statistics given on this site for this canoe say it weighs 43 pounds, but in place of the manufacturer the weight is currently listed as 49 lbs. It's not a big difference, but it's still good to be aware, I think.

119 as it comes is not perfect for my application, it's a bit of a tight grip for my puppy and he's ended up always being on his feet and constantly in the way of my double-edged paddles I assumed that would be the case because I read a review of a guy who wanted his boat for exactly the same thing as me (on the Dicks website), but I wanted to try it out as it came before I started putting extra holes in the gunwales. So I'm currently in the process of moving the front-facing around my foot, which is a conservative start and I'm going to take it from there to get it just right for us, moving the seats back only if we still need more space, or a different balance. The seat it comes from is now a woven seat on a bench and sits quite far away in a boat. So I'm pretty sure you can ignore all the seat comments from many other reviews. It's nowhere near my yak in comfort, but considering we spend hours and hours on the water it's not really too bad. Paddles pretty easily. I have no problem going pretty straight and turning on the coin. I've already dragged him over a mess of rocks on another adventure and the bottom is just scratched. I bought a seat in the stadium for a belt, but I prefer a regular seat without it when I'm paddling. I got a lot on the canoe through the Sportsman warehouse, it's been on sale this fall. I basically got about \$200 under the list which is much better for me, for sure. I've already messed with it, installed painters through bow and stern and installed a binding although I'll probably never do anything close to fast water, but look at it. It's much easier to get in and out of a kayak for those of us who aren't terribly coordinated. And as a new canoeist I could almost pull my kids rolled over 12 ft rec. kayak on it in a kind of aggressive after the fall of waves / current, so I would call it very stable. I think this is going to be a boat forever for me and I'm looking forward to great adventures with it! This is an update from the previous review that I did on 08-04-2016. It's all about this canoe again except for the seat layout. As previously noted, I reconfigured the seats with a successful reset and wondered how to organize the appropriate portage system. My first thought was to put a removable yoke in the central point of the canoe and that was exactly the solution I first tried. The installation was very simple. A few new holes in the gunners in the middle of the boats and a few big screws for easy removal and I was good to go. But here's the bonus. Since I moved the seat back to the rear position of the original position, I have plenty of room to kneel in front of the seat and not be distracted while paddling or just resting while sitting on the seat. Therefore, there is no need to remove the yoke while canoeing. So pushing my rating from 7 to 8 and will even consider 9 because of that is a great handshake, but doing all the mods keeps me back from it. It could have been 9 if the original seating arrangement had been more practical canoeing as opposed to kayaking. I've owned my Discovery 119 for almost 20 years. I use it mainly for fishing on lakes and rivers. It's very stable, turns fast and can carry a ton of stuff. I even occasionally attach a small electric motor when I might be struggling with the wind while fishing. For years I used a long double-edged paddle when I traveled any distance with this ship, which is much more effective than a single blade. I have a polyethylene model that weighs only 42 pounds. The ship is quite ---- has been stored outside since I got it and has shown only minor fading. I'm about 5' 7 and find the boat to be very comfortable, but a taller person can find it cramped. He handles the canoe nicely after the seat has been recast. Originally raised seat to gunner level to allow for my preferred kneeling position. It gives me more power in a stroke. But with the seat raised and kneeling in front of it, it throws the center of gravity of the canoe putting too much weight forward for such a short/small canoe. After some jiggling around I found that if I moved the seat back so that the front was attached to the back was originally it made the canoe sit perfectly on the water for my weight and size. (5'7 175lbs). The problem then is that there is no central yoke with which to transmit this aircraft. Now, if I install a yoke for portaging purposes, which I will often have to do, it will have to be removed to use a modified seat. There's no end to the little problems. But I'm going to get to sort it out eventually. Too bad canoe designers didn't take that into account in the original design. Allowing these mods to be part of the design so you can customize it to your own taste without adding holes and other physical changes that can affect the aesthetics of this fine little canoe. Anyway it works fine now that I've made seat changes, but you still need to work to make it mine. Stable enough if you know what you're doing, but don't forget where you are for a second. Follow well enough for such a small canoe and handles great in tight places. Have on my heart: I also put a yoga-type pad on the bottom to protect my old knees. All in all, I think we're going to get along just fine. But as a Canadian, I envy all those people who only paid 300,000. The price in Canada is, so let's just say way more. My main trips with this canoe are on the southern branch of the Potomac River in West Virginia. I've had it for over 12 years and I've never used it that much because I also have an Old Town Discovery 169. Last year I started using it more often after not using it for several years and the first time I got into it I fell out of it! IT'S VERY TIPPY! I hit myself pretty good on the rocks, so off at the emergency ward the next day. The second time I got into it, I was going down the river, hit some nice Big quicks, then a rock and you guessed it, I came out again. I didn't get hurt, but I lost my paddle and fishing rod. So, I started reading some of the reviews on this canoe and came up with one conclusion. I took the damn place out and put in a low beach chair and a saying! Life is good again. NO problem with this canoe, sits low, lowers the center of gravity, stabilizes the canoe better. But I'm still thinking about the new Discovery133 as a replacement. I finally put this one in the water! My first solo canoe, I was a little worried about how it was going to wear and how I was going to handle it. I quickly fell in love with this ship! I was surprised at how agile this is, but it still accompanies quite politely. I bet it's a lot better than my first. (My solo rowing technique takes a lot of work). One complaint I have is the placement of a seat. It's way low and I felt I was slipping out of it. Looks like easy enough to fix though. All in all, it's a great boat for money. I'm very happy with that. And great for rivers and streams, great for fishing, and good all over the water. It's fun to do different waters. This is as great a solo canoe for fishing or hunting for small windy streams as I am. I got my cheep used and it looks 15+ years old, it has an old seat from a prospect that splits the first trip, but I'm drunk plywood underneath and it works fine and it's still comfortable, also the new replacement is only \$40 on Amazon. I love this canoe because I can easily car it top, and it's even easier and faster to throw in the 5 1/2 bed of my truck and secure with 3 ties down. It is quite easy for poly canoeing and can easily be worn down steep. Rough put-ins, I'm 5'6 and 120 pounds, can also easily pull it fully loaded over gravel or grass to get around log jams. Polly 3 hull is tough and doesn't scratch much, it's also not crack or split at all, even when ice is formed on the hull and gunnels while duck hunting in December. It's not the fastest boat and it doesn't track well at all, I use 95% single-blade paddles with a good J or C move and that's fine, I use a kayak paddle to fight the creek in winter when I can't afford to lose resistance for a C move. It doesn't have the initial stability that my other two flat canoes have and at first I can feel tipsy, but it can lean with the right balance and not throw you away. I don't have a problem with casting, shooting (it swings a lot by shooting wide) or leaning in to get things out of the water and they haven't been discarded yet. All in all, it's a tough, cheep boat that does the job and I don't feel bad when I put a few scratches in it. I bought discovery 119 with the idea of having a light solo canoe. It follows quite well and seems to be manageable even with a shaped mare. It is easily cartopped and can be worn short distances with one hand. This canoe is set to be with double blades paddles like kayaks, with your feet straight in front of you. Raising the seat to try to kneel has changed the centre of gravity too much. I found I had to stop and take breaks to stretch my legs more often than in a traditional canoeing setup. If you like paddling kayaks but want a canoe, this is the boat for you. If you want a traditional canoe, it's not. I got OT Guide119 from Dicks. We've been in it 10 or 12 times and I love it. I'm 66 and 260. I flew into a canoe once, but it was my fault. It can give you a quick thrill if you move to fasting, but it's your fault, not your canoe. The seat is weird, but I put my back down about 1/4 and that helped. I'll probably go another 1/4. It's my great for money. Agreed! Best solo for a price. It's a seat, but that's all it is about. I put the web seat in w 4 dowe. Put some foam on the bottom to kneel when hitting the main Rapids. I use it in Class 2 rivers and it handles the blade paddle perfectly. Placing airbags front and back to add to the float. I own Mohawk XL Old Town Osprey Jackson's expense and it's mine to go do all the boat! This is an update [from 2013-07-26] on my Old Town Discovery 119 that I bought from a friend of mine about two years ago. This canoe is much better because I made a modification of the seat drop approximately four inches below the factory position. The canoe is no longer as tippy as it was when I first got it. With the bending Grana Impression Solo paddle I use I can spin on a coin. It's amazing how much difference a canoe has made since I put the seat down. My brother wants to get the same canoe because he saw mine in action. This solo canoe is a little cute. I've been paddling my ribs and touring kayaks for years, but this can become my favorite boat for occasional dates. It's not fast, but it handles very well with a kayak paddle (minimum 250cm) and of course has oodles of space for equipment and my size 13 metres. Keep up with the rec kayak easily. I think this would be a good fishing platform by adding the usual equipment. I would characterize this boat as a great alternative for people who just don't feel comfortable with rec kayaking but still want to get in the water. I agree with other reviewers that this is an excellent downstream ship, but unlike other reviewers I believe this ship has sufficient initial stability for any rower. I assume this ship will soon be discontinued in favor of the Old Town next, so try one and get one as soon as possible. (That's about half the price!) Dick's has a lot online at the time of writing this. The old town is trying to turn its canoes into kayaks in this design. The seat gives about 3 inches of floor spacing and does not allow kneeling. Because the seat is so low, it is not set to use a single paddle blade and has no foot pegs. After Seat and putting a piece of plywood in its place I managed to get about 7 inches apart and kneel down and use a canoe paddle. The ship does not track well in flat water and requires a j-stroke with every stroke. It does turn pretty well and should be good once I get into moving water. If the seat were to rise much higher, it would put the center of gravity pretty high and it could be tippy. I really wanted to solo canoe like a canoe, not this. It would help if Old Town offered the right place in the canoe. Maybe the Package would be a better option, but it costs \$400 more. I traded Mad River Trip 156 for Discovery 119. The trip was a barge, extremely stable, but a paddling exercise alone. 119 it's a big little ship light easy to load, plenty of room for mine to take and cooler. I hated him at first. I thought there were too many tips, but after the fallout, I realized three times that I had to get used to this ship. It was a big change, but now that I'm used to it, I like it. I fish many small lakes where this ship shines. I use one paddle and have no problem tracking unless I try to use too much power. Paddling beautifully and easily this boat sins right together. I cut down the web seat to fit the floor and used a sitting backer on it. I caught a lot of fish from this boat and even a monster bass dragged me around the lake in it, what an explosion. For reference I'm 6ft 2 340 lbs. Give this ship a chance you'll like. I moved the seat forward using the original front holes for the back of the seat which helped a lot in the circumscum. I only sit on the floor because I like to stretch out and sit cross-legged. Once this it's a win I'll float I'll buy another one. It's not a freighter, so it'll feel tippy until it gets used to it. Can I get up and fish? No, but I'm not very coordinated. My friend I fish with a can, but he's standing in a kayak. That's not the problem with the ship, it's the adage with me! I had a boat on the Ohio River with boats all around and I never felt like I was going to tip. You can't go wrong with this boat and for a price you have extra money to fish and explore with it! About 4 years ago I submitted a review of discovery 119 and gave it 10. This is an update to that review. I still say it's 10 out of 10, especially for the price, although I'd be curious to try the Old Town Pack to see if there was a significant difference between the two that would justify a much higher Pack price.. Maybe the Pack would make me give up 119! After using the canoe, I changed the seat to a tractor-type saddle for a while, hung from wooden dowries. I kept a seat of 119 and last year put it in our second canoe (square aft Old Town Predator). I like it in the canoe. I still use a double-edged paddle with 119 and it's still fun to paddle. Bought Discovery 119 last In 2013, I wish I'd gotten it a year ago, because it's a fun and functional solo canoe. In my case, that was less than \$500. Made of three-layer polyethylene that Old Town uses on a few canoes, and it seems to be a pretty tough thing. The canoe has scratches on the outer surface, but so far there are no goeoy or serious stains from the gravel pits and rocky banks of the Current and Jacks Fork rivers and several other lakes and rivers here in Missouri. It is an agile and stable canoe that copes well in narrow fast areas and riffs of rivers and trails in line for its length on open lake waters. I can't say the canoe is tippy as some have said, but I turned it around once it was newly tilted to clean up a piece of rubbish on the river. If you wear synthetics, this seat is too smooth for comfort. I lowered the back of the seat (angle) with a few pads and added harmony techlift seat pad, and took off the seat and reassessed it from the side of the mount with a zipper, between the seat and the thwarted one. The original seat design is a little suspicious, in my opinion. I've also used the usual paddle and kayak double paddle and far prefer a paddle with a kayak, it makes the canoe way more manageable in fast water. I'm really fond of this canoe, knowing what I know about him at the moment, I think it would be worth the full proposed price of \$649. This is a big little canoe and based on its performance so far mine will see a lot of use. But I'm going to have to disagree with suggestions favoring a kayak paddle when you use this boat. I also own a kayak and I used a K paddle with my Kaynoe/Disco 119 (they are the same basic boat). If I'm given a choice, I'll stick to the paddle canoe for Kaynoe. The only time K paddle has an advantage is if it sits high on the seat, but it also tends to give up some control and stability. I like to keep low (knees on the floor whenever possible) and this position gives a better distance, the rowing movement is less noticeable (advantage when hunting for the edges of the stream) and reduces the water flowing into the boat from the higher angle of the K paddle (which happens even with the rubber rings on the K axle). I guess to everyone, but for all of you who don't dig your paddle canoe just send them to me, I'll make good use of them. I really like this canoe. This canoe is well tracked and very easy to turn. I used this canoe with a kayak paddle and a canoe paddle with good results. The only thing I'd change is a seat. I'd like to have a regular wooden canoe seat. This guard is for me. If you want something solo that's easy to get in and out of, under fifty pounds, under \$500, and can squeeze out almost 500lbs then you might want to look at it. Some points: It's a seat. It's an old-town plastic canoe seat that you always feel you're slipping out of... But it is. low into the canoe and really adds stability. I took out a seat and installed several 2x4s cut to the length of the bracket as a carrier descent and some Home Depot oak boards as a seat. This allows you to mount all the cushion rear seat you want. It works very, very well. A lot of early reviews say this ship was tippy I think maybe the early ships had seats that were high up in the boat. I noticed there are YouTube seats that are high up in the boat. This canoe works best if you sit in it. Your paddle... Don't mess with a regular canoe paddle. Use a kayak paddle. The canoe paddle is nice and traditional, but it's extra business with this boat. The only problem with the paddle is you get water in the boat. Your stroke will sweep the paddle past the drip ring inside the ship. Maybe a longer paddle will fix this (my next purchase.) With a kayak paddle, this boat is very easy to turn around, but songs as good as any 12 foot yak I've seen. It's very durable. I believe it's the same hull material as second-length detection canoes. Discovery's are usually used as rental boats. I thought the seat was a little tippy, too. Disco 119 is a nice canoe for money, but I removed the seat (saves weight) and bought a low seating chair for the beach, along with cup holders. Now I'm thinking of upgrading to a beach chair with an umbrella. I love this canoe after I put the seat down. A seat like it smells. Sit too straight and feel like you're going to slip off it. I lowered the seat by two in the front and four in the back. It's very comfortable now. I also put foot pegs in it which made it so much better. This ship follows quite straight into the whole. Because of the length, this thing is turning pretty good, too. He won't win races, but he works well for river paddling. Of all the ships I owned or rowed, this one is one of the best. For a price, this thing is great. It can haul a lot of equipment. I'm about 280lbs and this thing keeps me and any equipment that I have with ease. I recommend this ship. Dicks is selling an identical version of this ship called Kaynoe. It says it's a field and a stream, but it's exactly the same as Discovery 119. I got Kaynoe there like blem for \$300. One of the best deals on one of the best ships. Do it! You won't be disappointed that you are. I usually use sit-on-tops, but I came across Old Town 119 - I must say it's very good. I use it for fishing and find it stable and beautiful and easy to transport. It's not the fastest canoe, but it does it in other ways. You can paddle with a kayak paddle if you need to be a little faster. I had two Colemans (15' 16') and Old Town Penobscot 17'. Discovery 119 is my first solo - I only have positive remarks. I tested several ships the day I bought it. I left, and forward between several kayaks and this canoe. I'm the canoe guy. This gives me more seating and pulling equipment options, as well as giving my dog unlimited seating options. In the end it's lighter than any Kayak I've looked at (Sit down and SOT). Portage is a bite! Being in this canoe puts me in my happy place! I'm amazed at how many people who obviously can't row or are just inexperienced complain about one of the best canoes on the water. This little gem is both stable and performs with all the grace of the kayak when properly handled. A seat is always a personal-sized problem, but a boat is a charm. I have a Loon 111 which is my other boat and if I wanted somewhere in a hurry she's the one I'm going to but discovery is a great canoe and I wouldn't be without it. I had this canoe for 3 years, purchased locally during the season-ending approval for just under \$400. I immediately noticed the need for a longer kayak-style paddle, since it had an operator of induced monitoring difficulties. A 270cm bending branch double end paddle cured that. Like most people here I had seat problems; it's not scary, but it's not comfortable and too high. But my biggest objection was that butt-shaped sockets wouldn't allow for adjusting the left or right lining for wind or waves. So I ordered a 4-inch drop dowl seat from the northwest canoe supply, and a wood web seat, and installed it where the other one was. Then after I tried it, I moved it back 4 inches to father aft, to help with the front back trim and tracking, now it's perfect for me. But I like to tinker and make things my own, even if something is mostly ok but like a badly shaped plastic seat on a strange metal space age frame. I give it 9/10 because it floats this 200 lb rower, plus equipment, in less than 3 inches of water. It is durable, reasonably lightweight (40 lbs after seat mode) and very affordable. He manoeuvres well, follows ok and safely handles the wind and waves. She's stable at first and when she's leaning. It's easy to change if you like, and the polylink hull is really hard. Good cheap solo boat for short fishing and a week on the river. Get this \$150 boat and paddle, and you're still in it less than half or a quarter of what most solo canoes sell for, and you'll have a reliable, durable, fun and useful boat to use and enjoy for a long time. Anyway, I love that it lifts me up anytime! Bought Dick's version in camo (Guide 119). I bought this fishing canoe, and it's perfect for me. I don't have any stability problems, actually if the water is calm I get up and adjust my clothes without problems. I use it for fishing. I still bought inflatable seat pads from eBay, because plastic hurt me after a few hours of fishing. I just got this little canoe at Dicks (426.00) and it's great. I'm 68 years old and it's light enough to load into a pickup truck. Plenty of room. me, my little fridge, pack, wood and onion stand/gun. Most roads in the local state forest (Okaloacoochee Slough) are closed due to extremely high water. Made getting around easy and safe. You can get to places where larger boats/canoes can't. Pros It is easy to load and unload on the roof rack. I shook hands well and stayed dry after a canoe ride for a while. It is durable due to its three-layer rotary shaped polyethylene construction. OldTown is a large enterprise, of reliable quality and good after-sales service. Years of caring for free services. The seats are contoured and the backrests are adjustable so it's comfortable to sit while canoe fishing, a 5-year-old girl weighing in on her feet, not tired, very practical. Mine was a series of multiple rivers, products of the Old Town tend to be very durable. He's coping great! stable on the water. Great boat for solo rower Cons Overpriced This is a heavy canoe for its size, perhaps because it is built of premium materials. Almost every single thing has been fixed. The only thing I could change is seat Overall: Reliable brand, reliable Discovery series, reliable canoe. It's a lovely little canoe. As a petite lady, 5'4 130 lbs can load this canoe I'm on my little two car door (you don't even need a rack just foam blocks and insurance lanes). In the water very versatile canoe handling nothing, from fishing to class 3 rapids. It takes a little adjustment, figuring out how best to manage my own weight and rowing strategy, but overall I had no problem with stability. They often alternate between sitting on a seat and kneeling depending on where I row. He agreed that a two-seater kayak paddle greatly improves ease of maneuverability, however a good J stroke will suffice. Awesome little boat I love this canoe. One of the original hybrids, which became so popular. It's been sold for years as Kay-Noe at Dicks Sporting Goods (part kayak part canoe) for a price nothing compares. I gave him nine because the seat wouldn't get a little uncomfortable after about an hour. However, with the addition of a set of Wilderness Systems leg braces and a longer double kayak paddle, you have the ultimate hybrid for a fraction of the price of anything else out there that offers as much space or performance as this boat. I bought this one person by canoe three years ago. I'm impressed with him. This canoe is tracked very well and it is easy to paddle with a kayak. It's also stable. The weight is below 40 #s and facilitates loading/unloading from the roof. I used this to fish in ponds, lakes and slow rivers. It is perfect for these types of water and can handle class 1. and 2 rapids with ease. This is a tough and durable canoe and at a cost of about \$400 you can't go wrong. I rated this canoe at 8. The reason is because of the seat. The seat is not comfortable and feels like it is tilted forward, I've tried all kinds of pillows. The most comfortable one I've found is a floating pillow that can be thrown away. If I had it for everyone, I'd buy it again!! I bought this canoe from a friend of mine. At first I had a canoe problem because it was too tippy. I took some one inch PVC pipe, cut four pieces six inches long and replaced the three-inch dowl bar on the seat. Now there's no tip. I like to use this canoe now. The canoe is at least twenty years old and in perfect shape. I use solo paddle bending branches and couldn't ask for a better combination for my needs. I had my first trip on my new Discovery 119 today and I must say it far exceeded my expectations. At first I noticed how easy it was to get in from the dock. There is no uneasy tippy feeling that so many other kayaks and canoes struggle when boarding. After rowing, I was immediately impressed by the primary stability, far better than any sit-in kayak I rowed, and I paddled a lot. The speed and ease of rowing was wonderful, and she even had a good slip for such a short boat. I could easily get up and throw and even use my paddle while standing like I was on a SUP. I lowered the back of the seat 3/4 inch before launch, and that made the seat much better than expected after reading all the grips around the seat. I've only been paddling for an hour, and this is my first solo canoe, but it's far more stable and paddles so much better than expected. I don't see why anyone would want a more expensive canoe. I've also rowed the Old Town Pack intensely, and with the exception of 119 heavier ones, it's better everywhere else for \$600 less than pack. And far more stable. I bought used in March and I love it! I called the Old Town and it's exactly the same as Discovery just a different color made exclusively for Dick's Sporting Goods. Mostly I use a long kayak paddle to ride on flat water. He's coping great with that paddle. I had to buy a longer one to keep the drip off my feet. When I float rivers, I use a regular canoe paddle. The ship is really stable, I have no idea where the other reviewers got the idea that it was tippy. I'm really impressed with the stability and I haven't had any close calls. I use the boat for fishing and touring. I really prefer a fishing canoe because of the higher walls, they seem to hold the equipment better, not really fast water use, but it's not built for that. I'm going to use it for crabs in Maryland this month. I expect it to work great for that, too. I really think if you're looking for a solo canoe this is a big boat: light weight, durable, and the price is right Got my 119 on Dicks. I have other canoes, but this is my first solo. I agree that the seat isn't the most comfortable, but with a seat from the Kittery Trading Post, it's not bad. I love everything else about it. It may not be as light as the Old Town Pack, but a lot less. It's a great boat for money. I recently bought Old Guide 119 at Dick's Sporting Goods. He uses it once on a local pond with one blade. Wx was quite windy, and one blade was adequate. This is a big silent water boat; stable and monitored fairly well with one blade. A long paddle with a kayak would bring out the best in this boat to open water. For me, 43 lbs (actually 46.2 lbs) is a job to get on and off yakima racks on my pop-up truck camper. I just went 65, and it's not a boat I want to carry far to the water. I think this would be a good boat for a younger guy/girlfriend, or for someone who didn't have a high rise on the shelves. An open bed would also work well. Returned at guide 119 dick's, and got old town pack angler on Kittery Trading Post (Maine) the other day. (I just got back from Pack's first trip to Harpswell Sound. Look for this review). The old town makes great products! I know this because in the past I have bought several canoes from them (Katahdin, Discovery, etc.) and I have had nothing but great reviews and experiences. I recently bought Guide 119 (Camo) and I must say that with all my experiences on the water (lakes, rivers, bays, etc.) over the years I have felt like a beginner in this canoe! I felt like I was on a carnival ride as soon as I sat in it. I'm not a big person (5'6; 170 lbs) but I just couldn't feel comfortable reaching for anything (grab box, stick, fishing net, etc.) during my stay on the water. Within an hour and a half of my first trip, I was in the water with all the equipment floating inside the canoe! It happened so fast that I didn't have time to recover from the sense of seriousness! I had just before entering the water! I swam to shore, drained the water, filled all the equipment and headed for the boat ramp. He loaded a canoe on the car and headed back to the store where I bought this and asked for a refund. This OT Guide 119 canoe is made of quality materials, it is very easy to handle on/off the car for one person, but they must say that I was not impressed by the handling of this unit on the water. Not many people talked about it in their reviews, but I actually bought this unit based on the overall positive (10 out of 10, etc.) feedback that people gave. Stable is mentioned in the description of the product! Please differ! The buyer is: do yourself a favor and go out and buy a slightly larger canoe than Guide 119. You won't regret it! I've read so many people complaining about this seat. No, it's not the best seat set, but instead of moving up, down, all around... install a nice system of side braces for the legs and tie you beautifully to the boat. For what you can pick up for it in some of these great sports shops under 400.00 you have one helluva nice little fishing boat or just spend a day on the water with your pooch and lota gear. BUY So let everyone remember this boat is \$400 Dicks special so for all of you comparing it to wenonah or something like that you should probably realize that maybe some people don't have \$1,100 to sink into a weekend toy. With that, here's my opinion. Stability - stability of the ID rate 7 until you get used to how much the ship has lost in the water. Like all round bottoms a little rocking canoes it will have some advice on him, but I took him off the brashraens today and grabbed himself sideways on a branch in the current and held it upright and straightened it back. Tracking- id rate tracking about 5 because you'll be doing a little work to keep it nose-nosed forward and paddling to keep going because it doesn't carry much momentum to keep going, but in the twist and turns of our Kentucky creek the boat controls like a kayak in fact I was able to run shallower water then my friend's whitewater kayak. Some notes to think about are, although the seat seems comfortable, it's actually not comfortable at all, and the pedal is almost untreated for this boat. So I have to say overall this ship was perfect for what I wanted for and for the price as well. In fact they're headed to the elkhorn this weekend to try it on some class 3 rapids. I just got one of these for my birthday, took it out with my son today and what a pleasure it was. He has an OT Oesight (I also have one) and with increased weight capacity, I could ride in places I would normally walk. It seems very stable and fast with 2 row blades. I doubt I'll use the oeus much now. The original owner added home braces that worked very well. Very happy with this ship, I can't wait to use it more. I'm a rookie solo rower so I don't have much to compare. I bought this model because I like camping alone. This model can carry my tent, sleeping bag and refrigerator with ease. The kayaks I looked at seemed to be firmly in the space for the above items without careful eyelashes (Of course) It is lightweight and easy to load on its self and quickly put in the water. When I hit some areas that couldn't navigate, I took her out of the bank like a calf on a rope. Problem solved. I wouldn't want to try this just on rough tracks. Follow well enough for me and I can handle it on small streams and a calm river with a double paddle. I lowered the seat 4 inches with long stainless steel screws and plastic seats. This helped stabilize the load. This canoe suits my needs and I'm glad I bought it disco 119 a couple of months ago. I enjoy it. The seat must be different. I added foot pegs and a thin pad. I've solved my problem. Manoeuvres well and follow well. It's the third canoe to the fleet and he'd do it again. It's a good compromise between a kayak and a bigger canoe. Got a guide 119 from Dicks which is exactly the same boat as disco 119, just \$150 less retail due to Dicks volume Purchase. The boat is adequate for light paddles on the lake. Much was said about the seat, which I lowered about an inch and leaned back using longer gaps in the back. With a seat, I find no reason to switch seats. Everyone agrees that the seat is not comfortable. Tolerable in an hour or so. I took mine out and replaced it with a \$10 steel and canvas beach chair from Walmart. Much more comfortable with the added benefit of a little lightening of an empty canoe. The ship is stable. You can move it with one paddle and J-stroke, but not against the wind and/or the tides. A double paddle is the way to go. In the bay, he handled the boat and woke up just fine. I bought it for fishing mainly fresh water, ponds, small lakes and streams. I wanted a boat I could easily handle. I'd love a \$2,000 24 lb Kevlar canoe but for money this is the perfect boat for it. Sweet! I love this ship. I read reviews over and over again and they're accurate when it comes to the seat. It's terrible. Get rid of him. I switched in the webbed seat, moved it 2 inches forward without a drop and I'm very happy with that. Is this the saddest canoe? no. Not! There was a learning curve for me. A paddle with double blades is necessary for any length of slow moving water, because the keel is much small and really pointless, a flat bottom would be more convenient. I'm a 64 235lbs, so I'm not a normal-sized rower for a short canoe. However, I carry about 40kg of equipment with me and with my dry bag under the seat and fridge tied to my front thwart, I can lean back into my seat and kick my feet over the sides in calm water without stability problems. For anything in my class that I work fast, I prefer to kneel for extra stability. I also added a 48 inch floating bag at the front and 30 inches in the back (likely to go to 48 inches in the back next spring), only to make the extra water that will crash over my bow from the boat and keep it easier to handle when I take on water. I routinely float the river section with class II and III multiple rapids. I can't wait to add camping gear for our night trips. Seat, keel, stability. Pros: Weight, maneuverability, price I bought this boat after reading all the reviews. I was hoping the seat problem could be easily solved and it was. Being a kayaker, I'm familiar with leg pegs. I went to one paddle and decided that foot pegs were the only thing needed to turn this into a great ship. I added adjustable foot pegs made by Wilderness Systems that I ordered from Austin Kayak in just a few minutes. It made a difference in the world. Now with my feet on the pegs I can paddle all day without sliding out of the seat. (The old town needs to experiment with adding wedges.) After about a year of canoeing I am pleased to say that I am very pleased with it. Easy to transport and launch, easy to paddle and give me enough space to take the dog with me. Love it -- recommend it. I bought this canoe specifically for use on a small Class I-II stream with lots of gravel-shaped jump rods. Being an almost exclusive kayaker for the past 15 years, I've found that jumping out of a drag canoe over a gravel bar is considerably easier than kayaking, so this is my third attempt at a canoe. Tried 14' canoe, and it's just too burdensome to try to convert in fast water, close quarters, etc. so decided this time to try discovery 119. The first thing, of course, is if you are going to use a canoe paddle, it is better to have a solid / comfortable J stroke, and be in a hurry. Side-to-side drift is terrible if you don't, and you certainly won't get anywhere in any significant frontal current. As many here state, the correct duration, the style of kayak paddle is almost essential with this boat, or you will work to the death, in the wind, and currently especially. For this he is responsible, this canoe was surprisingly well followed by a slide on flat water without wind. Primary stability was also better than I had hoped given what I've heard about these canoes. Secondary stability, however, is as stated by most, and leaves much to be desired. He can get out of it, but he needs to get used to it. The seat, although reasonably comfortable for the first 1hr, became increasingly uncomfortable afterwards. I bought this canoe that is used, but as new for about half the new price. I would never pay a new price knowing what I know about canoeing now, although since I got a lot on it, I have a place to do it especially for what I bought it for, just to run gravel bar streams. There seems to be enough room for camping for the night, or two, and I'm confident I'll be happy with that. I believe that this canoe is better than most, and for the price, it is a real bargain if you can find it at a significantly less used price. I do not recommend this flat water boat unless you are in almost no wind/shelter location. Otherwise, it's a nice little boat. I recommend making sure your kayak paddle is long enough and that you have drip rings to keep the water out of the boat. After fishing from SOT for almost a year, I decided it was time to add another boat so friends could come. Because of the price and reviews, I ended up choosing Dick's version of Discovery 119. At 43 lbs. I can wear it, charge it and launch it myself with ease. On the water, he reacts and washes like a champion. The carrying capacity allows for a lot of loads for multi-night camping. I primarily fish smaller rivers with limited rapids. As others have stated, this canoe works best with a double-edged paddle. My only objection, like many others, is the seat. I corrected this problem by purchasing a slightly padded plastic seat and a little ingenuity. That's the highest the canoe I've ever ridden and fished/floated in all day is not a problem. I found this canoe to be very stable. More often than not, I fish from a standing position. I was so impressed with this boat that shortly after the purchase I sold the SOT to buy another 119. I would recommend this ship to anyone. For \$399 plus a seat upgrade, I don't think you can beat this boat for solo fishing/camping/floating. After months of reviewing solo canoes online I went with camo version 119 from Dicks. I couldn't justify spending money on a lighter canoe. I must say I was just paddling guide 147 which is beast solo. I use mine for transportation to hunt deer. I needed a good solo boat when my partner couldn't go. 119 was very stable for me and I'm pretty new to canoeing. I'm using a stroke and one paddle. It never felt tippy and it was easy to portage vs my tandem guide. I have no complaints about the seat. It's a great boat for money. When deer season's over, I bet you best I'll fish out of this nice little canoe. Seat/canoe update. I finally made a new seat out of some lacquer 3/4 plywood and installed it using original metal seat mounts. I used longer screws and some EMT tubes as standouts (with appropriate subdiates, etc.), lowering the seat 4 1/2 in the back and 3 1/2 in the front. Finally took it out yesterday for a test drive and was very impressed. I used a seat flotation cushion against a thwarted resting seat on my back, sat either cross-legged or flat-legged and was comfortable. There's no tippy feeling at all, and it would really move using a long kayak paddle. I also bought Guide 119 from Dick's sports equipment knowing I was going to change seats. I bought a cane seat and hardware from Austin Kayak for \$47 with free shipping. Using a J-stroke, I had no problem keeping 119 straight. With a 240cm kayak paddle this canoe will really move. My only concern is that the material from which the canoe is made becomes very thin and flexible as it approaches gunpowder. The old town told me this was normal. I have to assume the reason for the weight to die down. I'm using this canoe to class 2 water. I'm not a fan of keels, so I plan to put up skid boards. This canoe is a great alternative to kayaking and with upgrades I still have less in it than discovery 119. I am very disappointed with the old town's view of their products and customers. I bought the new Guide 119 from Dick (no try-on) a few months ago. One trip on the water and I couldn't stay in the plastic seat. I slid out. Read all the reviews and tried a few things. I finally took a seat and realized I was just going to sit on the pillow. Now understand that I had a canoe for a few months and only had it for one test drive. Since then, it's sat in my garage until I tried to get time to try. He missed spring fishing. Last week OT emailed me to complete an online review of customer satisfaction. Apart from the seat, I like the boat, but after completing the survey I had to ask myself WHY, after buying a brand new canoe from a supposedly experienced canoe manufacturer, I had to spend my time trying to make a seat to do? I called OT. Their response was that they had never heard of the seat problem on those canoes and that I had to be the only one who had such a problem. The only options they offered were buy a woven seat and a set of screws from them for about \$100, or take the boat back to where I bought it for a refund (more than 500 miles one way). You'd think clothes that have been making canoes for a long time would know what constitutes a good seat. Well, I wasn't such a big deal until they asked for my opinion. After talking to them and knowing that they don't actually give rats @\$! I got kind of worked up. I'll fix the seat myself, but I'll get out of the way of never spending a penny on an Old Town product or anything from their parent company again. By the way, I've been rowing canoes for over 30 years, but this is my first and probably last OT experience. It's a great little boat! I have experience with many different canoes and currently own Disco 158. This is my first solo, but I've already borrowed the OT Pack. I have a Guide 119 shaped into a camo from Dick. It's actually Discovery 119. The best \$400 ever spent in this sport. I think the songs are really good on flat water with a reasonable J-stroke (even better with 5 yr-old sitting in front of me). I tried a kayak paddle on the river today and I was really impressed with how quickly it would scoot the river by the canoe. I attached some bungee setup to store and row the guards. I also use a 1.5 lb folding anchor on a 24ft retractable dog sis. It is well kept in the current, and the sheath keeps the floor clean, and the rope without tangles. The ropes of the cleats ensure things do not put too much stress on the sheath holder. Best fishing boat for solo or dad and five years so far. In a few weeks I plan to add some DIY outriggers with Scotty stick holders so I'll be able to get up and see the fish on the river with a stick for the meds. I can't wait to take this on a multi-day trip. It's a great little canoe. I'm over 300lbs and it floats me just fine. It tracks and slides well faster than I wanted in some parts. He copes well with rapids and only took on water when I came sideways under the rocks with water coming over them. Then he started pouring into the boat. I just laughed and took a bath. I should have accessed the fast one faster and more directly. Kayaking is definitely a must and I thought I'd hate it. It seems to weigh more than 43lbs, but this is probably due to the length. The seat needs to be fixed with better hardware, not big boys' forks, but is a \$5 fix. I've rowed everything from white water canoes (I hate them) to Coleman, Grumman, MichiCraft and Old Towns (Tripper is my favourite). This one's as good as any of them and doesn't fly like a battleship when it's solo. I prefer kayaking for its carrying capacity. I bought this canoe after seeing him sitting outside the Northern store in Sioux Lookout Ontario. It was a surprise to see an old town canoe at this location. The price was \$649 Cdn. I looked at this review page and what I saw made me decide to buy. Thanks to those who have therefore examined him! I gave him 10 like I did on a lake that can get rough sometimes. I'm used to a 16-foot kayak and this canoe is pretty stable compared to my kayak. I was ready to change seats given the reviews, but the location of the seats is perfect as far as I'm concerned, but then I use a kayak paddle, not a canoe paddle. The first kayak paddle I used was a little short (230 centimeters). Now I use a paddle now that is 250 centimeters and fits better. It was a lucky find in that I thought about buying a solo canoe years ago, but then my back started to give problems. This solo canoe, allowing the use of kayak paddles means my back is fine. On a large lake with a kayak paddle this canoe is a joy! It bobs in large waves like cork and is extremely stable. It's not fast, but a good paddle helps make it as fast as it gets. Synchronicity?... I didn't ask for this canoe, but he showed up in front of me. I have Dick's version of kay-noe that was described before discovery 119. All in all it is a good small and extremely inexpensive boat. Is it even close to the \$2,600 bell? NO, BUT... Can I throw it in the back of a pickup truck, scratch it and feel good about just using this \$300 boat to the limit? One big YES. I use a double paddle to go along the river (not too fast) and one back down. It's really hard J stroke this canoe, and c stroke doesn't work either. You can best move this canoe with a longer double paddle. Correction kicks just this canoe dead in its tracks, it's just too short. And the seat is terrible. It was too high to start and the backseat was taken off within minutes of purchase. I modified the seat countless times and ended up just ripping it out. I'm sitting/kneeling on a big yoga block that works well. I also made my own thwart for it that attaches to gunwales, which makes it a ton of easier portage. Make one if you want or just drag this beast around. Did I mention it's cheap? ha ha. I just bought disco 119 from Dicks Sporting for about \$350.00. Reading all the reviews on stability issues I was a little worried. But they're all wrong. This jewel is a stable little canoe. I even got up in it without a hitch. I agree that the seat is tragic! But make some modifications. I use one and they had no problems, even in the strong wind. J stroke is unassaid. I found that once you got going tracking greatly improved. As a 42 y rower tired of being paddled around my disco 169 this is a breath of fresh air. I'll say trying to carry this canoe around on your shoulder gets old very quickly. I made a yolk that slides on and off when needed and it's been a big improvement. For money you won't find a better solo canoe out there period... I picked up disco 119 at Sportsmans outfitters in Dothan Ala. After reading the reviews, I lowered the seat 3 inches. I also made a thwart and moved forward to thwart 6 inches on the back so that my large dry bag would fit. I installed small bungees forees afts and to keep painters when underway and installed bungee on the rear thwart to hold rain gear etc. I ordered and received a 102 inch Mohawk to break the paddle with a t1 adapter set (makes every half of one paddle). Today I took it to the pond and tried it empty, I could get up in it, I also tilted it at the Gunners and I never crossed. Then I filled it with enough equipment for a week-long journey, it was great and he handled it great. I'm looking forward to my first river trip next week. I give this canoe 10 because it's really stable I stood in it loaded and empty without problems and I actually tried to throw it to see how far it would go. Easy to handle, especially with a double paddle. A c-stroke single requires a little more

work, but it's manageable. I'll use a double paddle on slow rivers and use a single in tight spots. I bought this canoe summer 0f09 from Dick for \$399 for sale. It's the Hull Guide badge, but it's Disco 119. I've been canoeing and kayaking off and on over the years. This is my first solo. After a while I lowered seat 4 and moved it 4 forward. It used to be a bit delicate, but very stable now. Mostly I use a single, but for speed double, and I have no problem keeping up with 11' and 12' yaks on the lakes. It's more manageable on rivers than the same jacob. I can stand in it on flat water, no wind, but now it's a little too delicate to crawl along the river. I use this more than any other ship I have. Learn to row with one blade and you won't have a problem. It's a very nice ship. I bought a Kay-noe version of disco 119 late last winter at Dicks for \$400.00. I've been canoeing for about 20 years, and at the time he owned an old Sawyer guide and 14' Wenonah tandem. I used it mostly on small lakes, but I did some Class II streams with it. No problem. As most people say, the seat sucks. I removed it and installed the Mad River web conversion seat in the middle and lowered it about 3 inches. This worried both stability and rowing problems. I wouldn't even think of using one paddle with this ship. for manoeuvring while fishing (large small fishing canoe). I have a 9 foot Shaw & Tenny double canoe paddle that costs damn close to how much canoe and is worth every penny. By placing the seat in the middle, my paddle reaches the bow and allows me a long, simple stroke. I can move that canoe straight. A couple of kids in a kayak decided to race me last Week, and they lost. I was a little bigger and stronger, but not much. The canoe feels a little unstable for the first few minutes until I get close to it, then no problem. I don't understand people climbing into something so tight and then complaining of instability. Buy a rowing boat. It's a canoe, for God's sake. I ended up gave up old Sawyer, and while I love Wenonah, those 40 lbs (different seat) and a really good performance with that shiny paddle made him my goto boat last summer. Between this and Wenonah, it's hard for me to justify another... but I will.). I just bought Kay-Noe, which is actually old town discovery 119 according to the owner's manual. I took it out yesterday for the first time and really enjoyed my time on the water. I bought a kayak paddle, 230cm, which worked pretty well but could use maybe 240cm or 250cm. Kayak paddling seemed to be the way to go. I thought the position of the seat was perfect and there was no problem. And the ship follows well... I didn't have much wind yesterday, but a few breezes the ship was working with seemingly great! I spent about 3 hours on the water at which point the really plastic seat seemed to be a little uncomfortable, it just needs a pad or a little modification. Don't worry. I leaned over most of the time and paddled covering the circumference of the reservoir that I explored with ease. It can easily be used for fishing... I'm bringing my tackle on the next trip. It is best to launch as a kayak. Get on the beach and get in the water and enjoy yourself!!! Sláinte!! So I also lowered the seat about 5 inches, also moved it forward 6 inches. I bought a new folding seat from Cabellas. The seat was the only problem with the ship. I'm 6'5 280 lbs and the ship is very stable. Best little boat out there. Wash very well, it's easy to fish, and I use a double-finished paddle. To be honest, I don't see using my bigger canoe at all. I have a kayak, but this is much better. Buy this little boat and have fun... still change seats. I was looking for a relatively light solo canoe short enough to carry in a pickup truck and be able to paddle with a double paddle. 119 full bill. Immediately after purchase and before putting it in the water, I lowered the seat, 4 inches in the back and 3 inches in the front. This provides a degree of rake that prevents you from sliding forward. I didn't find the need to move the seat forward, although 1-3 inches might not hurt. On the water, 119 felt stable and able to sail. I paddled in strong winds on my first day without difficulty. In a quiet bay, the boat was joyful to fish, with plenty of room to tackle. The main problem with the canoe is the seat, which I would give a ranking of 0, or minus 0 if possible. It's the worst designed seat I've encountered in 30 years of sailing, a complete disaster. Here's what's wrong with the seat: 1. Set too high which makes instability. 2. The bottom of the seat is completely horizontal without a rake. 3. The bottom of the seat is about 4 inches too short, not providing support for the legs. 4. The back of the seat is rounded, giving support only where the back touches the back - without low or high support. 5. Backrest begins only the first few centimeters from the bottom. 6. The rear seat will not fold neatly in the lower seat. 7. The backrest will not lean at more than 90 degrees. 8. The seat is too heavy. However, with the seat changes and the double paddle, I was very pleased. That's the boat I was looking for. Although the seat is a monster, it can be improved by 90% and made usable by lowering it as described by increasing the rake. I'll probably remove it at some point and build my own seat. Wow... a lot of different disco 119 estimates. I believe it's in the synergy of the rower with the ship whether you like it or not. In other words, some call it art, others just paint it. I guess. Disco 119 was extremely stable and very manageable for me: a rare combination. I run Class IV-V white water in an open canoe so that, of course, it feels stable. But I said race 19' solo, too, and I think it's far harder later. To my own, I love 119 for RAISON D'ETRE. After being on the market for a solo canoe that I could use the river fishing area, I ended up buying a twice-used Old Town Discovery 119K. After paddling an almost new canoe on the river, I was happy with it, but I felt I would be more comfortable paddling a canoe kneeling in front of the rear thwarted. I removed the seat and made a medium thwarted light, but a solid oak that I finished to fit the existing thwarted. I installed the thwarting in the rear seat mounting and ended up gluing the knee pad at the bottom between the thwarted white water style. Long story short, I paddle the boat in fairly fast rivers kneeling between rear and middle adhesion and couldn't be happier with the performance of this nimble little boat. Too bad the Old Town stopped production. But if you find the discovery 119k used and don't mind a little modification, I really recommend thinking the same thing. I'm a little surprised that my Old Town Discovery 119 is considered a tippy. I got this little red canoe about 15 years ago because I wanted to get a solo canoe out of it is light enough to top itself. At the time, this was the only solo available locally. After spending thousands of hours flying fishing from a boat, I never noticed it was unstable and never accidentally took on water - as someone who is 6'3, 230 lbs tall. And he's not very coordinated, I could do it if anyone could. I managed to put a 50+lb carp of grass in it and I wouldn't suggest anyone try that trick again. Having said that the ship is stable enough for my needs, I would have to agree that not to follow well and paddling in the changing wind requires a lot of attention and a well-diversified J-stroke. I'm not sure any canoe under 12 will follow much better. The old town reportedly interrupted this ship, but I'd still recommend using one to float by. It's a big little short distance to knock around and a fishing platform for one person. - David, I owned this ship for three years. A great alternative to kayaking for small streams. For a lack of stability, it is necessary to get used to it. I dropped the seat around 3:00 and that helped a lot. I put it on display and you can think about night trips, but turn down the weight. It is lightweight and durable. Songs pretty good. I bought my Old Town Discovery 119, used by a woman who did WW. She claimed she even went over 4' fall with her. I wasn't planning on using it for WW. Just something to bob around on the water in. I've had four more canoes and a kayak in the past, but I've sold out over the years, raised a family. It's time to get another... And this has come. As others mentioned, I found it tippy and the first canoe that I ever rolled in. for a while. Then I made a rowing outrigger for it (I did it on all my canoes) and found I had a very versatile boat. I've been paddling it on lakes and rivers for years, even in some Grade II class. I'm not happy with just paddling, I decided to try sailing it. So began a modification project that turned out better than I expected. YES, I'm sailing on Discovery 119! Like everything, it has its limitations. There is not a single boat or car, or anything that can do anything, so you just have to learn to live with its limitations. I go with others in their kayaks all the time down rivers. It can be a little slower than a kayak, but the comfort is greater, you can more easily get in and out and carry much more equipment. 'Freeboard' is a little high and thus creates a little wind resistance. I thought about drilling the rivets that keep the gunwales on and cutting down the sides a few inches, and then reinstalling the gunwales. It will reduce the effect that the wind has in it, but also reduce the carrying capacity. I made a spray skirt for the 'front', which is held with strips of stick on Velcro just below the gunwale. Makes for drier tracks in WW. All in all, I 'discovered' discovery 119 was a good round boat that I probably had more fun in than everyone else I had, My wife is a relative novice and wanted a solo boat so she could develop her canoeing skills instead of becoming a front seat rower only. We got Discovery 119 from friends and we're both thrilled! We use a boat on the rivers of northern France (Canche and Authie) which are mostly Class 1 with occasional Class 2 falls and intermittent weir. Initial stability is good and this encourages reliable use of side and cross deck strokes. As would be expected for a short boat it is necessary to use a good J Stroke to keep the boat in a straight line, but my wife found that the tracking was good compared to the other shortships she rowed. All in all, we both felt that this was an excellent little canoe that encourages good use of impacts and control of the ship. Great little canoeing in the lakes. Very stable and easy to row. I was paddling up to eight miles an hour in flat water and just messing around. All that noise because it's unstable or hard to row has to be from people who have no idea what a J-stroke is. I researched this canoe, OT119k and found very little information other than this page with a mixed bag of comments. I would like to say that I 6'2 220 lbs and was concerned about the size of this boat that would be used on ponds only for fishing. This canoe is short and easy to move, but after time you use it as it is. At 43 lbs it's light, but still 43 lbs picked up and positioned on top of the SUV is still a business, esp. tries not to hit or scratch anything! At 459.00 the price was good for a quality canoe, but use it for the intended purpose, not for a family boat. Read this before deciding not to buy Discovery 119K. All the hype about instability, poor tracking, entry and exit problems, is just that - hype. I put mine in the river the day after I bought it and found that it had qualities for which the Old Town is famous. It's not unstable. Keep a close eye unless you can row. It's going to take a simple stroke much nicer than the power moves the big guys are trying to give it. It's not a boat for fat people who are obviously the ones giving bad reviews. I used it in the water, took it upstream and downstream through rapids, and not once did I experience the anxiety of stability or the handling of a ship. You shouldn't be performing like 19 feet. If you wanted a longer canoe, you should have bought it; A shorter canoe can't do everything they do for as long as they do. Decide what you need, and then buy. If you want a solo canoe and you're not a macho guy who does everything in a hurry, and you want a boat that won't nail you, get 119k. Deliberately leaned mine to the dunk point, and I found it would go all the way to where Gunwale touches the water before turning around. That's a lot skinny. If you want to carry a lot of things, or take someone with you because you're afraid to go it alone, or if you want to a longer canoe or get a bass boat, but don't moan about the best solo canoe on the market just because you can't handle it. I own a lot of canoes and kayaks, inc. several OT products (Penobscot 17, Loon 111, 120, 138, Guide 147), all of which I really enjoyed paddling. I didn't like discovery 119k at all. Heavier than it should be, absolutely won't track at all, incredibly slow (the 12' non-WW canoe doesn't need any rocker). At least he's turning fast. Compared to my Mohawk Solo 13, this ship was a pig that was never used. It might be okay for the water to move, but on the lake you'd be better off swimming. I sold it after a week. She was holding water. Wow, you grab a bag of reviews so far. I read most of it before I bought my 119K and I really don't see what it's all about. The boat has decent stability, you can easily pull the fish out of it. I actually expected it to be less stable after reading other reviews. I'm 6'4 200lbs and the boat had plenty of stability for me. It's also faster than I had though. Paddling it with a single blade canoe paddle put me at about the same speed as a tandem canoe, with a two-bladed kayak paddle, I could easily paddle away from the tandem with two people. The boat was a little hairy in rough water, as expected (not even 12 feet long). Mine is that this is a big little, relatively light solo canoe, which I will enjoy using for many years to come. People seem to either love or hate this canoe. After reading the reviews here, I wonder if I even have the same canoe. I've had my SZ 119 for 3 years now, and I still like it as much as when I first bought it. Of course it's a bit tippy at first; it's only 11ft 9in long and 31.5in wide on the Gunners (lit says 32.5, but my measurements 31.5). Tippy feeling appeared after the first 20 minutes on the water. It feels very stable (at least to me) as long as you keep the belt buckle in the gunner. Sometimes I sit, sometimes I kneel, but it never ruled me out. As far as you're concerned with tracking, you're going to have to work on your moves more than long skinny Wenonah, but practice will work wonders on your rowing technique. A C-stroke thrown suits me best. I even made some basic freestyle in it. 55-56 at Bending Branches straight with 6.5 in wide blade runs very nicely for me most of the time. I also wear a 250mm Sawyer double for windy days or when I want to go fast. All in all, my OT 119 works great for me. This insutability is a joy on narrow streams, and it works just fine in my hands on open water. Your milage may vary. I'd definitely buy another one, but I expect the one I have to take me a long time. I have a Discovery 119K. I spent about \$10.00 at the hardware store for a 3/4 tree dowry stick, 10-24 brass threaded stick and acorn nuts. I lowered seat 3. It made a difference in the world. The canoe is much more stable. I didn't expect them to follow up like longer canoes, but this is a fair compromise for a 12 ft.43# canoe I can load onto my car. I thank some of your other readers for this idea. 119 wasn't my first canoe or my first old town, but it's by far the most unsusten canoe I've ever been in. I really wanted 119 for it's a handy size any light weight, but the trade-off isn't fair. This canoe is tippy all the time and will wear you out just trying to keep you from bathing. Don't wash at all. You have to pull a lot of rudders stroke to keep on the line and that takes away LITTLE TO NO GLIDE this canoe has. This canoe was completely unsuspect. I tried to remove the seat, moving the seat back; kneeling; sitting; I'm half-sitting. I just can't enjoy this canoe and I really enjoy being in a canoe. I contacted the Old Town and told them I thought this canoe should be removed from the product line. If you're interested in owning a 119 to take mine, I'm sick of fighting it. I just got back from four days on the John Day River. Lots of Class 1 and Class 2+. Compared to my OT package, the ship was much drier, tracked better and was great in windy conditions. I felt sleazy for the first hour or two, then we reached an understanding and it worked great. Swallowed 4 days of equipment without problems. 119k was the worst canoe purchase I've ever bought. She's light, sweet and tough, but she handles the really bad. You can't expect a ship this short to keep a close eye and a dose not. It has poor secondary stability. It's very slow. If you take it down fast even light ridges, it fills with water. I've been canoeing for years and I own three old town ships that have served me well. There are many better ships for the same money. 119 should be revoked. I own my 119k for about 5 years and primarily use it on fairly quiet lakes and streams. I adjusted it for extra stability and comfort - the canoe lends itself to adaptation for those with a slope. If you don't mind being a non-canoer-purist (even the Olympics acknowledge new sports and ideas from time to time) try to pull out a seat and sit on a closed cell foam camping bed pad doubled on the canoe bottom. To rest on your back, put in a new thwart where you want your backrest, then lean the plywood backrest on the thwarted. Provide rear rest to the thwarted rope from the lower corners of the seat to the thwarted so that the rear seats can only slide to that point. Very comfortable and adjustable. However, you will now want to consider a new way of rowing. One paddle in each hand. Buy a cheap double-edged paddle designed for a rubber raft, disassemble it and use half in each hand. Buy rubber gloves to take the pressure off your hands. Now you don't have to constantly change one paddle from to hand keep a little Darlin' following straight, even in the breeze. Or, maybe you want paddling with a stiff Frisbee in each hand. Next, you can make it interchangeable custom plywood with floats that drive a few centimeters above the water on each side of the middle of the canoe. They only touch the water if the canoe tilts to the side, and then the float (inflatable boat mudguard) stops rolling over further. Insures dry, safe comfortable driving that I enjoy in street clothes. Put sea varnish on all wooden surfaces. Now you have your go-anywhere, lift easy, strong, attractive, inexpensive canoe to give you a lot of pleasure on the surface. Keep experimenting and please forward your ideas. Discovery 119K Well I read the above and decided to put my 2 cents. On this boat, lower the seat using longer screws and wooden dowboards placed at least 3 to 4 in. and you will find a new world of stability as I wore one back up paddle, but I use the longest double paddle 250+ cm long to move. I also use an anchor of 35 lb below the forward thwart to add some extra ballast down low, I also carry a 12 lb anchor for anchoring when fishing. 35 lber is also used as a balancing weight, the trick is to learn to paddle on one side for a long time and move 35 lbs to the opposite side to trim the boat and when paddling in larger waves push it into the middle to raise the bow. I weigh in at 235 lbs and with more weight in the boat then you have to balance it and it accompanies better and it's more stable. So if you play with it you will learn to love this little boat. I bought 119K two years ago. I took it to the BWCA with some friends. We can canoe our camp in one day - it takes about seven hours with two portages. It took a little effort. But it was a lot of fun and I felt confident in the big waves with my boat. I found that it engages in dime and it was extremely useful when I was fishing for the Walleyes. I've never caught more fish... In fact - this boat is like a fishing machine. I fished in windy and rainy weather. I especially feel like this ship is tougher than hell. I've been banging him on the rocks and this isn't phased him. It was worth the \$500 I paid. I bought a second-hand 119k in the new condition for \$400 last April. I was hoping to use it to fish solo in little ponds and poke around in swamps. I took 119k for my first voyage while most of the water in our area was still covered in ice and, rather unexpectedly, discovered that this ship had almost no secondary stability. I have more than 30 years of experience in canoeing and kayaking. I own 2 canoes, a kayak, a sailboat and a small motorboat and my swimming was a complete surprise. Although I would not call this ship stable, its decent initial stability represents its complete lack of secondary stability. I wasn't expelled again, but I wouldn't be. if that's what happened. When May arrived and the water was running, I took the ship out for a more thorough test. My wife and I have rowed the boat a dozen times since then. We're both stuck with love and hate with this ship! My conclusions are as follows: PROS: This is a very nice little boat - especially for a price. It is very agile and fun to manoeuvre in tight places. It acts as a kayak in many respects, but is significantly less stable than our Perception Dancer. It cartops almost effortlessly. Outside the floating tube it's about as simple as it gets. It's pretty robust, especially for 43 lb. Ship. Lack of secondary stability requires you to be constantly vigilant. It's more tippy than you expected. This is not a good boat for any kind of fishing. If you are really focused on fishing, you will end up in water with fish! The boat is extremely irrepressible and paddles very nicely with a double-edged paddle, but it blows all over the breeze (a double-edged paddle is almost essential in the wind). The boat is fun to row with an ordinary paddle, but it is very slow. They'll follow straight, but not without effort or skill. The seat is too high to be stable and too low to fit under the foot in a kneeling position. I furnished mine with residuality and accepted additional instability in exchange for comfort. When the water gets rough, I slide forward and kneel completely. It's not ideal. I'm sure you could paddle this boat in white water, but you make it mostly for a challenge, the ship is not suitable for the movement of water. Just for fun I tried rowing 119k with two large adults (about 400 lbs.- 75 lbs shy of their 475 lb rating). It was lame. We swapped ends (the seat and the wasp are better spaced by two when the stern is forward) and each one knelt, but the boat just wouldn't stop jumping around. In the end, it worked best with double shovels on the stern and a bow person who just sat very still. It's not fun. I really hoped to be able to press this canoe into the pond fishing service, but the sad truth is that it requires too much attention to allow it to enjoy fishing. A man would be almost impossible, and I can't even imagine trying to hunt out of it. CONCLUSION: Don't even consider this hunting/fishing boat! It's the right size, but too tippy for kids. Maybe it's okay for a solo stumble, but I think there are better choices. If you're a successful rower and want a very agile open boat it could be a ticket, but paddle this boat before you buy it! We're going to keep the boat because it's really fun to row, but I'd hardly call it practical. I look at stabilizers and sponsons with the hope of improving stability, but gadgets are not the answer. Instead, in the end I just took one of our other fishing boats. I just got back from the 72-acre lake where I in the afternoon paddling my new OT119K for the first time. I must say, it's a very entertaining little boat. I agree with the comments that it's a little unstable at first. I tested him paddling for 20 minutes and I felt pretty comfortable. Then I went back and got a fishing rod and started fishing. An hour of fishing and I was pretty well suited to the tippyness of the boat. Two hours later, the ship and I became one. When you consider this boat, keep in mind that it is a cheap recreational solo boat. Cons: The length is 11'9 long which is shorter that more serious solo boats on the market, and it doesn't sit really deep in the water. He's not very good at tracking and he's prone to catching wind. The construction of the ship and the height of the seat make it a little tippy with a lot of secondary stability. Pros: The boat is low cost, aprox. \$549 retail, making it much more affordable than some real solo boats on the market. It is very lightweight and has a good ability to overflow the car. I glide smoothly across the water and it's very quite. A little work and exercise, this ship becomes predictable. I found it was a joy to fish out, not my kayak which just wasn't designed to fish at all. Most importantly, this ship is FUN. If you're looking at a fun little soloing canoe to mess in, and maybe even fish out, that's great. If you're looking for a rendition of a premium lenth canoe or kayak, you won't find it here. Take it for what it's designed for, cheap fun. Also, remember that the new Polylink 3, Royalex and other synthetic canoes are very different from the old Grummond aluminum canoes that provide places to rent. When you take that step, keep an open mind and spend time learning the virtues of your new synthetic ships. Once you've taken that time, you're sure to depreciate the fine finesse, performance and speed these ships have. I've owned 119k for seven years and I love it. It is short and slow, but very forgiving and an excellent first independent ship. I found that a nice steady J stroke helps keep the ship on course. I find this short and light canoe to be a fine paddle craft. I go on weekend trips four times a year and a lot of day oars. this canoe holds all my equipment and my dog (when sitting still). It's easy for me to row. You just have to know how to row. Even in the wind on rivers and lakes I was at 5 to 10 mph. It handles pretty well for a little canoe. But there's one thing I could do with out is keel how small it always is. I prefer rivers, so the keel won't let me slide off shallow rocks and trees. But the point is, I paid \$399 at an old city factory. I like that it's only 43 kilos and a loading cap. 475lbs is just fine for my needs. I love it and I'd buy it again. anything else..... LET THE RIVERS FLOW FREELY

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