

# Old Town®

## OWNER'S MANUAL



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## CONGRATULATIONS,

Your new **Old Town®** product represents the very best quality, craftsmanship, and technical innovation in the industry. With proper care your canoe or kayak will give you years of paddling enjoyment.

With knowledgeable use, it offers almost limitless paddling possibilities, at home or wherever your travels take you.

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# GETTING STARTED

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Paddling enables people of all ages and abilities to experience nature with unrivaled closeness and variety. Adventures range from brief outings to challenging treks, but even the simplest trip can quickly lead to danger if proper precautions are not taken.

## SAFETY LABELING AND SIGNAL WORDS

**WARNING** and **CAUTION** are signal words used throughout this user manual to identify important safety and product information. It is important to recognize and understand the meaning of each signal word and its message before operation.



**WARNING**

Indicates a hazardous situation, that if not avoided, **could** result in death or serious injury.



**CAUTION**

Indicates a hazardous situation, that if not avoided, **could** result in minor or moderate injury.

**NOTICE**

Indicates important product information, that if not followed, **could** result in property damage.

## GENERAL OPERATING SAFETY WARNINGS

Read all safety warnings, instructions, illustrations, and specifications provided before operation. Keep this manual in a safe place for future reference if necessary. Failure to do so could result in death or serious injury.

### **WARNING**

You are responsible for the safe and prudent operation of your watercraft. You must avoid hazards to navigation and always maintain a permanent watch so you can respond to situations as they develop. You must always be prepared to regain manual control of your watercraft. Learn to operate your Old Town product in an area free from hazards and obstacles.

- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations and read owner's information package for the proper use of product.
- If additional outfitting is added to this craft, use manufacturer's approved materials only; do not impair entry or exit access.
- Always wear a nationally approved, appropriately rated, and sized personal flotation device (PFD).
- Check weather forecast before departing dock and heed all weather advisories. Dress for the water temperature. Weather conditions can change quickly, turning a warm afternoon's paddle into a challenge to remember. If you prepare to get wet, you'll stay warm whatever nature brings your way.
- Do not use alcohol or mind-altering drugs prior to using this product.

## **⚠ WARNING**

- Be aware of appropriate river water levels, tidal changes, dangerous currents, and weather changes.
- Scout unfamiliar waters; portage where appropriate.
- Do not paddle in flood conditions.
- Always keep a proper lookout and safe distance from other vessels and hazards.
- Regularly check your equipment prior to each use for signs of wear or failure.
- Wear a helmet where appropriate.
- Obtain certified first aid and rescue training. Be sure to carry first aid and rescue equipment with you.
- Paddlesports can be very dangerous and physically demanding. We recommend getting paddlesport instruction from a licensed certified instructor. Do not exceed your paddling ability.
- Always check with local regulations for watercraft safety requirements in your area.
- Never paddle alone. Let people know where you plan to go and when you plan to return.

## **EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The equipment necessary for paddling can vary according to the type of trip being taken. Some accessories you can't do without, like a paddle and PFD, while others may not be essential for every trip, but can play a large part in keeping you safe and making your trip more enjoyable.

For a full gear list, visit:

**[oldtownwatercraft.johnsonoutdoors.com/us/blog/paddling-gear-checklist](http://oldtownwatercraft.johnsonoutdoors.com/us/blog/paddling-gear-checklist)**

- Life Jacket
- Paddle
- Safety Whistle





# SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR STORAGE

## CLEANING

- **HULL EXTERIOR:** Wash with mild soap and water. You can also use Murphy's Oil Soap. To beautify, use a vinyl protectant product such as Armor All®, 303 Products or Pledge. These are safe for use on any of our Polyethylene, Superlinear, Royalex® and Fiberglass canoes or kayaks.

**NOTICE** DO NOT wax your hull with automotive paste wax. The wax fills in any scratches or gouges, then dries to a white color, making the accumulated wear more apparent.

- **HULL INTERIOR:** Wash with mild soap and water.

**CAUTION** DO NOT use the vinyl protectants or automotive pastes, waxes, or furniture polishes on the interior, as the floor of your boat may become slippery. Using such products on the interior of the watercraft may result in minor or moderate injury.

## WATERCRAFT STORAGE

- **CANOES:** We recommend storing canoes "upside-down" on the gunwales. This prevents distortion or flattening of the hull from storing it on flat ground or on its side.
- **KAYAKS:** Should be stored on their sides or standing on one end, if at all possible. If stored outdoors we recommend a kayak cockpit cover to prevent the possibility of water getting inside. Another option is to store the boat upside-down, preferably in slings or on cradle-type saw horses. This will keep the decks from becoming distorted.

**NOTICE** Follow the instructions below when storing your watercraft. Otherwise, product damage is likely to occur.

If you must store your canoe or kayak outside, tie it down, as strong winds can catch the underside, flip it, and cause damage.

Ultraviolet light from the sun may fade the color over time, store your boat out of the sun. If stored outside, do not cover with a tarp laid directly on the boat, as the heat of the sun will create an oven under the tarp that can damage, distort or discolor the hull. A tarp properly suspended above the boat will protect it from ultraviolet light. Be sure to leave sufficient space to allow for air circulation.

To learn more about the proper care and maintenance of your Old Town boat, visit [oldtownwatercraft.com](http://oldtownwatercraft.com)

## REGISTERING YOUR WATERCRAFT

To register your new canoe or kayak in our warranty database please complete the product registration form by scanning the QR code, or by visiting [\*\*oldtownwatercraft.com/register\*\*](http://oldtownwatercraft.com/register).

### WHY REGISTER YOUR WATERCRAFT?

Registering your watercraft allows our team to provide faster service when you reach out. Much of the information requested on the registration form is voluntary, and we use it for one reason only: to learn to serve you better. We will not sell this information to another company. Registering your boat is for your protection and convenience only.



## PRODUCT MANUALS & INSTALLATION GUIDES

For a complete database of product manuals and installation guides, scan the QR code, or visit [\*\*oldtownwatercraft.johnsonoutdoors.com/us/product-manuals\*\*](http://oldtownwatercraft.johnsonoutdoors.com/us/product-manuals).



# LIMITED WARRANTY

## WATERCRAFT

The hull and deck of any Old Town watercraft are covered for the lifetime of the boat from the consumer's original purchase date.

### THE ELECTRIC MOTOR DRIVE SYSTEM

(AUTOPILOT, MINN KOTA, AND ePDL)

Johnson Outdoors Watercraft Inc. warrants to the original retail purchaser only that the PDL Drive on your new Old Town Watercraft will be materially free from defects in materials and workmanship appearing within five (5) years after the date of original purchase.

The electric motor drive system on your new Old Town Watercraft will be materially free from defects in materials and workmanship appearing within two (2) years after the date of original purchase.

### ACCESSORIES

(Including Paddles & Life Jackets) Warranty coverage is (1) one year from consumer's original purchase date.

### BLEMS AND RENTALS

Blemished boats or those marked as BLEMS, the hull and deck are covered (5) five years from the consumer's original purchase date.

For standard watercraft used for rental, demonstration, resort or outfitter purposes the warranty is for (90) ninety days from date of delivery by the dealer to the consumer.

For watercraft built as special "outfitter grade" boats used for rental, demonstration, resort or outfitter purposes, the hull and deck are covered for (1) one year from date of delivery.

## THE FINE PRINT

### TO WHOM DOES THIS WARRANTY APPLY?

JOHNSON OUTDOORS INC. extends the following limited warranty to the original retail consumer only ("Consumer").

### WHAT DOES THIS WARRANTY COVER?

This warranty covers material defects in

workmanship and materials in your new Johnson Outdoors Watercraft purchase.

### HOW LONG DOES COVERAGE LAST?

The hull and deck of any Old Town canoe and kayak products are covered the lifetime of the boat from the Consumer's original purchase date. For PDL drives, it will be materially free from defects in materials and workmanship appearing within five (5) years after the date of original purchase. For electronic motors (AP, MK, ePDL), it will be materially free from defects in materials and workmanship appearing within two (2) years after the date of original purchase. We will (at our option) either repair or replace, free of charge, any parts found by us to be defective during the term of this warranty. Such repair, or replacement shall be our sole and exclusive liability and the sole and exclusive remedy of the purchaser for breach of this warranty. Products repaired or replaced will be warranted for the remainder of the original warranty period, or for 90 days from the date of repair or replacement, whichever is longer. For blemished boats or those marked as BLEMS, the hull and deck are covered (5) five years from Consumer's original purchase date. For standard boats used for rental, demonstration, resort or outfitter purposes the warranty is 90 days from date of delivery by the dealer to the Consumer. For boats built as special "outfitter grade" boats used for rental, demonstration, resort or outfitter purposes, the hull and deck are covered (1) one year from date of delivery. For accessories, the warranty coverage is (1) one year from Consumer's original purchase date.

### WHAT WILL JOHNSON OUTDOORS DO?

For complete warranty details, to provide notice of a warranty claim, or to request warranty service, contact Johnson Outdoors Inc. as follows: For Old Town Canoes & Kayaks products call 800-343-1555. Alternatively, you can contact Johnson Outdoors Inc. at 125 Gilman Falls Ave. Bldg.B, Old Town, ME 04468. As the sole and exclusive obligation



under this warranty of Johnson Outdoors Inc. and its affiliates (referred to in this limited warranty together as “Johnson Outdoors”), and as Consumer’s sole and exclusive remedy, upon prompt written notice from Consumer of breach of this limited warranty during the relevant warranty period, Johnson Outdoors will either, at Johnson Outdoors’ option, (a) repair (by Johnson Outdoors Watercraft Inc. or a third party service provider), or (b) refund the purchase price paid by Consumer if an inspection by Johnson Outdoors discloses material defects in workmanship or material covered by this warranty.

## HOW IT WORKS

1. If you have a warranty claim, call our Customer Service Department at the number indicated above.
  - Be prepared to provide the following information: Proof of purchase, date and place of purchase and original purchase price.
  - Boat serial number (engraved on starboard bow and stern), model, color and hatch configuration.
  - Consumer name, address and phone number.
  - Detailed description of the problem.
2. Johnson Outdoors strives to give warranty claims top priority to ensure timely processing and resolution. We may ask you to contact your original dealer and/or send us the defective product at our cost. If the product is to be returned to the factory, our Customer Service Department will issue a return authorization number.
  - Affix this number to the product along with your dealer name and contact person.
  - Do not return any product to the factory without a return authorization number.
  - Return products in the original packing material or equivalent. Include a note of explanation

inside the package regarding the reason for the return, contact information and desired action.

3. Warranty on a replacement boat is void until Johnson Outdoors receives from the dealer the serial number cut outs from the defective boat. The warranty period for a repair, and the related product, shall be only the remaining portion of the original warranty period applicable to such product.

## WHAT THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER

There is NO WARRANTY, and no portion of warranty expense will be reimbursed when:

- Product has ever been used for commercial use (except for Old Town rental/demonstration/resort/outfitter — for the time frame outlined under “How Long Coverage Lasts”).
- Product is determined by Johnson Outdoors to have been subjected to unusual or abnormal use, misuse, abuse, negligence, accidents, normal wear and tear, damage due to environmental or natural elements, failure to follow Johnson Outdoors’ instructions, unauthorized repair, incorrectly performed maintenance or repair, improper installation, or storage.
- Product is determined to have been used for any activity other than an activity that is customary for this type of product.
- Claim is made by any party other than the original purchaser of a product.
- Product was damaged while in possession of freight carrier, dealer, Consumer or any party other than Johnson Outdoors.
- Product was modified.
- Product was not manufactured by Johnson Outdoors.

## LIMITED WARRANTY (CONT.)

- Product was manufactured to Consumer's, dealer's or other third party's specifications.

In order for this warranty to apply, Consumer must retain and provide to Johnson Outdoors receipts showing date of product purchase and documented proper maintenance. Any oral or written description of the products is for the sole purpose of identifying the products and shall not be construed as express warranty. Prior to using the products, Consumer shall determine the suitability of the products for the intended use and Consumer assumes all risk and liability in connection therewith.

JOHNSON OUTDOORS SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO CONSUMER, OR TO ANYONE CLAIMING UNDER CONSUMER, FOR ANY OTHER OBLIGATIONS OR LIABILITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO; OBLIGATIONS OR LIABILITIES ARISING OUT OF BREACH OF CONTRACT OR WARRANTY, NEGLIGENCE OR OTHER TORT OR ANY THEORY OF STRICT LIABILITY, WITH RESPECT TO THE PRODUCTS OR JOHNSON OUTDOORS' ACTS OR OMISSIONS OR OTHERWISE. THE EXPRESS WARRANTIES DESCRIBED HEREIN ARE EXCLUSIVE AND IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER EXPRESS WARRANTIES. FOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS, ALL WARRANTIES IMPLIED BY LAW, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, ARE DISCLAIMED AND SHALL NOT APPLY. FOR CONSUMER PRODUCTS, WARRANTIES IMPLIED BY LAW, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THOSE OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, ARE EXPRESSLY LIMITED TO THE PERIOD OF THE WARRANTY STATED ABOVE FOR THE RELEVANT PRODUCT. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied

warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you.

Any assistance Johnson Outdoors provides to or procures for Consumer outside the terms, limitations or exclusions of this warranty will not constitute a waiver of the terms, limitations or exclusions of this limited warranty, nor will such assistance extend or revive the warranty. Johnson Outdoors will not reimburse Consumer for any expenses incurred by Consumer in repairing, correcting or replacing any defective products, except those incurred with Johnson Outdoors' prior written permission.

### LIMITATION ON DAMAGES

IN NO EVENT SHALL JOHNSON OUTDOORS BE LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL, COMPENSATORY, PUNITIVE, CONSEQUENTIAL INDIRECT, SPECIAL OR OTHER DAMAGES. JOHNSON OUTDOORS' AGGREGATE LIABILITY WITH RESPECT TO A DEFECTIVE PRODUCT SHALL BE LIMITED TO AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO CONSUMER'S ORIGINAL PURCHASE PRICE PAID FOR THAT DEFECTIVE PRODUCT. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental and consequential damages so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.

### HOW DOES STATE LAW APPLY?

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state. It is the express wish of the parties that this Agreement and any related documents be drafted in English.



## LIMITED LIFETIME HULL WARRANTY\*

The hull and deck of your **Old Town** is covered for the lifetime of the boat from your original purchase date. Here are some important things to remember about our warranty:

- Warranty applies only to the original owner.
- For blemished boats (BLEMS), the hull and deck are covered five years from consumer's original purchase date.
- For standard boats used for rental, demonstration, resort or outfitter purposes the warranty is 90 days from date of delivery by the dealer to the consumer.
- Outfitter grade boats used for rental, demonstration, resort or outfitter purposes, the hull and deck are covered one year from date of delivery.
- For accessories, the warranty coverage is one year from consumer's original purchase date.

For complete warranty details; register your Old Town; or request warranty service, visit us online or contact the team at 800-343-1555.

**\*The hull and deck of any Old Town watercraft is covered by a Limited Lifetime warranty. Lifetime is defined as the lifetime of the boat based on the original purchase date. See full warranty details at [oldtownwatercraft.com/warranty](http://oldtownwatercraft.com/warranty).**

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MANUFACTURER’S STATEMENT OF ORIGIN TO A BOAT

The undersigned corporation hereby certifies that the new boat described below, the property and said corporation, has been transferred this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, year \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_ whose address is \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of boat: ☐ Kayak    ☐ Canoe    Model: \_\_\_\_\_  
Serial number: \_\_\_\_\_

[AFFIX LABEL HERE]

The corporation further certifies that this was the first transfer of such new boat in ordinary trade and commerce.  
By Garrett S. VanAtta, Garrett VanAtta, Director of Operations  
(Authorized Signature) (Name, Title of Position)

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FIRST ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby transfers this Statement of Origin and the boat described therein to \_\_\_\_\_ address \_\_\_\_\_ and certifies that the boat is new and has not been registered in this or any other state; the undersigned also warrants the title of said boat at the time of delivery, subject to the liens and encumbrances, if any, as set out below:

AMOUNT OF LIEN:	DATE:	TO WHOM DUE:	ADDRESS:
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

NOTARY STATEMENT

Before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ who by me being duly sworn upon oath says that the statements set forth above are true and correct. Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public                      Date Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

**⚠ WARNING:** Operating, servicing and maintaining a recreational marine vessel can expose you to chemicals including engine exhaust, carbon monoxide, phthalates, and lead, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. To minimize exposure, avoid breathing exhaust, service your vessel in a well-ventilated area and wear gloves or wash your hands frequently when servicing this vessel. For more information go to [www.P65warnings.ca.gov/marine](http://www.P65warnings.ca.gov/marine).



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