



Hobie® Mirage®
Pro Angler 12/14 Manual

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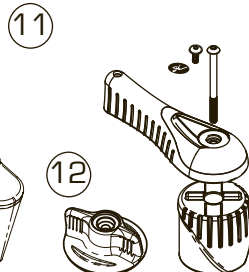
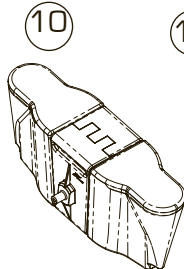
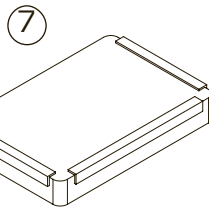
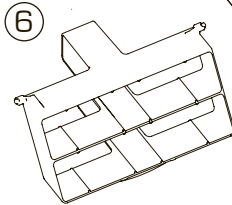
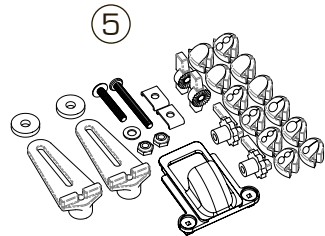
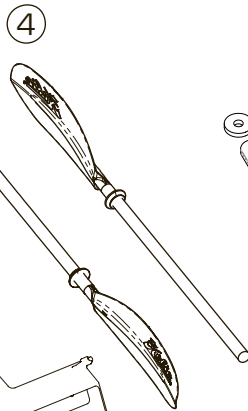
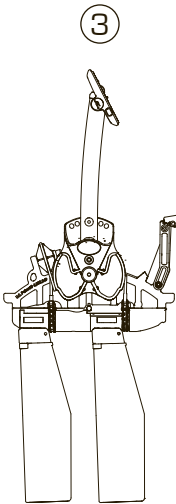
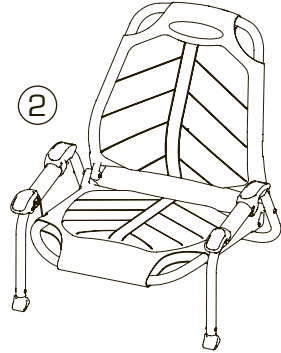
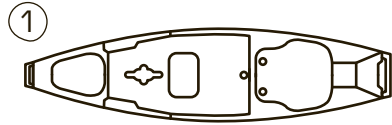
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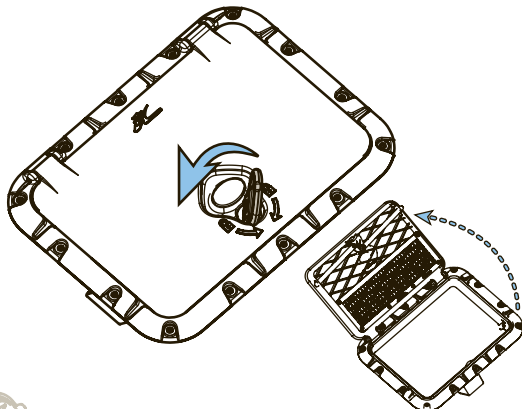
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11. 2X Steering Handle Components
12. Secondary Steering Handle



Tackle Management Rack Installation

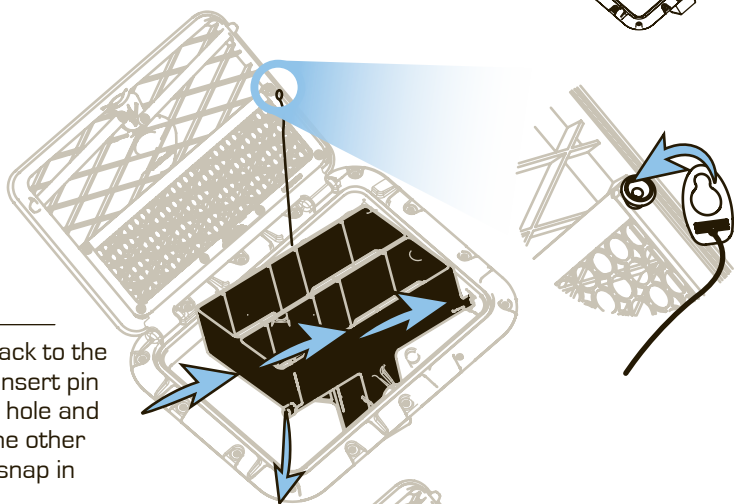
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Twist handle counter-clockwise and open lid



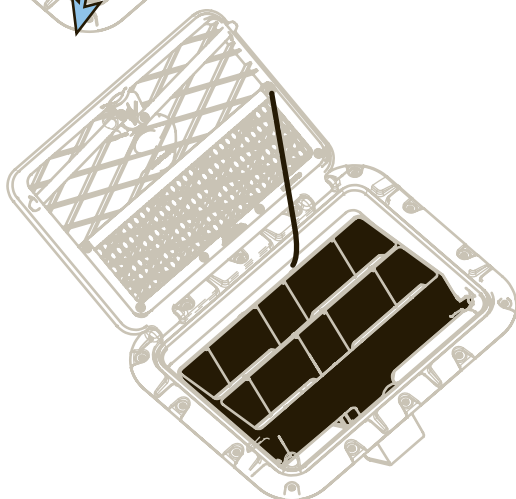
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Press rack to the side to insert pin into the hole and lower the other side to snap in place.



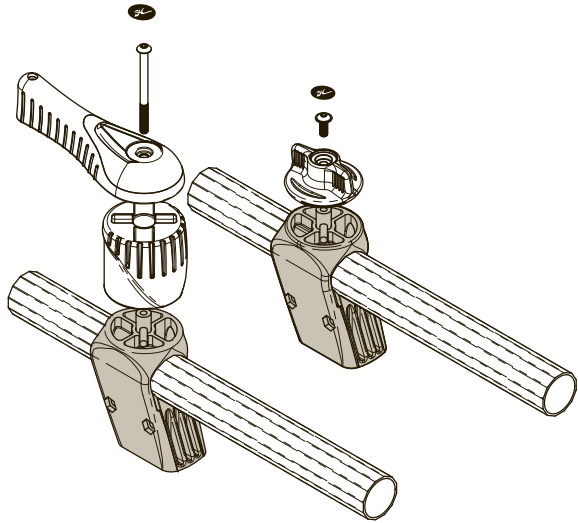
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Secure clip to post



Steering Handles

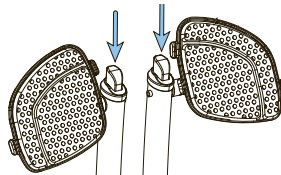
The steering handle, riser and steering knob can be installed on either the right or left side per your preference



MirageDrive Cranks

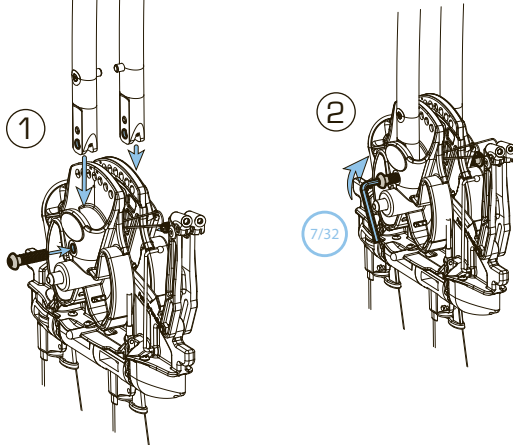
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Insert cranks into drums while depressing button at top.



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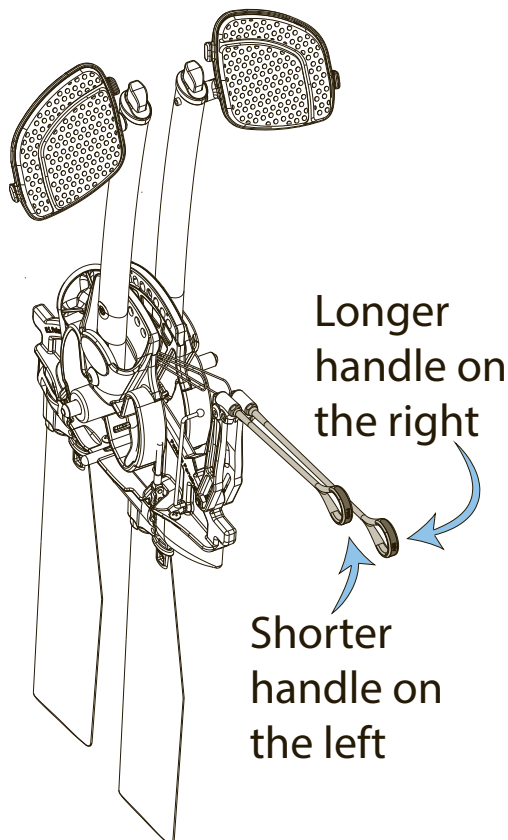
Tighten crank bolt all the way using a 7/32" hex wrench.



FWD/REV Handle Installation

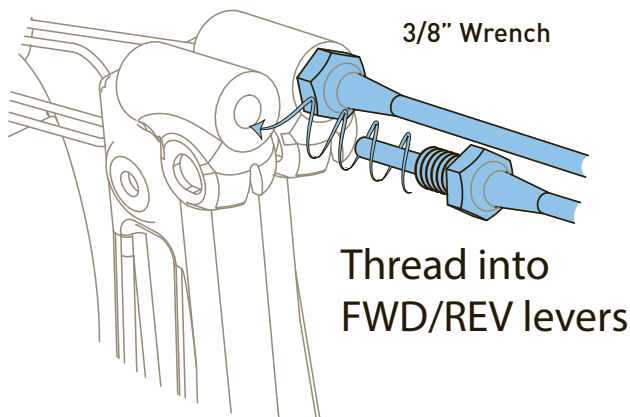
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Position the shorter (FWD) handle on the left and the longer (REV) handle on the right



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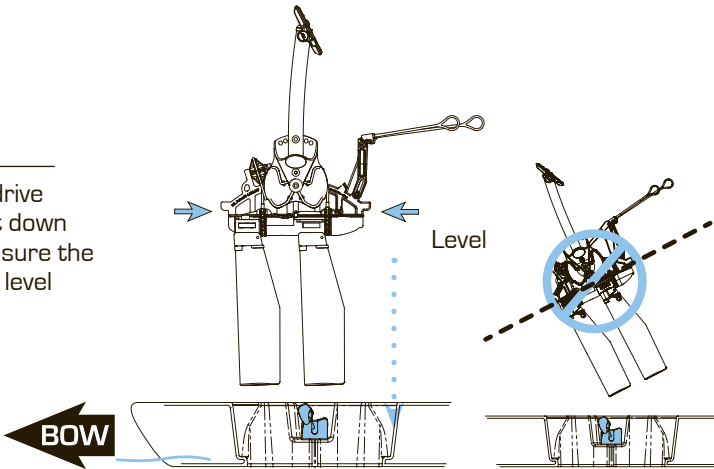
Screw both pull handles into the levers on the MirageDrive using a 3/8" wrench. Do not over tighten.



Installation

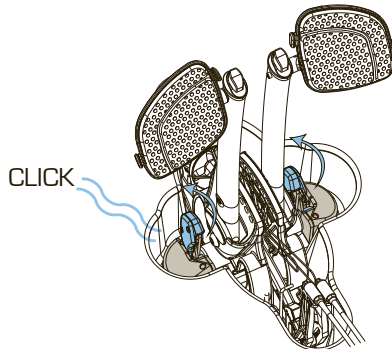
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Lower drive straight down making sure the spine is level



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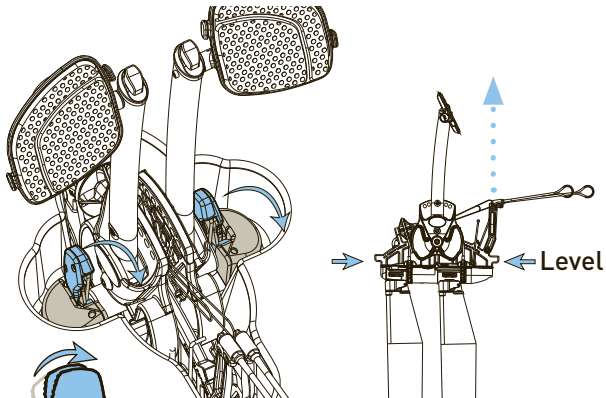
Press down and lock drive into Click and Go's



Removal

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Pull back each Click and Go lever



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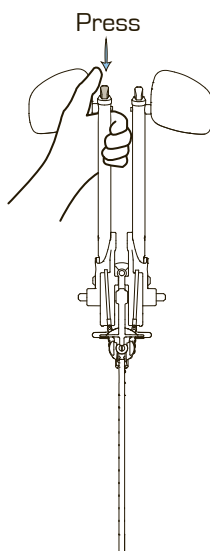
Lift drive straight up



Pedal Adjustment

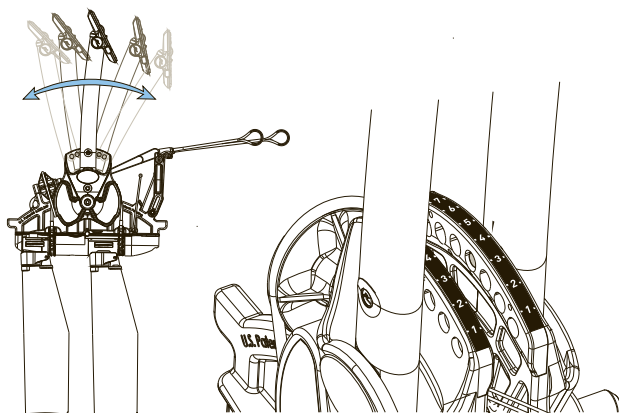
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Press the adjuster button at top of crank.



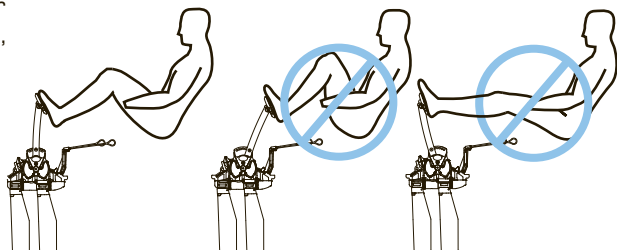
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Adjust cranks by rotating them into the desired position. Make sure both cranks are in the same position number.



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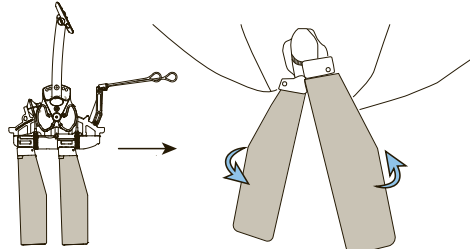
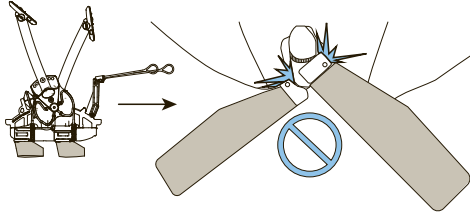
With both feet on the pedals together (fins straight down), your knees should be comfortably bent and not over-crunched or extended.



Reverse

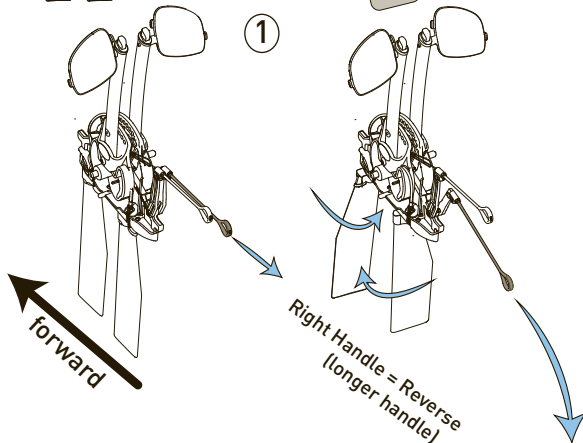


Shifting with the fins too far apart can cause interference with the shift. Pull with firm pressure while cranks are close together.



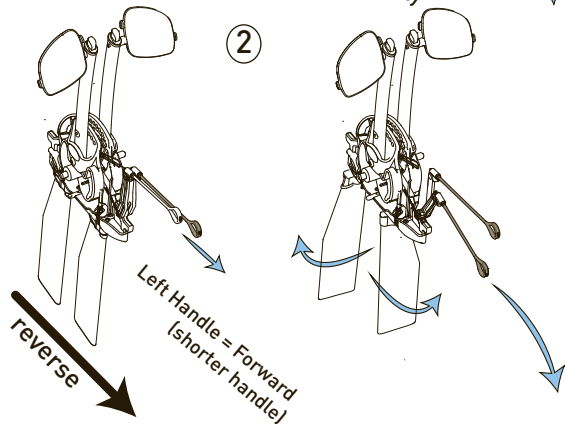
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Pull the right handle to shift into reverse. (This is the longer handle of the two)

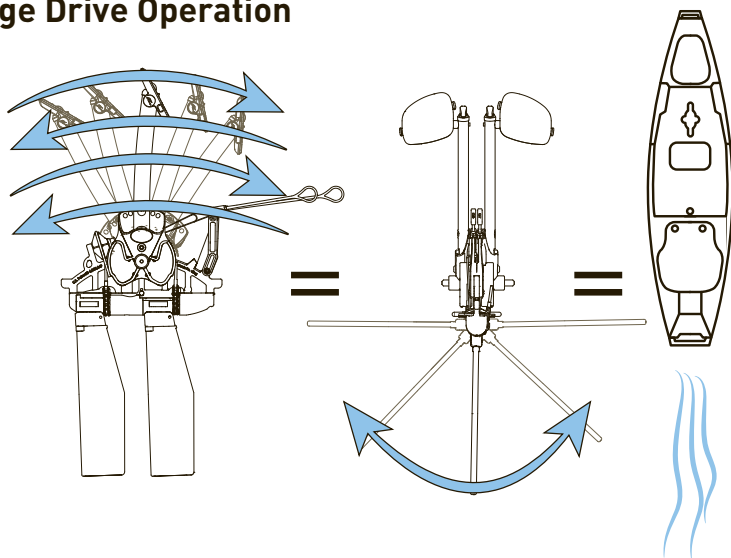


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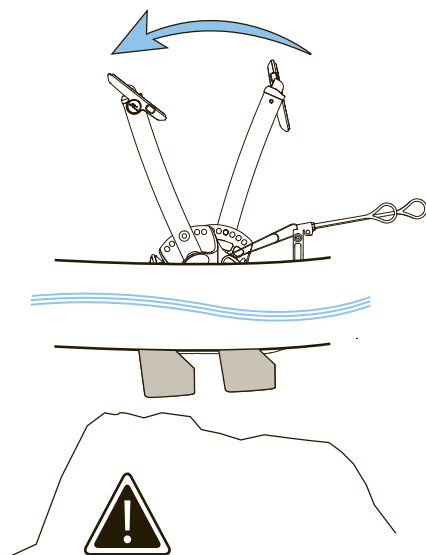
Pull the left handle to shift the drive into forward.



Miage Drive Operation

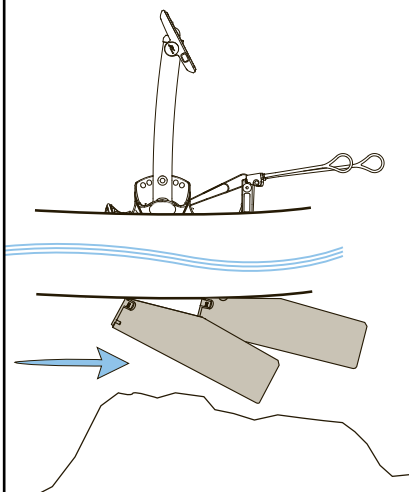


Shallow Water and Beaching



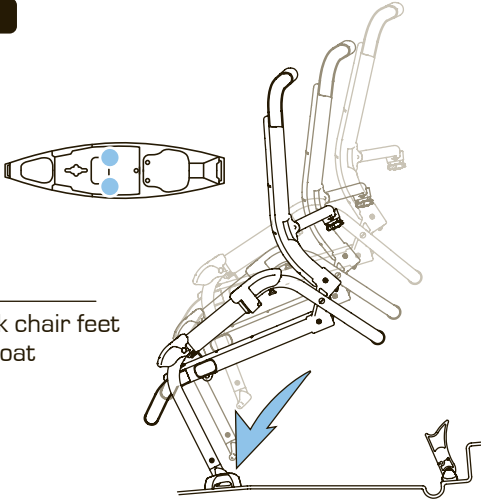
Press either pedal forward in shallow water to raise fins. Pressing one pedal fully forward will orient the fins with the kayak underside.

Kick Up Fins



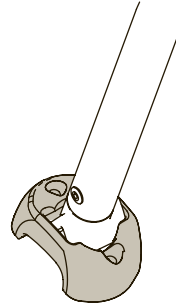
The kick up fins will automatically retract backwards when coming in contact with any object and resume their normal position when clear of obstruction and you pedal.

Installation



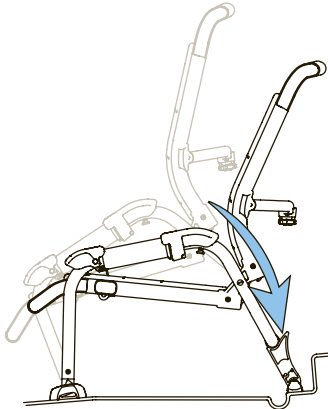
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Lock chair feet
to boat



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Pivot chair onto
kickstand

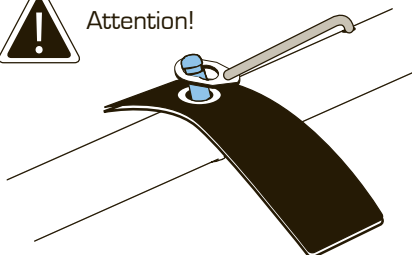


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Place webbing
strap over pin on
the seat frame
and hook clip. This
will secure the
seat in the event
of a flip



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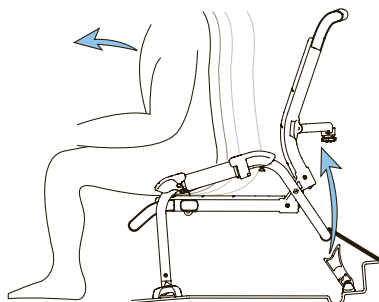


Lowering



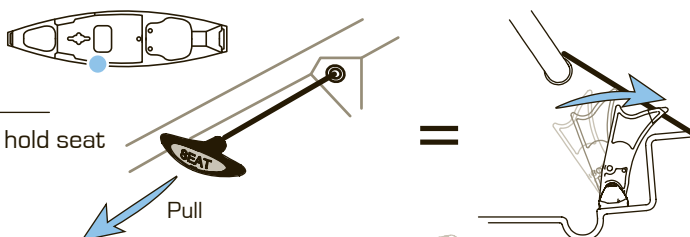
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Shift weight
forward and tilt
seat up



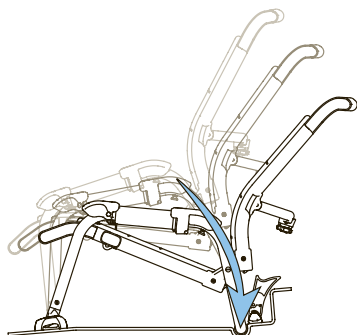
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Pull and hold seat
handle



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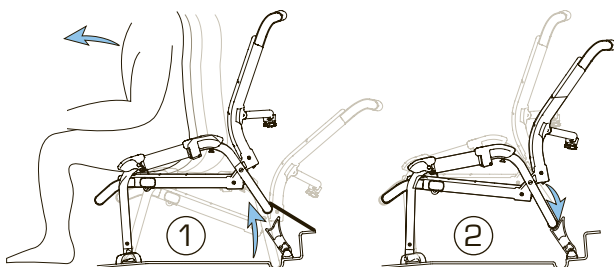
Lean back to
lower seat



Raising

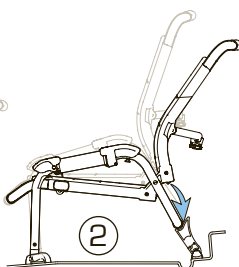
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Shift weight
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seat up



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Lean back to
lower seat onto
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Back and Bottom Adjustment



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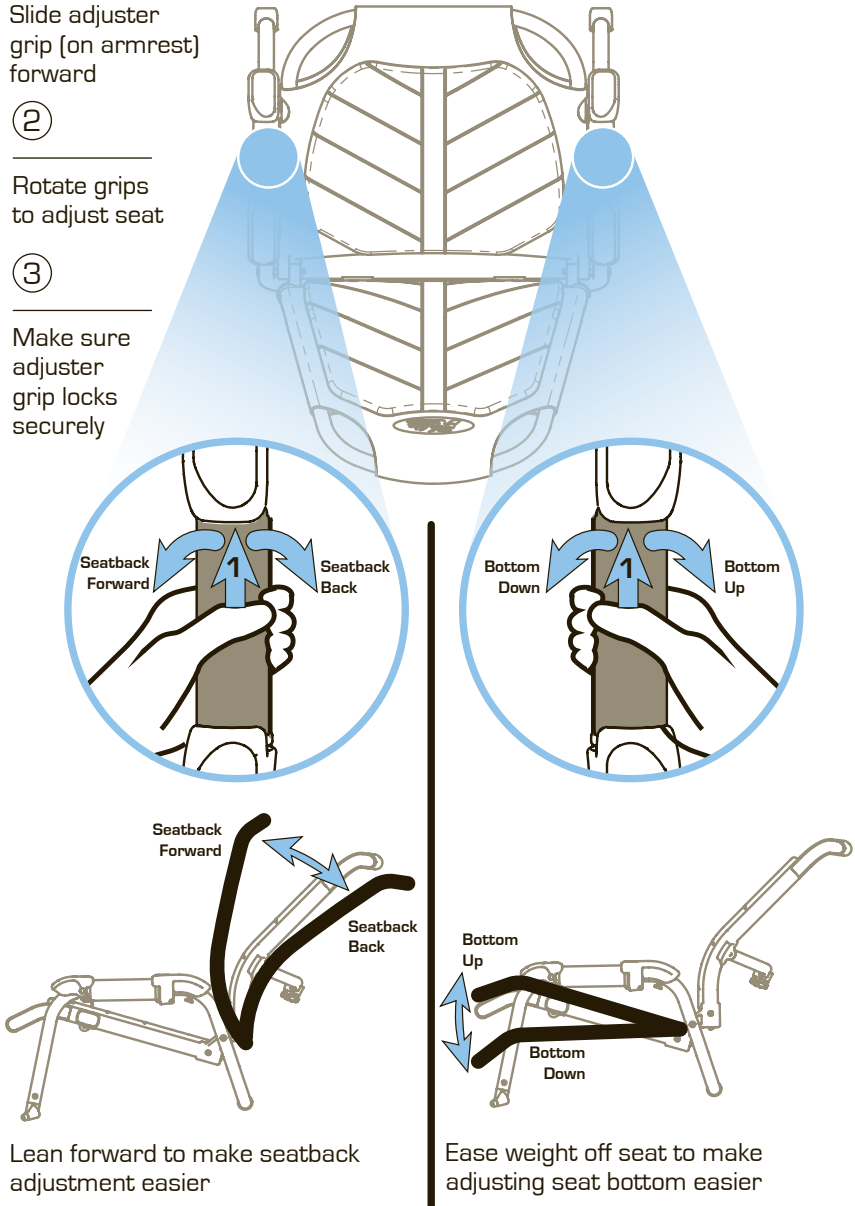
Slide adjuster grip (on armrest) forward

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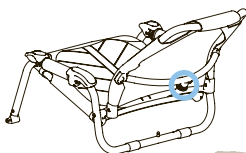
Rotate grips to adjust seat

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Make sure adjuster grip locks securely

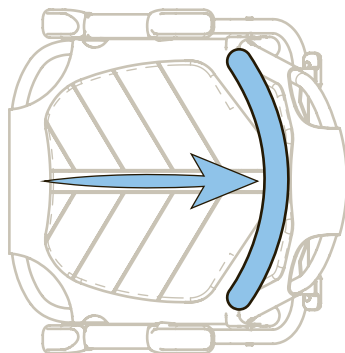
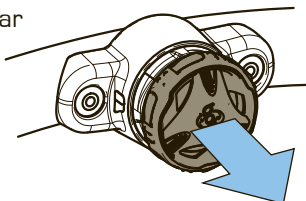


Lumbar Adjustment



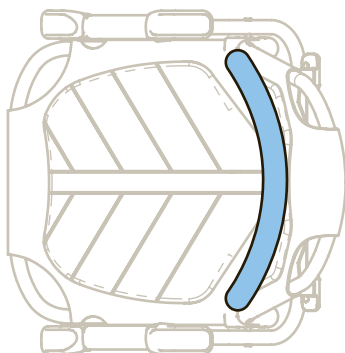
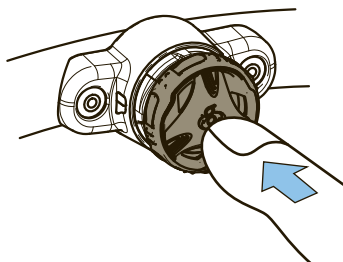
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Pull knob to
release lumbar



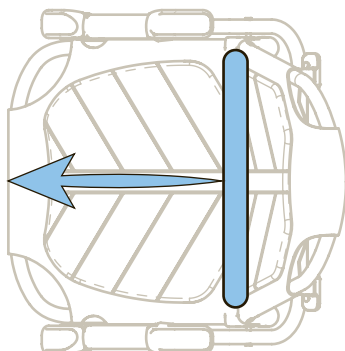
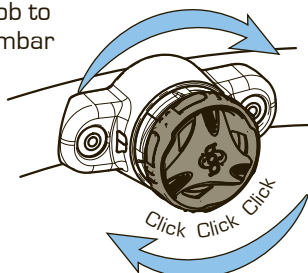
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Press knob to lock
lumbar

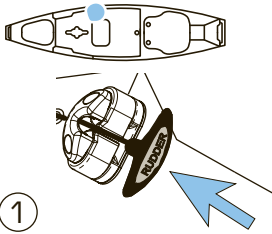


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Rotate knob to
tension lumbar

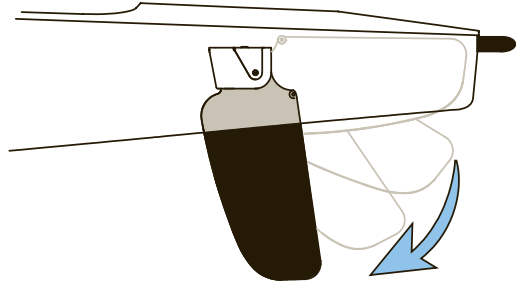


Rudder Down and Up



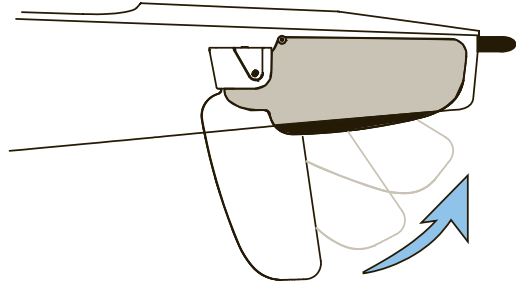
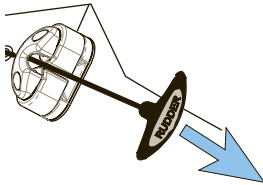
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Uncleat and release.



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Pull and cleat

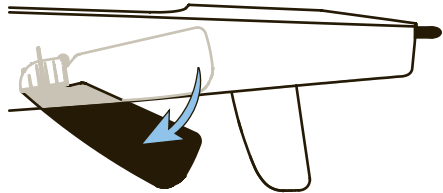


Skeg Operation



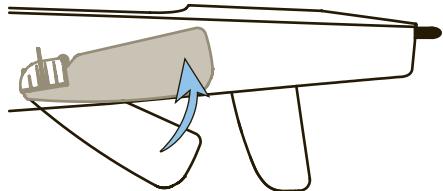
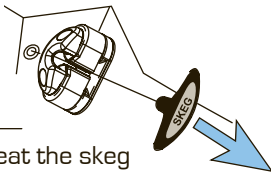
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Uncleat and release the skeg line to lower the skeg and have the boat track straight



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Pull and cleat the skeg line to have the boat be more maneuverable



Rudder Line Tension

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Pull knob to
release rudder
line

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Press knob to
lock rudder line

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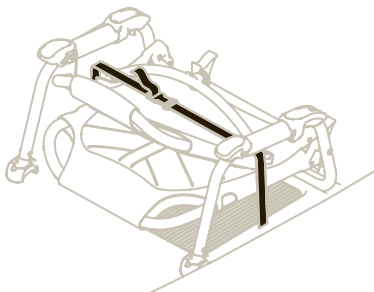
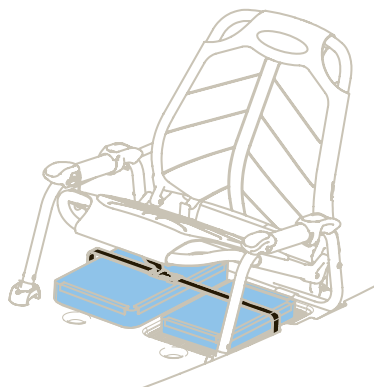
Rotate knob to
tension rudder line



**BOA® Rudder Line
Tension Included
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Underseat Strap

Use strap under
seat to hold down
optional tackle
boxes

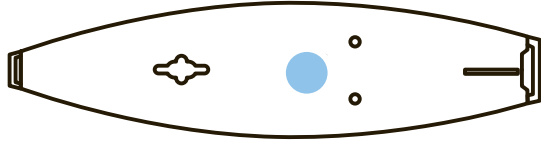


With the seat in the
low position, use this
same strap to hold
down the seat during
transport

Transducer Installation

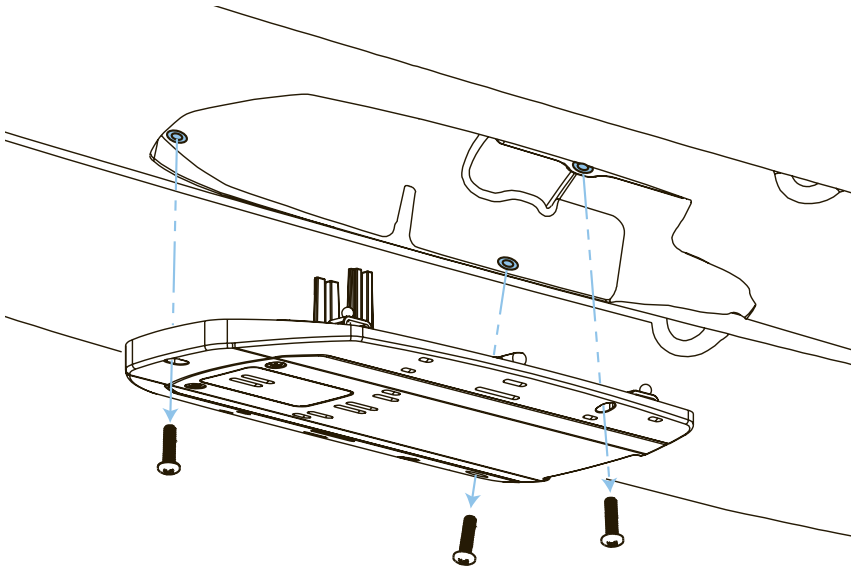


NOTE: Transducer installation parts are included with your kayak.



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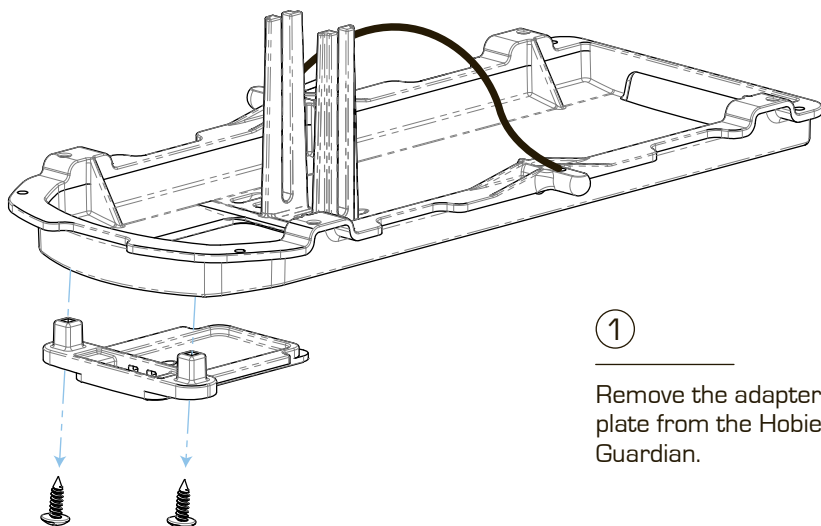
Remove the Hobie Guardian shield from hull by unthreading the three screws fastening the shield to the kayak.



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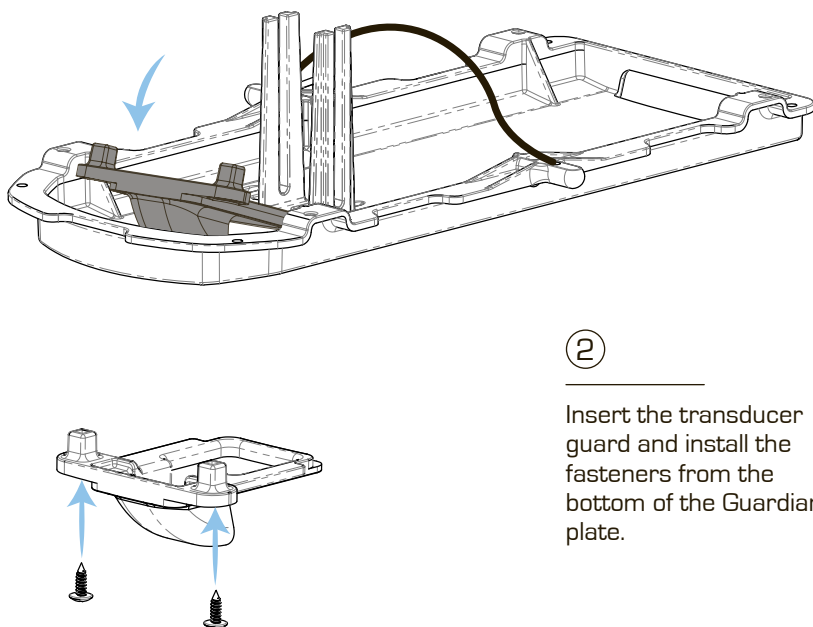
For Skimmer style transducer installation, skip forward to page 24. For side imaging transducer installation continue on to the next page.

Side Imaging Transducer Installation



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Remove the adapter plate from the Hobie Guardian.



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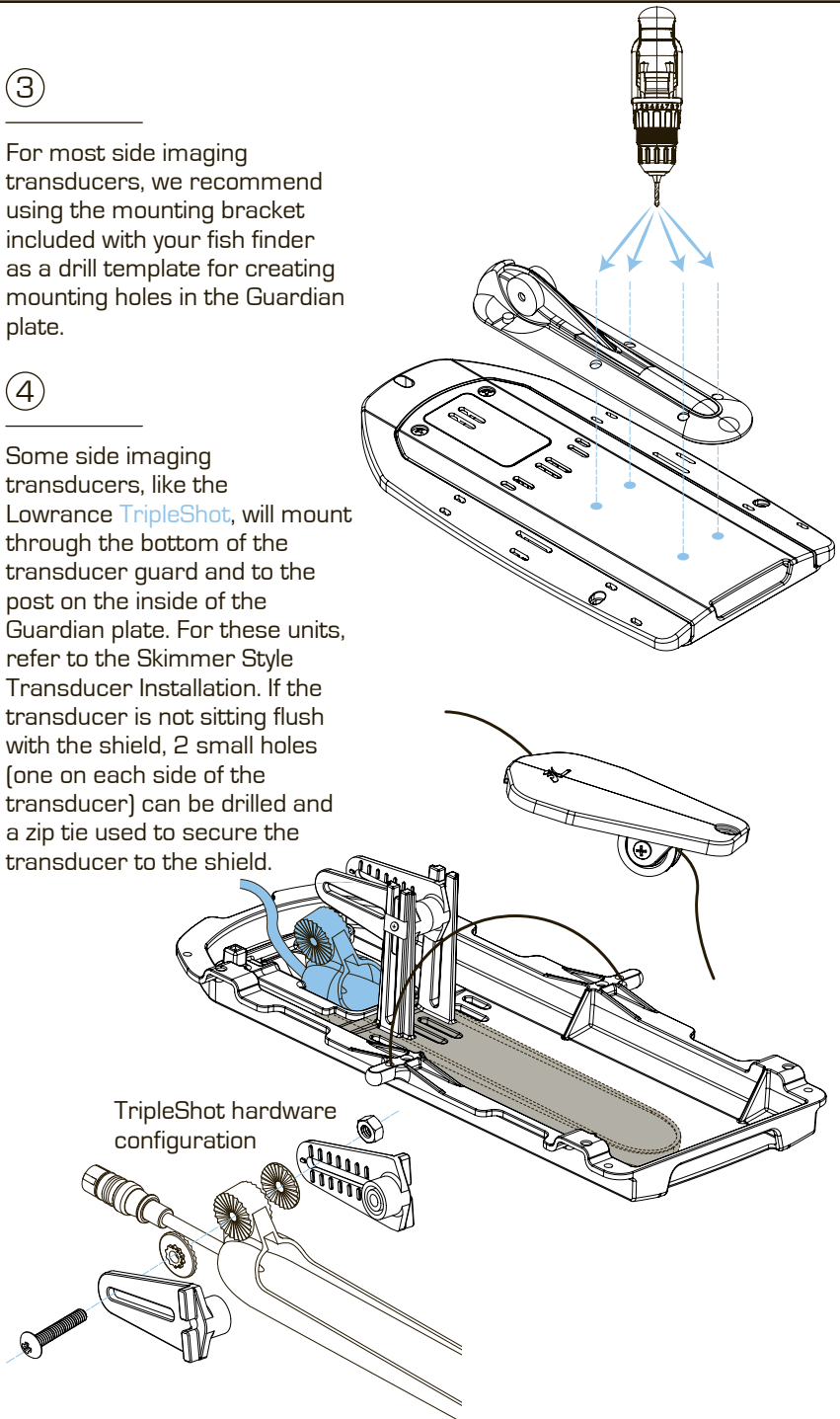
Insert the transducer guard and install the fasteners from the bottom of the Guardian plate.

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For most side imaging transducers, we recommend using the mounting bracket included with your fish finder as a drill template for creating mounting holes in the Guardian plate.

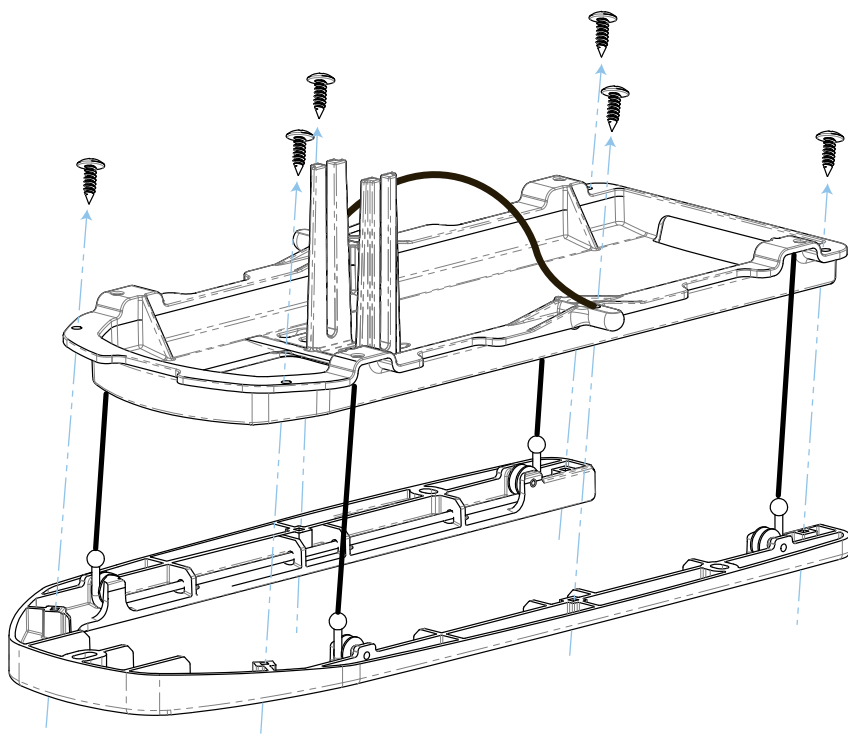
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Some side imaging transducers, like the Lowrance **TripleShot**, will mount through the bottom of the transducer guard and to the post on the inside of the Guardian plate. For these units, refer to the Skimmer Style Transducer Installation. If the transducer is not sitting flush with the shield, 2 small holes (one on each side of the transducer) can be drilled and a zip tie used to secure the transducer to the shield.



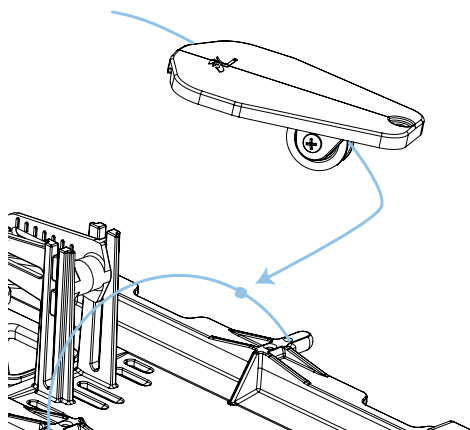
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After mounting your side imaging transducer to the Guardian plate, you can choose to activate its retraction feature. Remove the screws holding the mounting plate to the Guardian frame.



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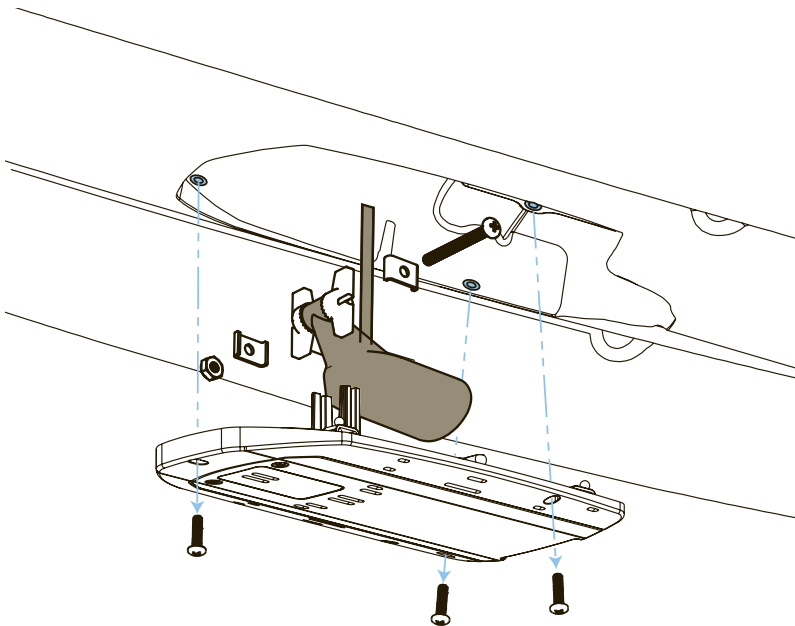
Attach the retraction line (tied to the cover plate) to the bridle line for up/down control.



Skimmer Transducer Installation

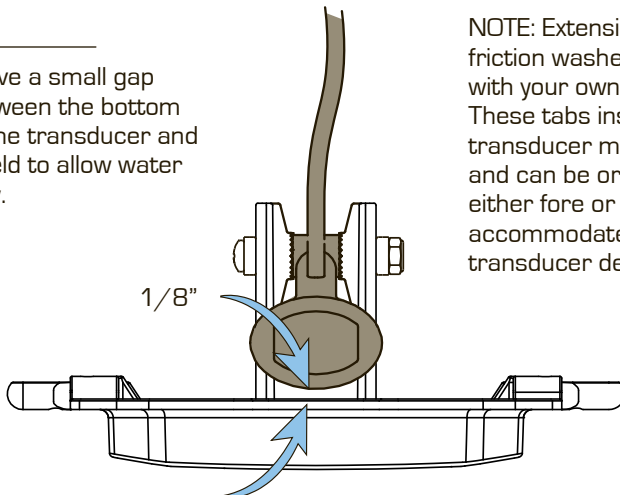
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Skimmer style transducers will mount to the posts inside the transducer cavity using the hardware that comes with the Kayak's Owners Manual.



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Leave a small gap between the bottom of the transducer and shield to allow water flow.



NOTE: Extension tabs and friction washers are included with your owner's manual. These tabs install to the transducer mounting post and can be oriented to face either fore or aft to accommodate a variety of transducer designs.

Run the Transducer Cable

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Once the transducer is installed, feed the transducer cable through the scupper hole above the cavity and screw the plate back into place.

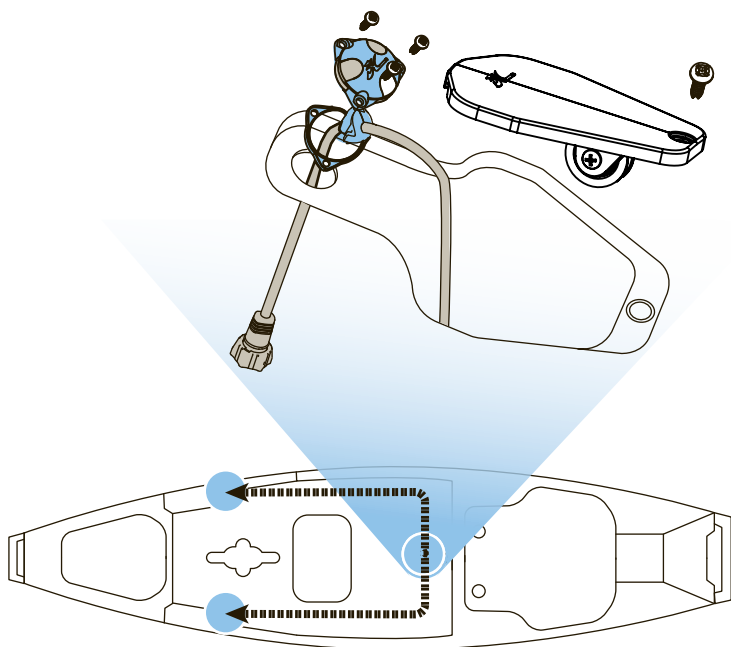
You should now have the transducer cable accessible in the cockpit of the kayak.

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Remove the plug next to the scupper above the transducer cavity using a phillips head screwdriver. Feed the cable through the gasket and into the hull. Find the rubber adapter that matches the diameter of the transducer cable and fit it to the cable. Attach the adapter and cable to the plug and reinstall. Be careful not to overtighten and strip the screws.

TIP: Lubricate the cable with soapy water to allow it to slide through the rubber adapter more easily.

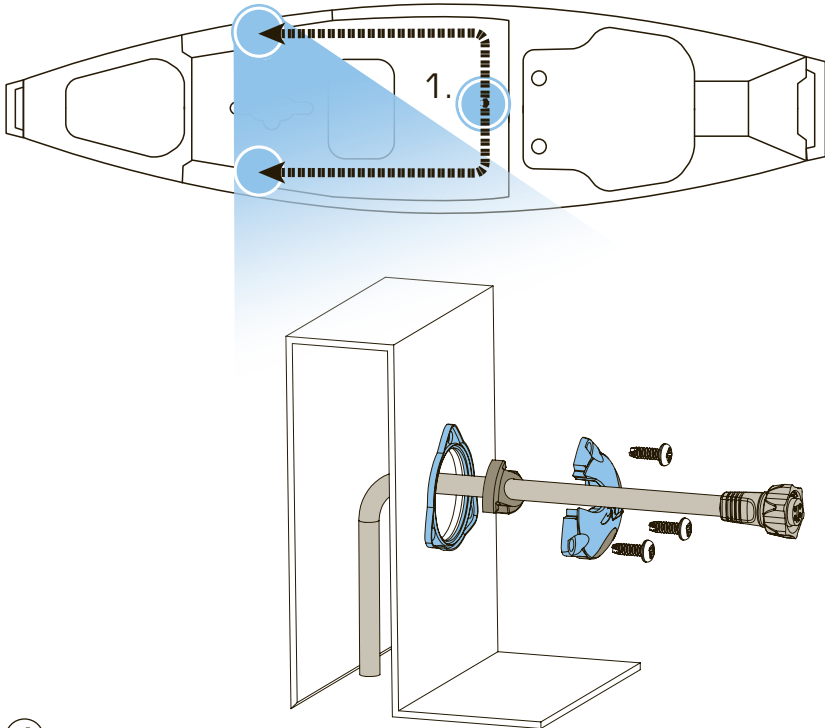
NOTE: Rubber adapters can be found in the kayak owner's manual.



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Remove the 3-way plug in the cockpit. Lead the cable through the inside of the kayak and exit the cable out through the hole for the 3-way plug in the cockpit.

There are plugs for the wire to exit the hull on either side of the kayak to accommodate a right or left sided screen location. Some plugs are located in cup holder or mesh pockets.



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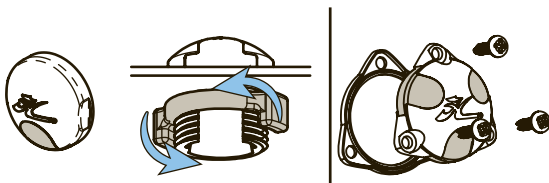
Using the same plug, install the power cable.

Thru-Hull Plugs Single and 3-way



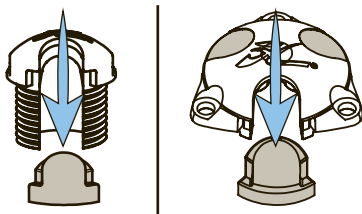
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Locate the thru-hull plug and unscrew the screws or nut on the inside of the boat



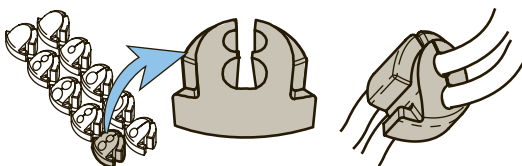
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Remove the solid rubber plug



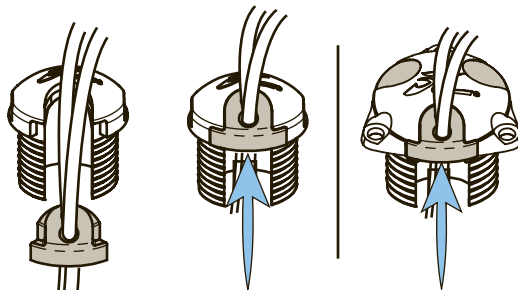
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Choose the correct plug for your wire size and insert wire by opening the plug along the slit



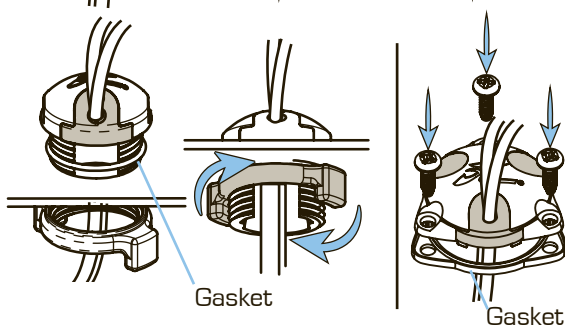
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Press the new plug with the wire installed into plastic plug, making sure it fits properly



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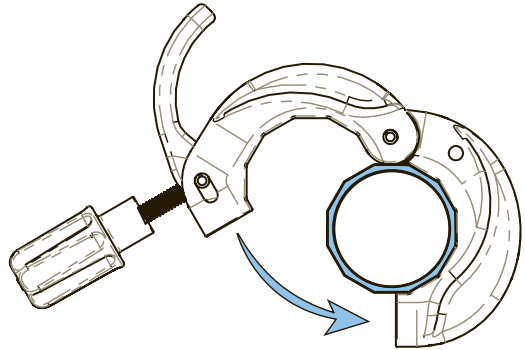
NOTE: DO NOT USE A DRILL Screw the 3 way plug to the hull by hand. Bolt or screw the thru-hull wire assembly to the hull using the nut or screws. Ensure the gasket is installed.



Clamping

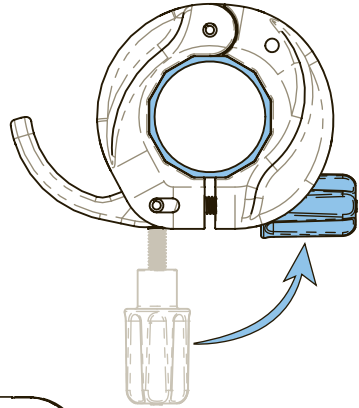
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Clamp accessory
around H-Rail Tube



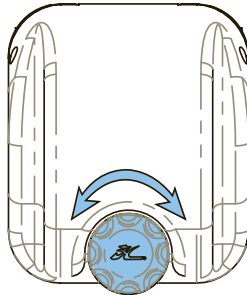
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Lock tension knob



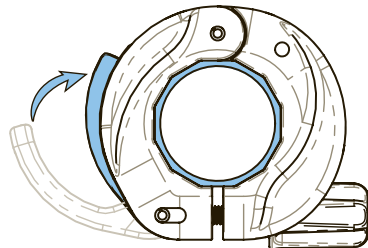
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Tighten or loosen
knob per your
clamping
requirements



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Close the lock
lever. If the lever
is difficult to close,
loosen the knob in
step 3



Adjusting Clamp Position

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Unlock lever

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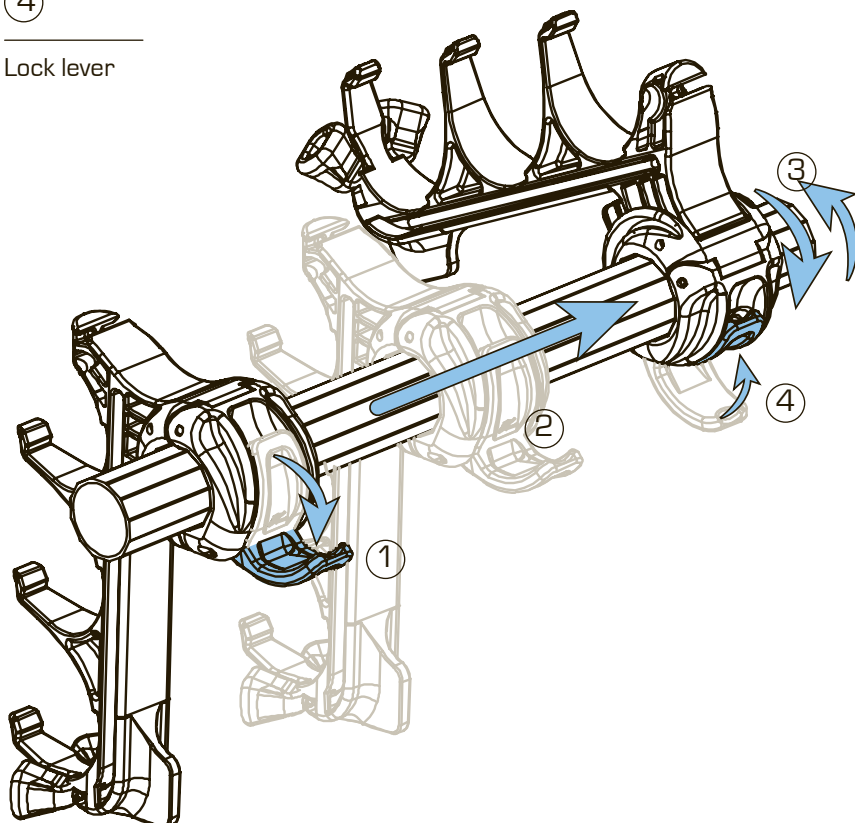
Slide to new position

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Adjust angle

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Lock lever

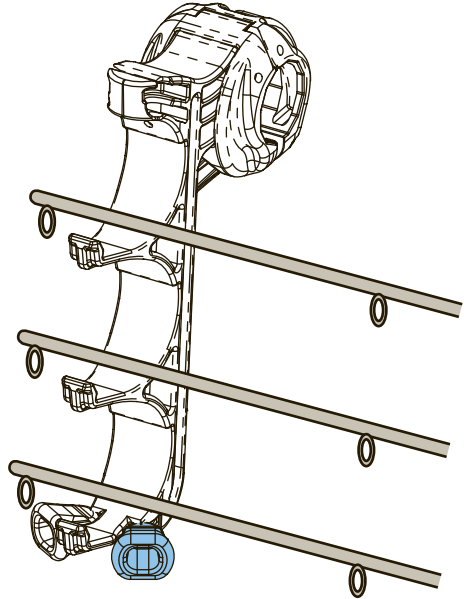


Rod Rack Retainer

During launch or transport, you may want to keep your rods held in place using the H-rail Rod Rack

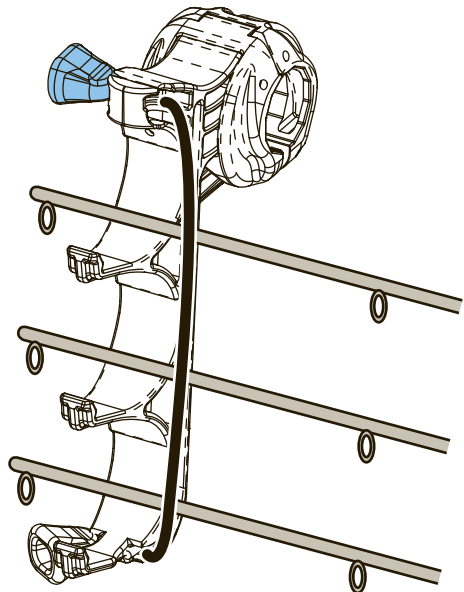
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Lay your rods in the holders



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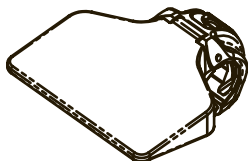
Stretch the bungee over the rods and hook at the top



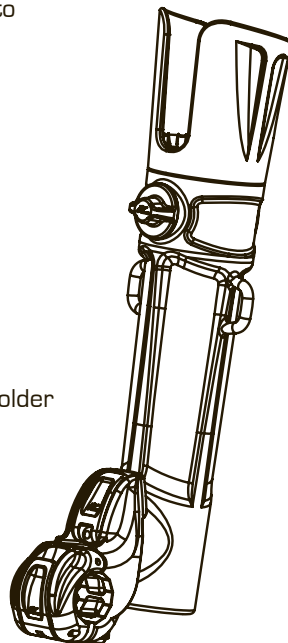
Additional Accessories (Not included with boat)

Review your parts and accessory catalog for all of the latest H-Rail mounting accessories or go to <http://www.hobie.com/catalogs-brochures/>

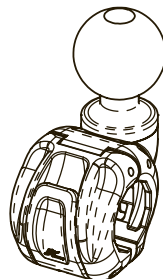
Universal Mounting
Plate



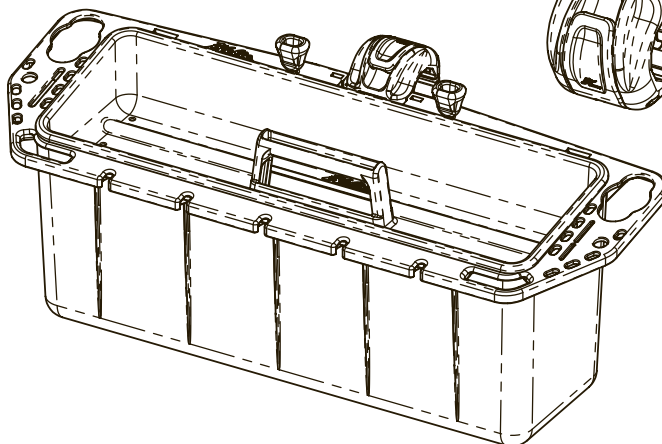
Rod Holder



Ram® Ball Mount

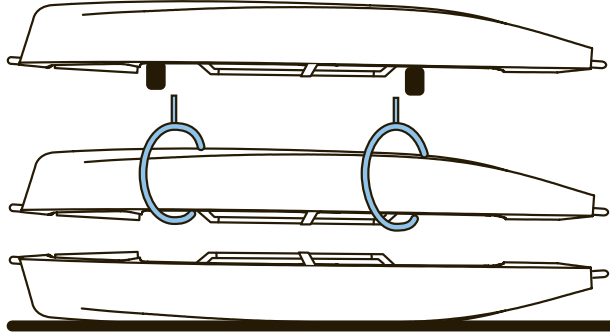


Tackle/Tool Box



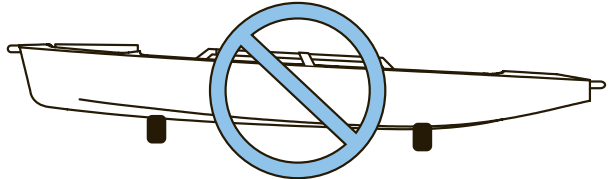
Storage Do's

Storing your boat upside down on crossbars, hanging from wide strap-ping, or on hull cradles are the best ways to keep the boat stored.

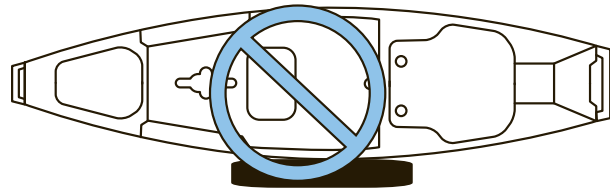


Storage Don'ts

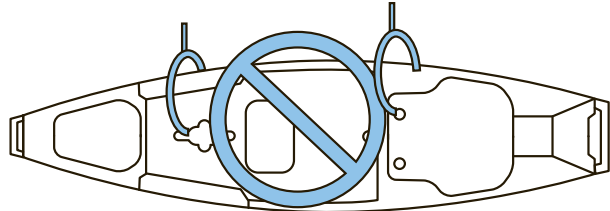
Storing your boat cockpit side up on crossbars can dent the bottom.



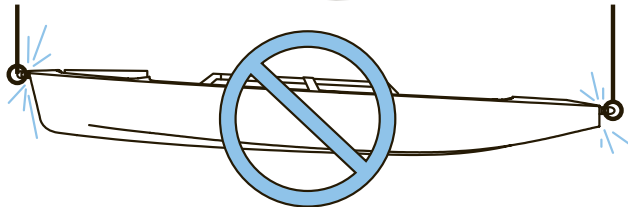
Storing your boat on its side over a long period of time can flatten/dent the sides.



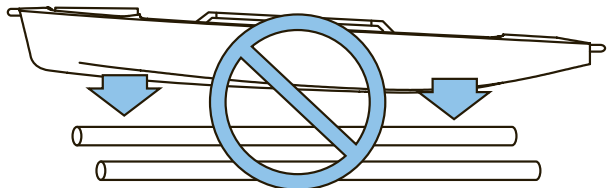
Hanging the boat by the scuppers can distort the scupper holes.



Never hang the boat by handles or pad eyes. They are not designed to handle long-term load and will fail.



Never use PVC runners or tubes to store boat on.

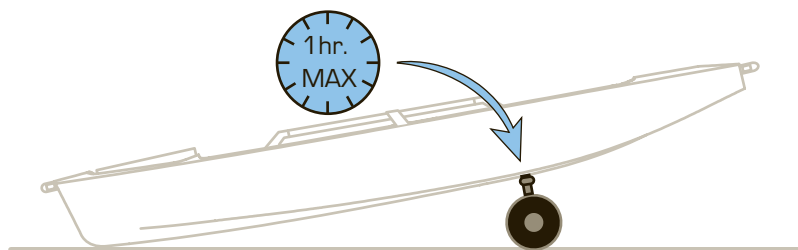


Additional Storage Key Points

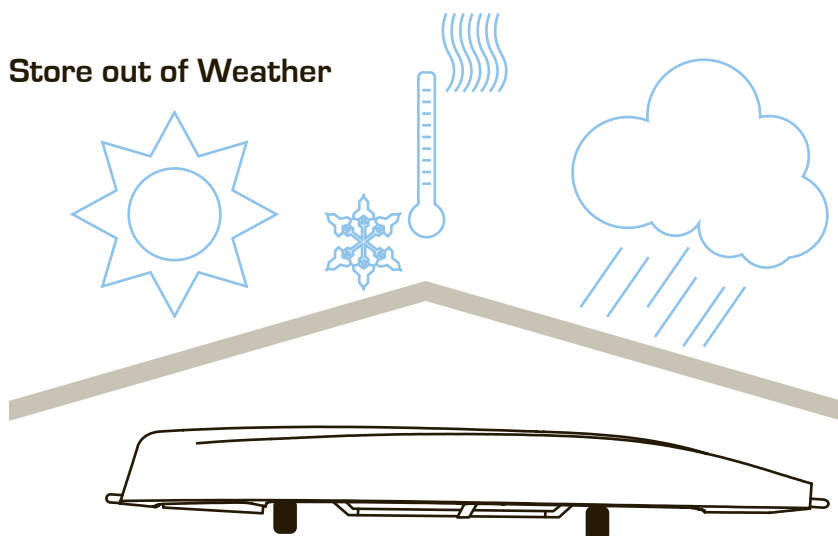
- Always open drain plugs and remove all water from boat
- Don't leave tie-down straps tight over a long period of time
- Storing in non-recommended configurations can result in hull damage and can void your warranty
- Never hang from handles or padeyes

Cart

The cart should be used for transportation purposes only and not as a storage platform. Do not leave your boat on the cart for more than one hour (less time in warmer temperatures or direct sunlight).



Store out of Weather



Check hobie.com for optional storage covers.

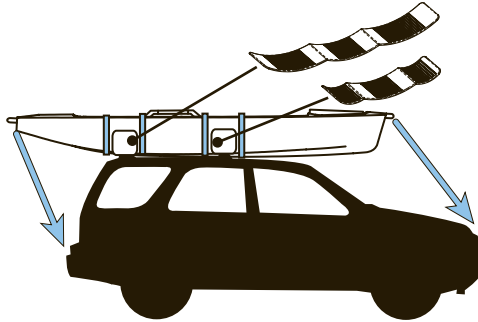
The best way to transport your boat is to purchase a trailer or roof rack from your dealer. Using proper cradles that support the hull, the boat can be transported right side up. Straps can then be laid across the boat and tied to the bars. Straps should be tight, but not so tight that they distort the shape of the boat. Avoid using ratchet straps to prevent overtightening.



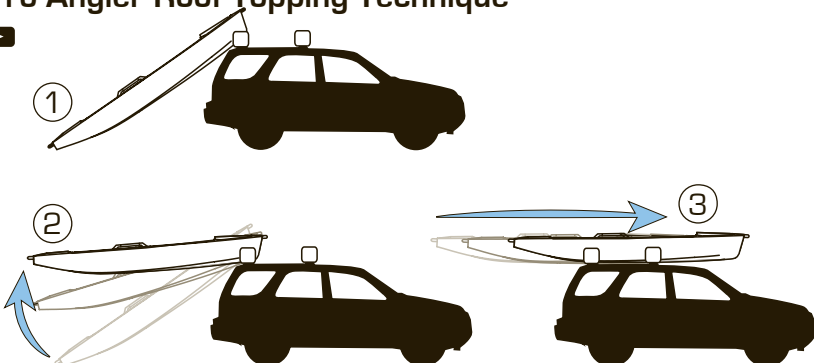
Be sure to first consult your car and roof rack owner's manual to ensure that you comply with all of their recommendations, precautions and specifications.

Running a line or strap from the bow and stern of the boat to each bumper is required. If your bumpers do not have a gap to pass a rope around, look underneath. There should be a loop of metal, which is used by car transports such as tow trucks.

Many people like to use the scupper holes to tie the boat to the car. This helps prevent the boat from sliding back and forth or the tie-down rope from slipping off the boat. [This is an acceptable method for tying the boat down for transport.]

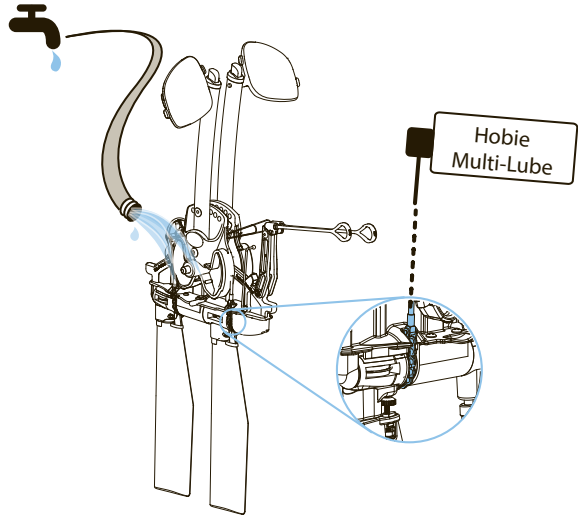


Pro Angler Roof Topping Technique

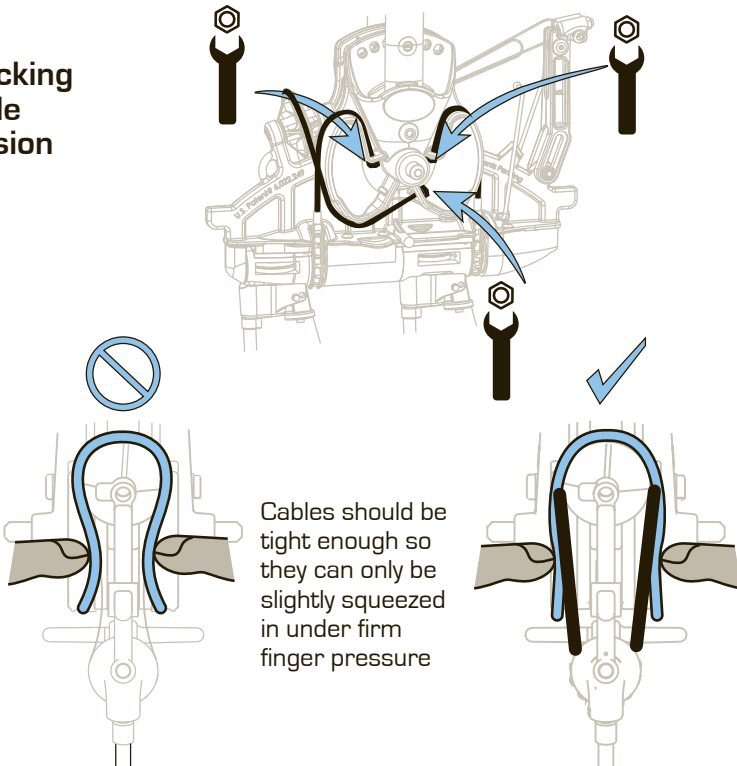


MirageDrive Regular Maintenance

The most effective maintenance tool on your MirageDrive is a fresh water rinse after every use. Periodically apply Hobie Multi-Lube on the chains will help keep the operation smooth.



Checking Cable Tension

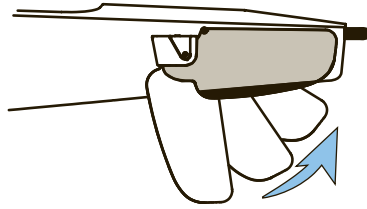


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Rudder Tuning

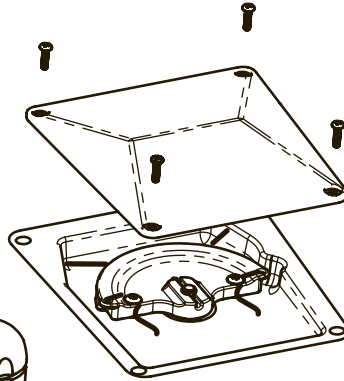
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Pull up rudder



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Remove rudder cover

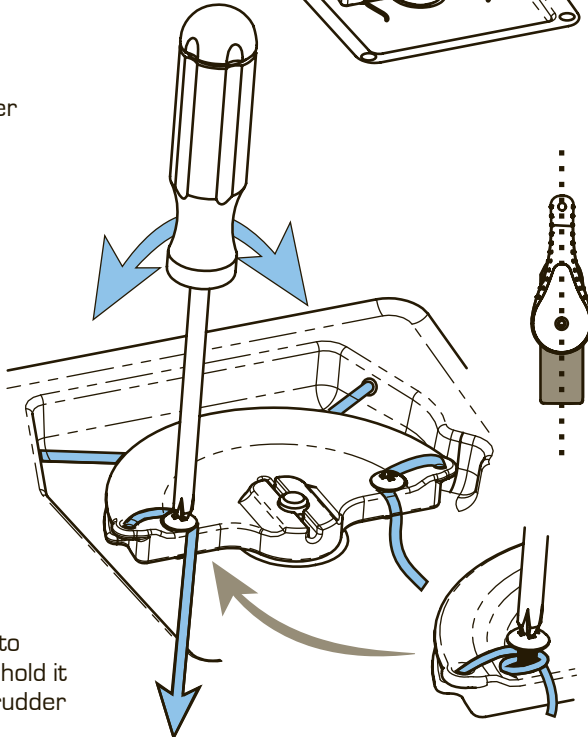


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Loosen screw clamping the rudder line

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Pull the slack out of the rudder line making sure the steering handles are still straight. If they are not straight, adjust the lines accordingly.



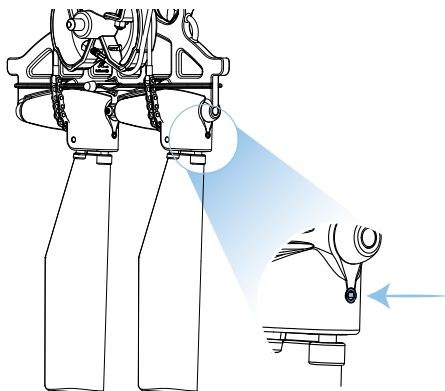
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Tighten the screw to clamp the line and hold it in place. Replace rudder cover

If the fins do not stay locked into position and feel loose, you'll need to adjust the kick-up set screw.

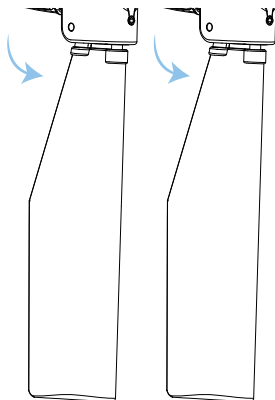
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The set screw is located in the housing at the base of the fin.



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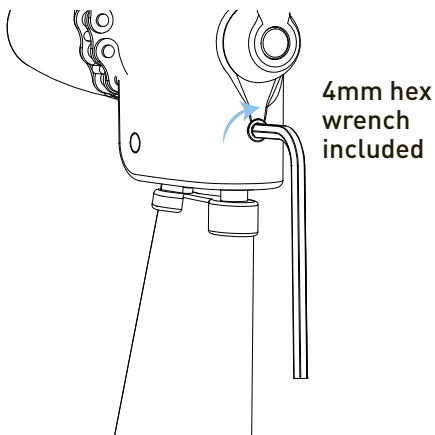
Make sure that the fin is completely engaged into the sprocket.



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Tighten the screw 1/4 turn at a time until the set screw just touches the fin.

Test the fin by moving it in and out of the kick-up position to determine if it needs to be tightened or loosened.



Checklist

Please read through the owner's information package prior to using this product.

The user of this product acknowledges both an understanding and assumption of risk involved in paddle/pedal sports. Consult your physician about physical activity.

Always:

- Wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device
- Always file a float plan: Let someone know where you are going and when you will return.
- Dress appropriately for weather conditions; cold water and/or weather can result in hypothermia; apply sunscreen and other sun protective clothing.
- Check your equipment prior to each use for signs of wear or failure
- Tie a leash to your paddle and MirageDrive
- Scout unfamiliar waters prior to launching
- Be aware of river water levels, tidal changes, wind conditions, obstacles in and above the water and weather changes
- Always make sure your hatches are secure
- Carry a pump and/or bailing device
- Always carry the paddle provided with the boat

Never:

- Never go in flooded and/or fast moving water conditions. Hobie kayaks are not designed for fast moving water
- Never exceed your ability and be aware of your limitations
- Never use alcohol or mind-altering drugs prior to or while using this product
- Never open your hatches in unstable water conditions
- Never remove the foam pieces inside the hull. They are installed for structure, additional flotation and safety reasons.

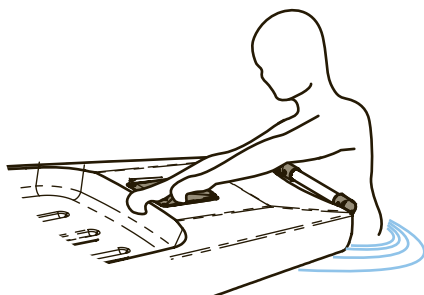
Shakedown Cruise

As with any new product, it is important that you become familiar with the boat and all its features. Before long trips, it is important to determine that the boat is sound. We recommend that you do what we call a “shakedown cruise” when the boat is new, after shipping or transport, before long trips and after installing any thru-hull fittings. This test is typically done in shallow, calm conditions where you can familiarize yourself with or test the boat before taking long trips into open water. Things you should check or practice are:

- MirageDrive installation, adjustment and removal
- Rudder Operation
- Getting in and out of the boat from a capsized state
- Drain plug locations to make sure they are properly installed
- Closing hatches properly
- Taking the kayak sail down while on the water (if applicable)

Getting into your Boat

Falling out of your boat is something that rarely happens, but it is important to practice and prepare for this type of situation. We recommend that you try climbing into your boat in a pool or shallow water to improve your technique. We recommend that you enter your boat from the side or back of the boat depending on conditions.



Mirage Cassette Plug

Your Hobie is shipped with a Mirage Cassette Plug. The plug is provided as standard equipment in the Mirage Kayak package. Insert the plug into the Mirage well when the MirageDrive is removed to provide added safety and to “fair” the bottom of the hull when paddling.



Kayak Sail Safety

The kayak sail is a very popular optional accessory that works quite well with Hobie Mirage Kayaks. It is important to familiarize yourself with the use of the sail and how wind power affects the stability of the boat. The sail is not recommended for use in wind conditions over 10 MPH/8.7 knots unless you are using the furling kit or stabilizing amas available through the Hobie Parts and Accessories Catalog.

It is very important that you complete and send us your Warranty Registration Card as soon as possible.

This information enables Hobie Cat Company to contact you should there be important product information that needs to be shared with you in a timely manner. Please complete the Warranty Registration Card in your Owner's Packet, or take advantage of our online option at:

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If you have a question or issue with your Hobie product, please see your Authorized Hobie Kayak Dealer. They will assess the problem, assist with a repair and file a warranty claim with Hobie Cat Company if needed. All warranty claims must go through your Authorized Hobie Kayak Dealer. The Warranty Registration Card and Warranty Policies are included with each model in the Owner's Packet. Type in the address below to go to our dealer finder webpage.

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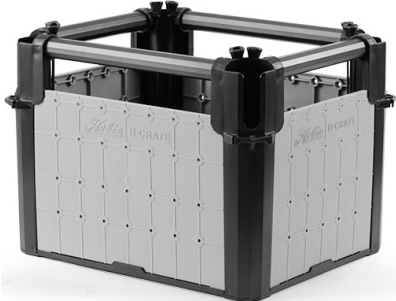
Kayak Cover



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H-Crate



Anchor Trolley Kit



Hobie Vantage Seat bag

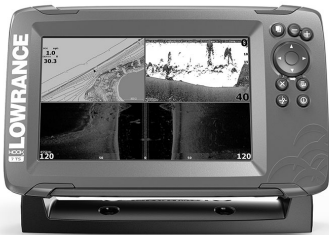


Rod Holder Extension



Heavy Duty Plug-In Cart



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