

# Hobie® Mirage® Pro Angler Manual





In 1950, Hobie's dream was born in his parents' garage when he decided to apply his love of woodworking to the sport of surfing. Dad backed out the Buick... Hobie carved out his very first surfboard...

Hobie's business of fun had begun.

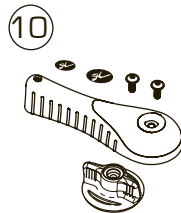
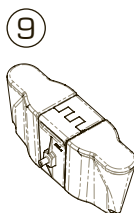
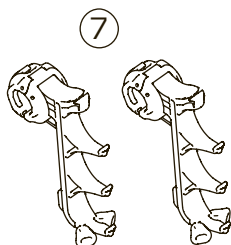
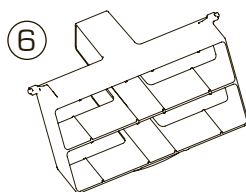
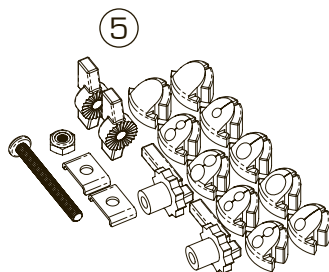
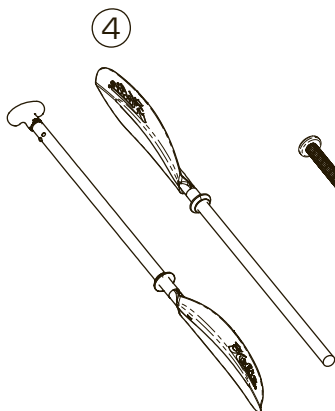
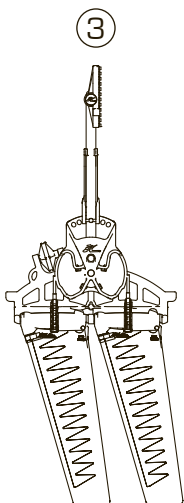
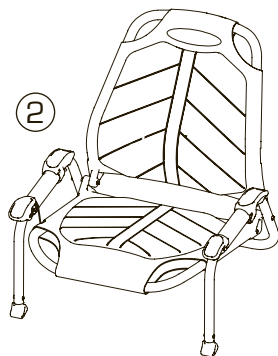
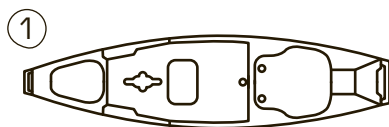
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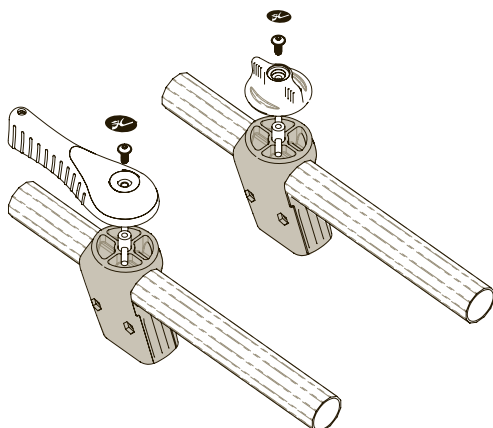
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1. Hull
2. Vantage Chair
3. MirageDrive
4. Paddle and T-Handle
5. Lowrance Ready Components
6. Tackle Management Rack
7. H-Rail Horizontal Rod Racks (2)
8. H-Rail Cup Holder
9. Mirage Well Scupper Plug
10. Steering Handle Components



## Steering Handles

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



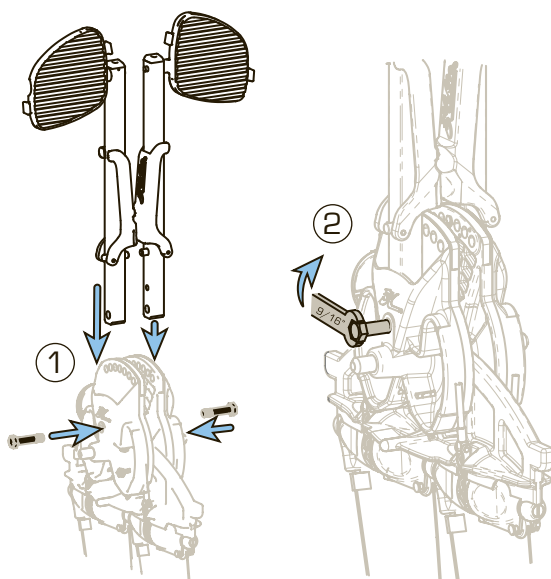
## MirageDrive Cranks

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Insert cranks into drums

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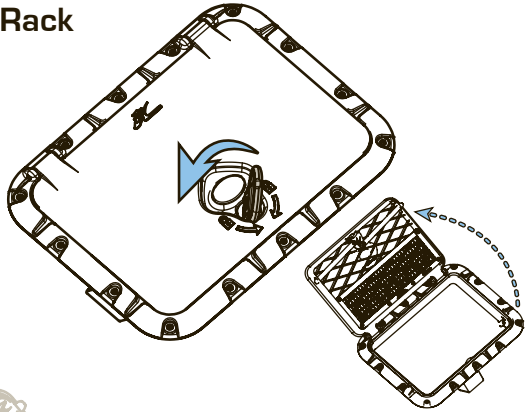
Tighten crank bolt all the way (snug not tight) using a 9/16" or 15mm wrench



## Tackle Management Rack Installation

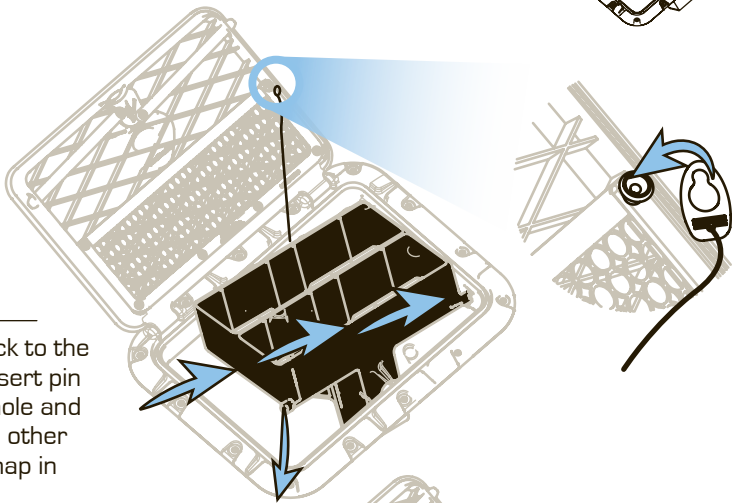
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Twist handle counter-clockwise and open lid



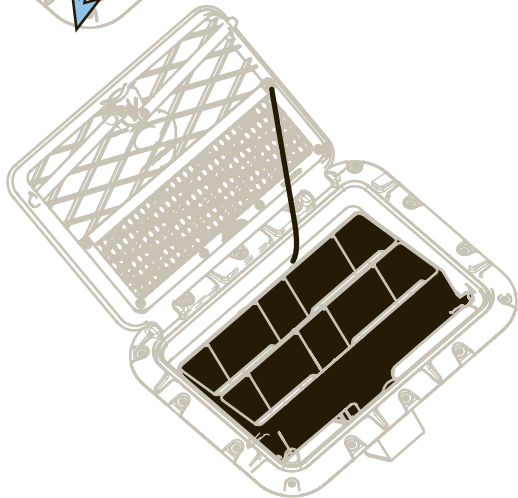
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Press rack to the side to insert pin into the hole and lower the other side to snap in place



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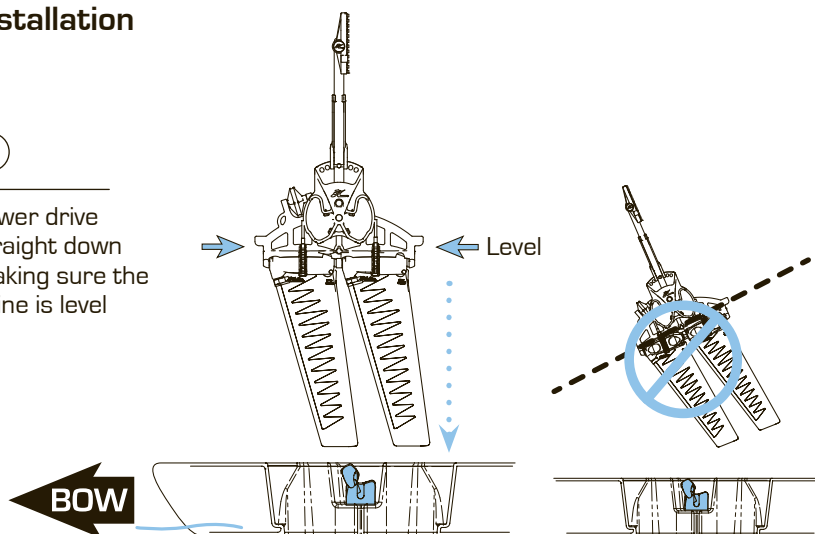
Secure clip to post



## Installation

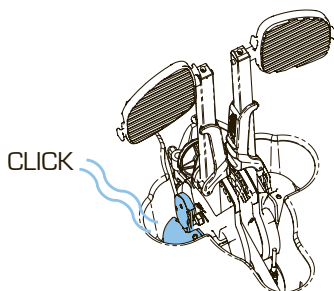
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Lower drive straight down making sure the spine is level



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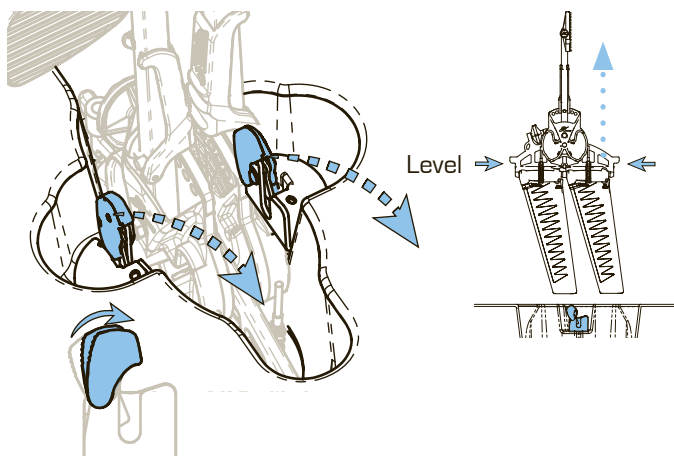
Press down and lock drive into Click and Go's  
Click and Go's



## Removal

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Pull back each Click and Go lever



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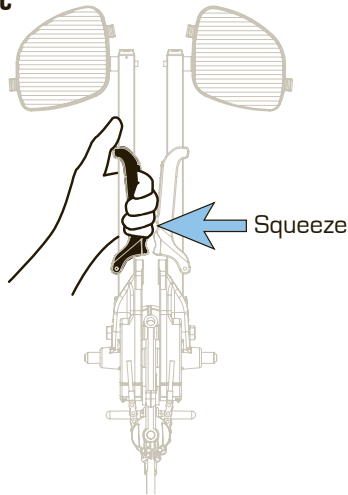
Lift drive straight up



## Pedal Adjustment

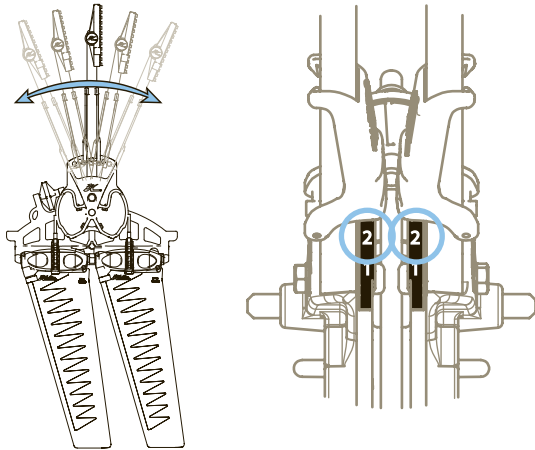
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Squeeze adjuster handle



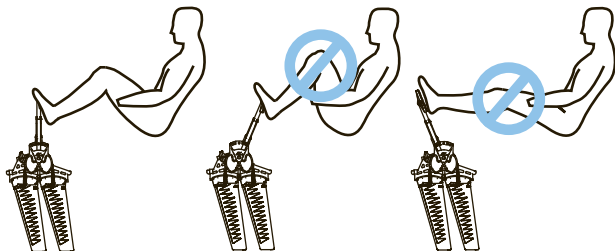
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Adjust cranks to desired position by rotating and clicking them into the desired position. Make sure both cranks are in the same position number

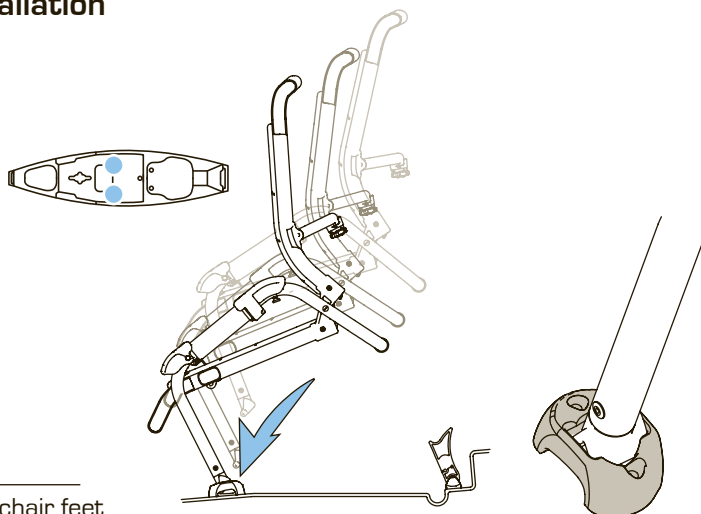


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With both feet on the pedals together (fins straight down), your knees should be comfortably bent and not over-crunched or extended

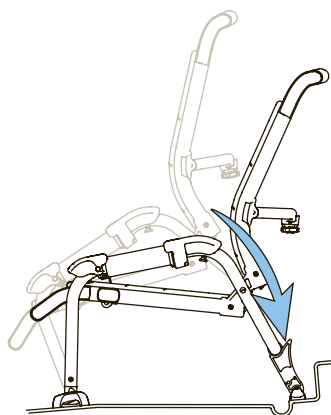


## Installation



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Lock chair feet  
to boat

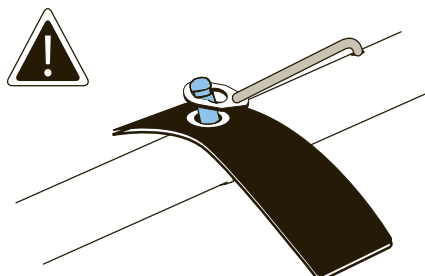


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Pivot chair onto  
kickstand

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Place webbing  
strap over pin on  
the seat frame  
and hook clip

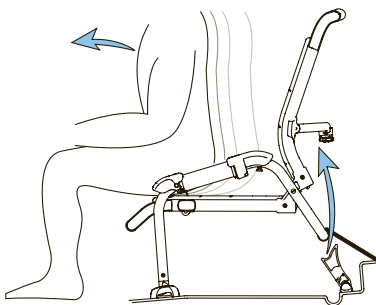


## Lowering



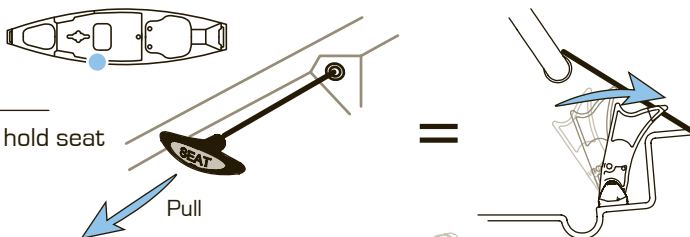
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Shift weight forward and tilt seat up



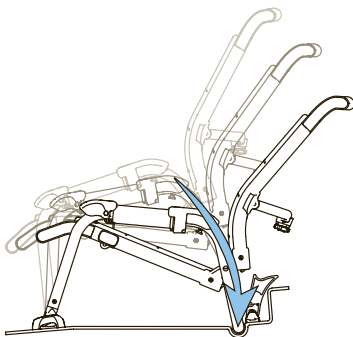
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Pull and hold seat handle



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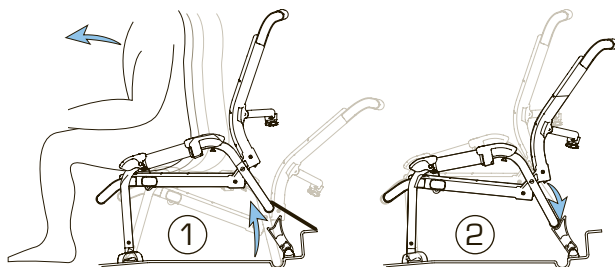
Lean back to lower seat



## Raising

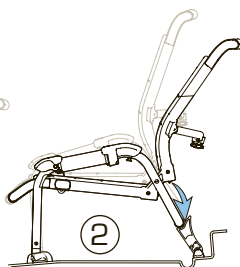
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Shift weight forward and tilt seat up



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Lean back to lower seat onto kickstand



## Back and Bottom Adjustment



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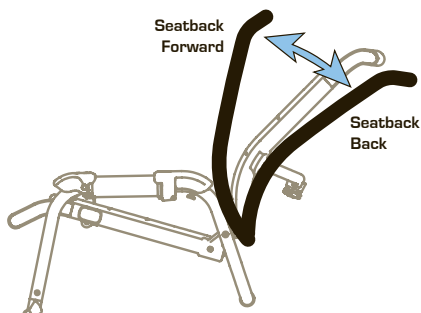
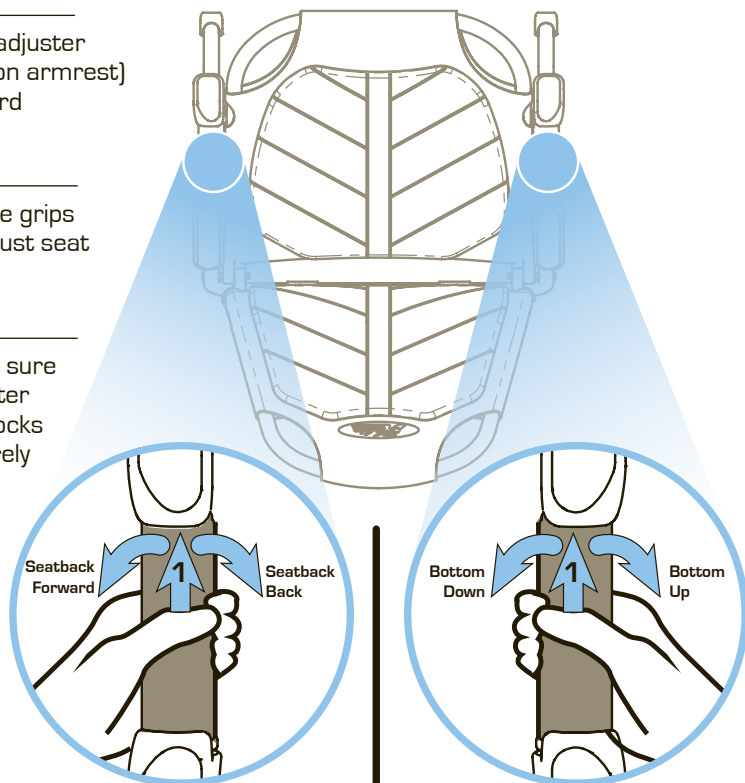
Slide adjuster grip (on armrest) forward

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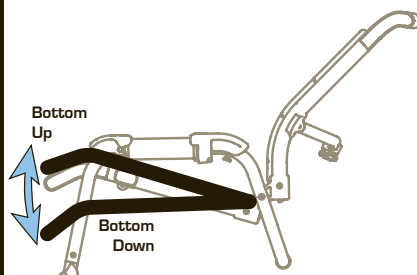
Rotate grips to adjust seat

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Make sure adjuster grip locks securely

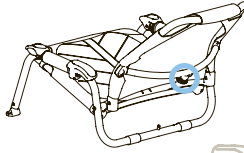


Lean forward to make seatback adjustment easier



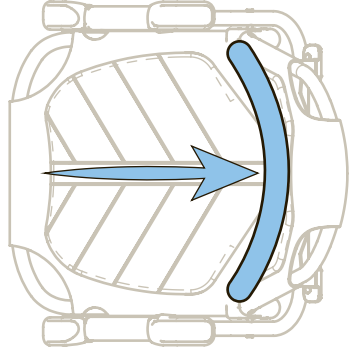
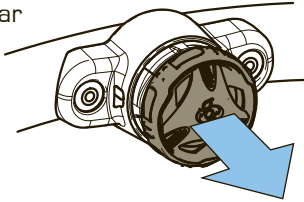
Ease weight off seat to make adjusting seat bottom easier

## Lumbar Adjustment



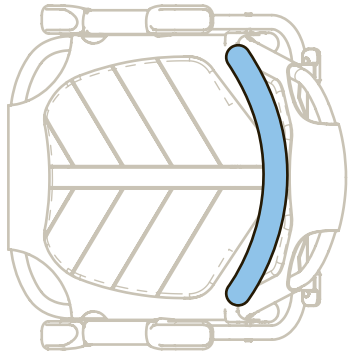
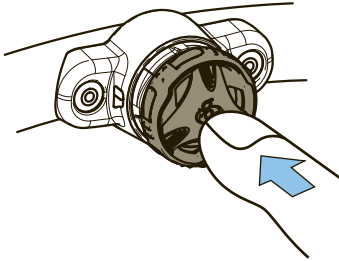
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Pull knob to release lumbar



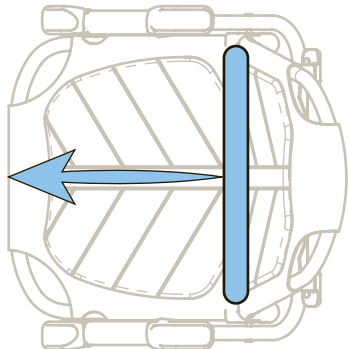
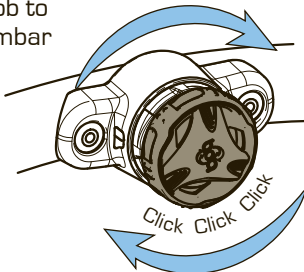
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Press knob to lock lumbar

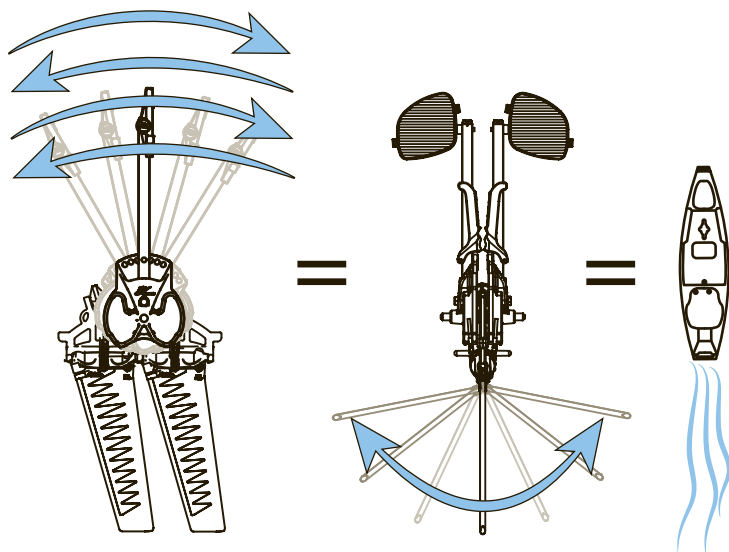


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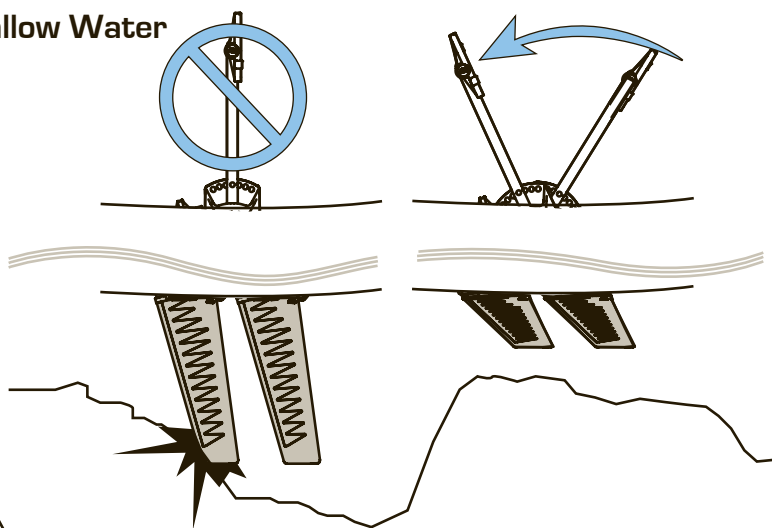
Rotate knob to tension lumbar



## MirageDrive Operation

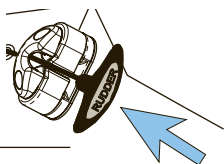


## Shallow Water

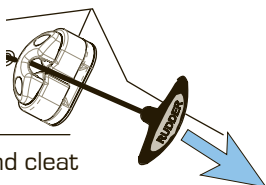
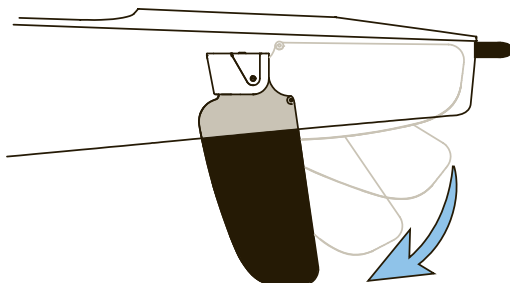


To raise fins in shallow water or when beaching, PUSH either pedal forward

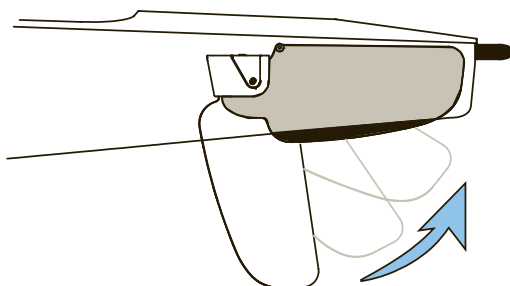
## Rudder Down and Up



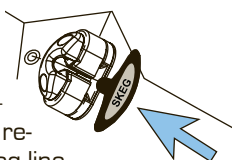
Uncleat and release



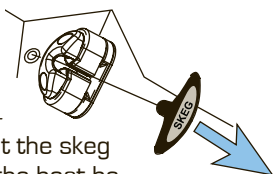
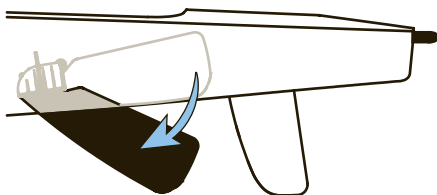
Pull and cleat



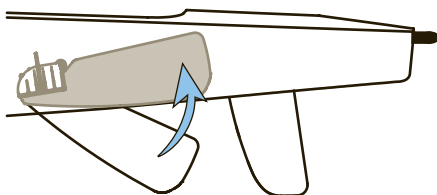
## Skeg Operation



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



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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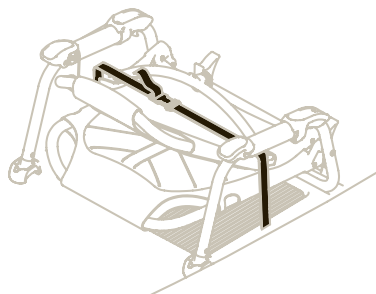
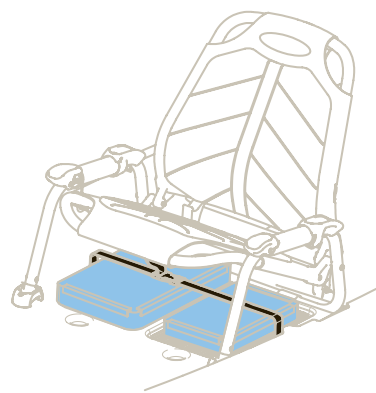
Rotate knob to  
tension rudder line



**BOA Rudder Line  
Tension Included  
on 2014 or newer  
models.**

## Underseat Strap

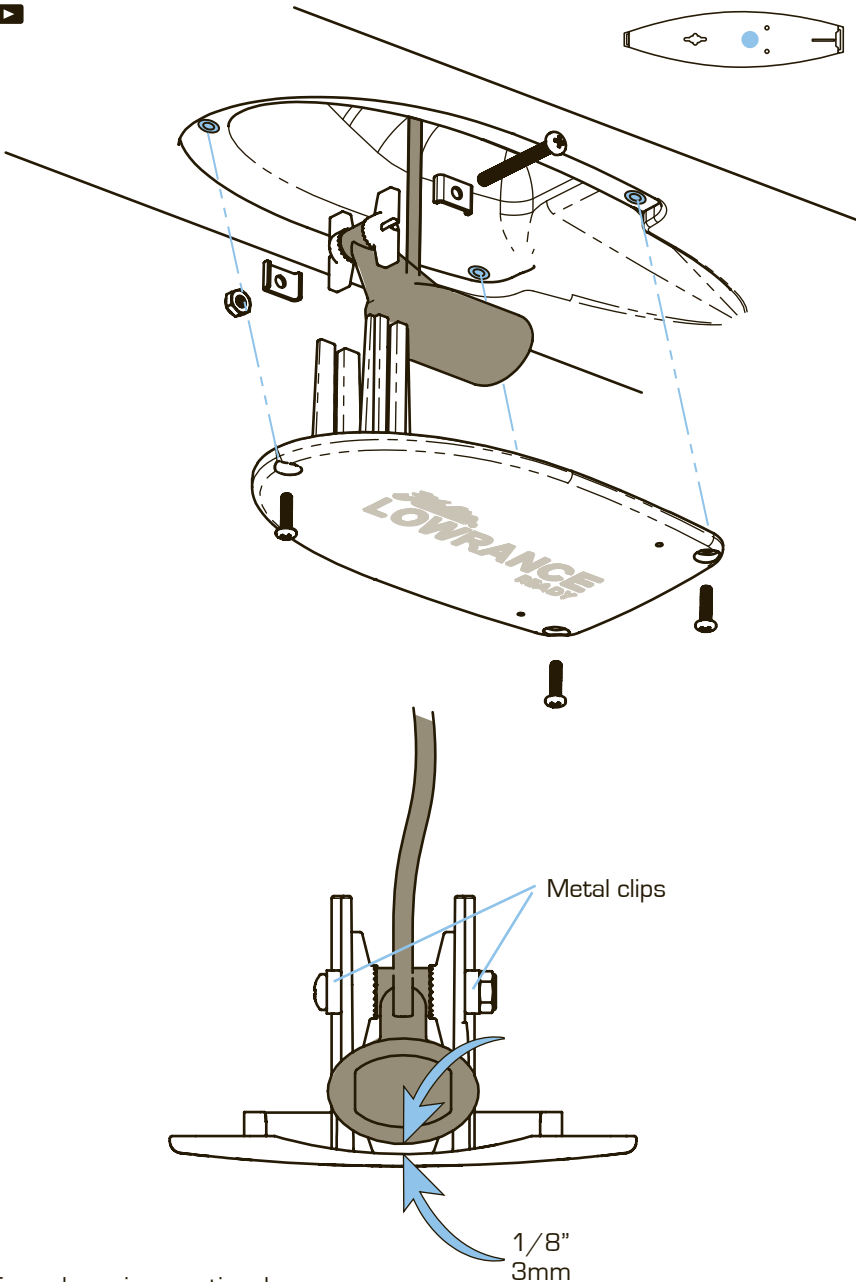
Use strap under  
seat to hold down  
optional tackle  
boxes



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



## Transducer Installation

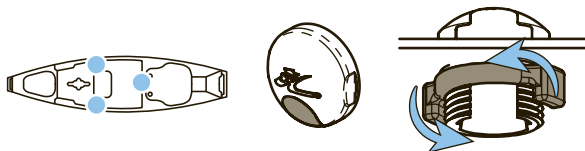


Transducer is an optional accessory and is not included with boat

## Thru-Hull Plugs

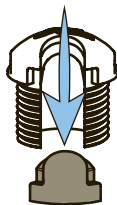
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Locate the thru-hull plug and unscrew the nut on the inside of the boat



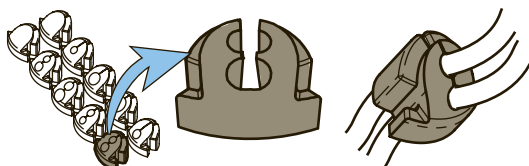
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Remove the solid rubber plug



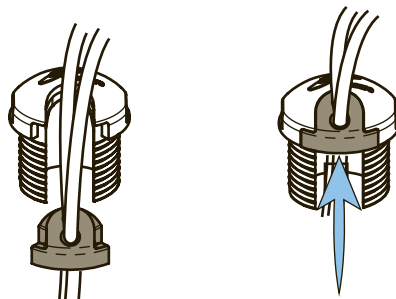
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Choose the correct plug for your wire size and insert wire by opening the plug along the slit



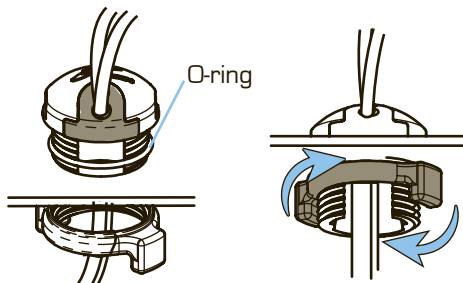
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Press the new plug with the wire installed into plastic plug, making sure it fits properly



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Bolt the thru-hull wire assembly to the hull using the nut. Make sure the o-ring is installed.

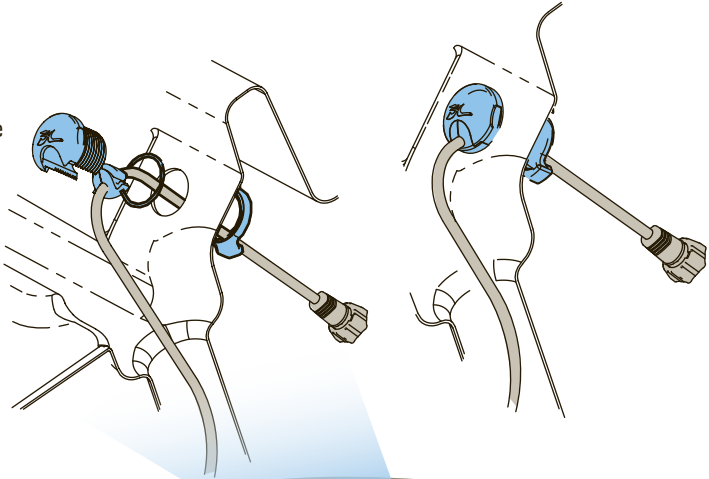


## Wire Installation



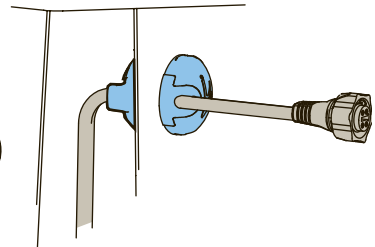
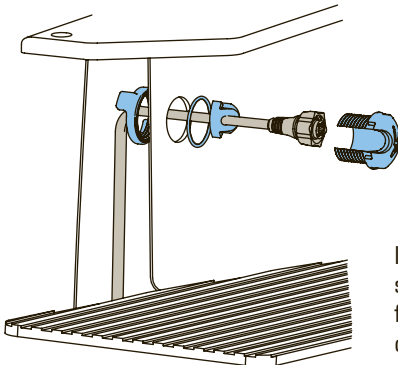
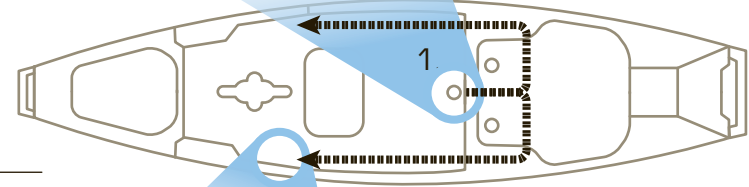
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Run the cable into the plug just behind the transducer scupper



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Lead the cable through the inside of the boat and exit the cable underneath either side of the mounting boards and out through the thru-hull fitting

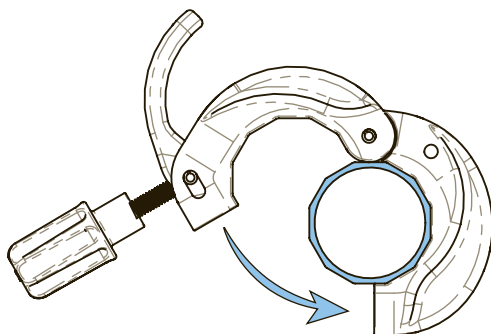


If you prefer a right/left side screen location, there are plugs for the wire to exit on either side of the boat

## Clamping

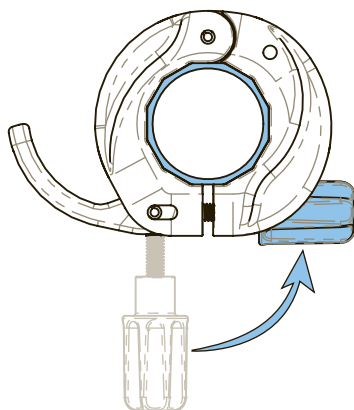
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Clamp accessory  
around H-Rail Tube



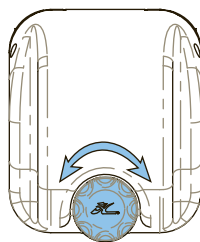
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Lock tension knob



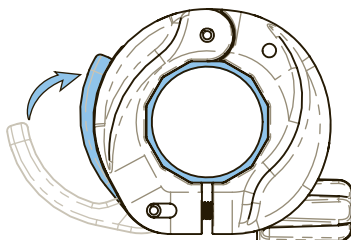
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Tighten or loosen  
knob per your  
clamping require-  
ments



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



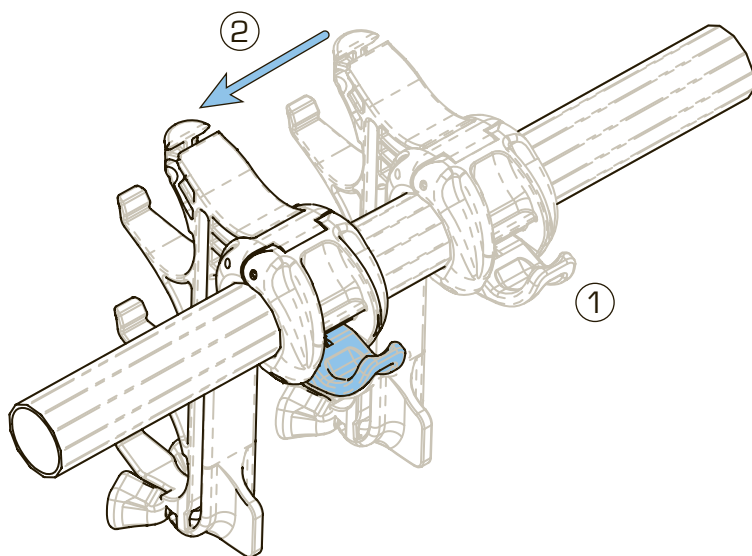
## Adjusting Clamp Position

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Unlock lever

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Slide to new position  
and lock lever

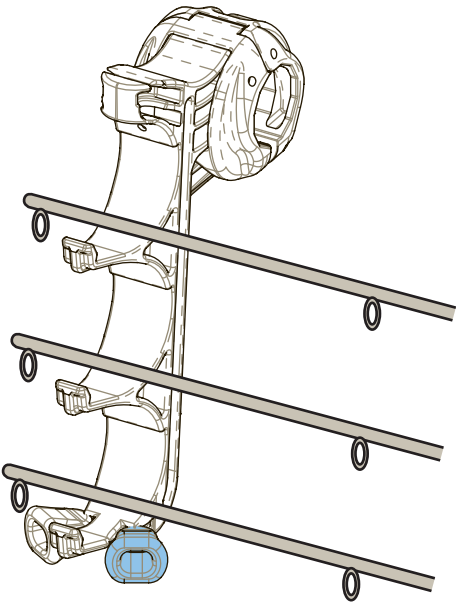


Rod Holder Retainer

During launch or transport, you may want to keep your rods held in place using the horizontal rod holder

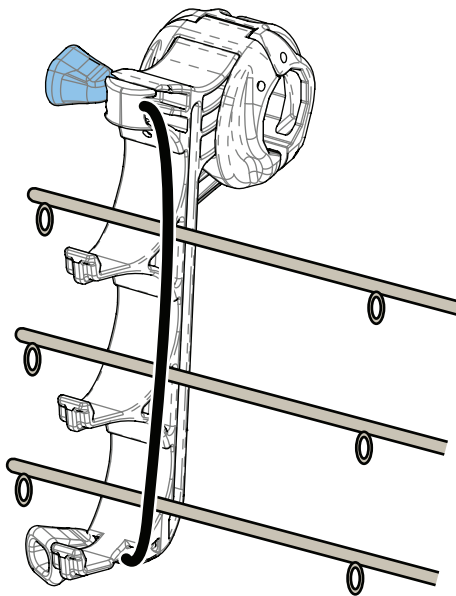
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Lay your rods in the holders



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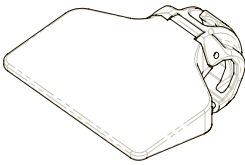
Stretch the bungee over the rods and hook at the top



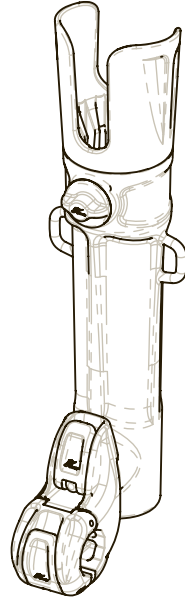
**Additional Accessories** (Not included with boat)

Review your parts and accessory catalog for all of the latest H-Rail mounting accessories

Universal Mounting  
Plate



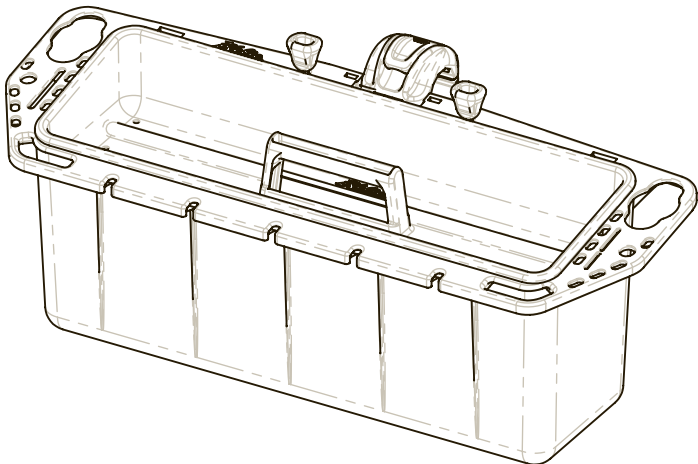
Rod Holder



Ram® Ball Mount



Tackle/Tool Box

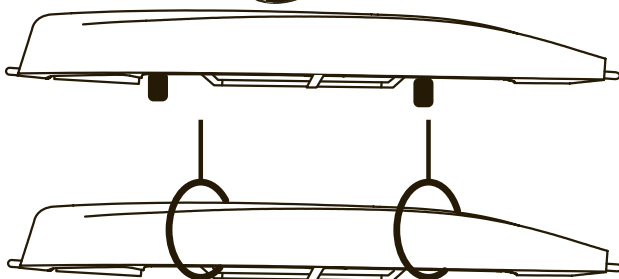


## Storage Recommendations

Storing your boat upright with properly fitting cradles is most advised

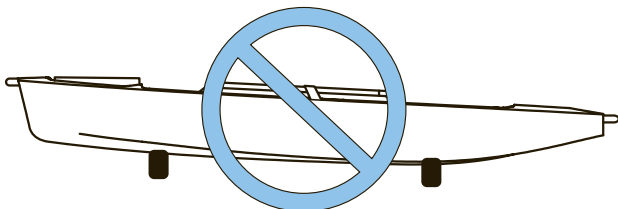


Storing your boat upside down on crossbars or hanging from wide strapping are other great ways to store the boat

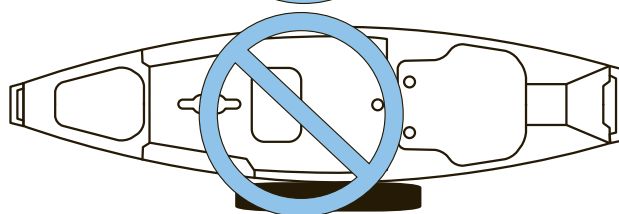


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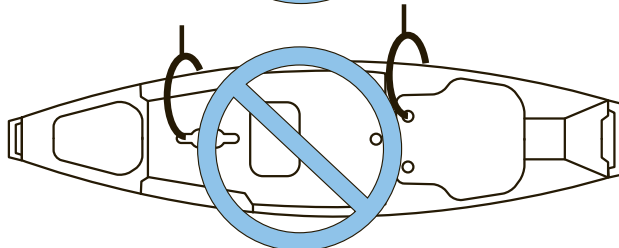
Storing your boat cockpit side up on crossbars can dent the bottom



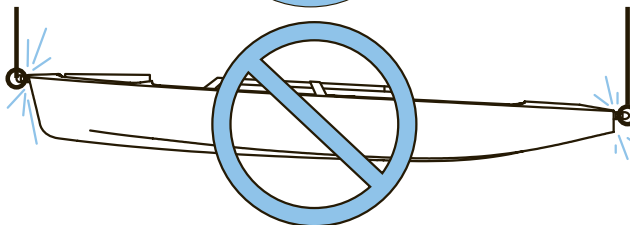
Storing your boat on its side over a long period of time can flatten/dent the sides



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.



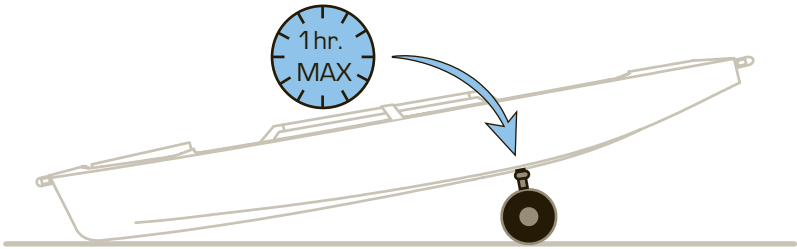


### Additional Storage Key Points

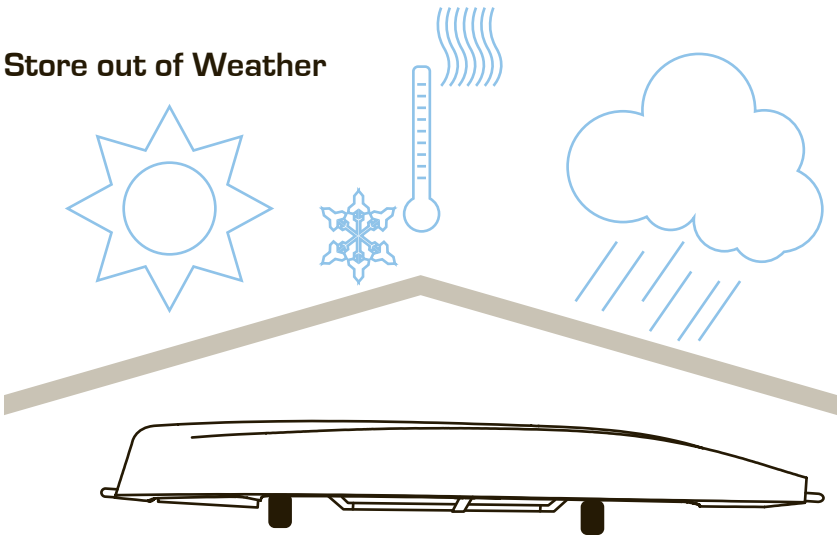
- Always open drain plugs and remove all water from boat
- Don't leave tie-down straps tight over a long period of time
- Storing in non-recommended configurations can result in hull damage and can void your warranty
- Never hang from handles or padeyes

### 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



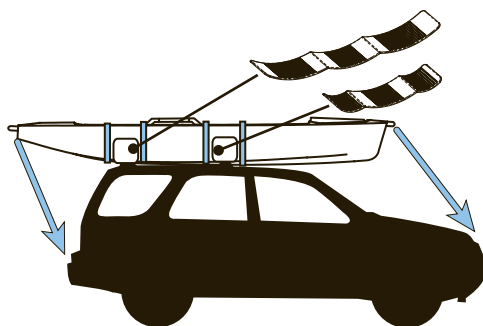
The best way to transport your boat is to purchase a trailer or roof rack from your dealer. Using proper cradles that support the hull, the boat can be transported right side up. Straps can then be laid across the boat and tied to the bars. Straps should be tight, but not so tight that they distort the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



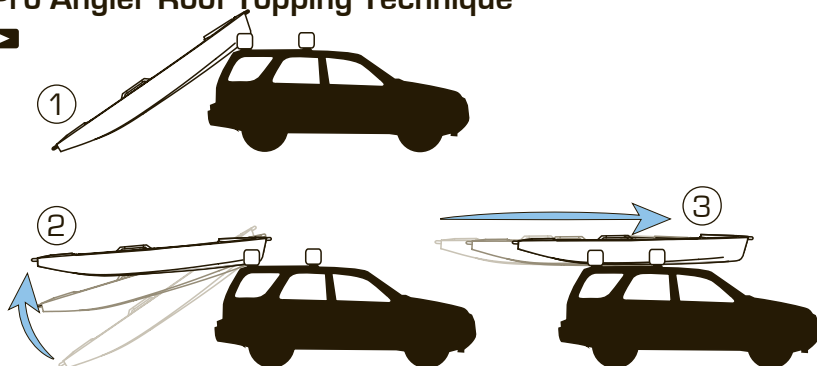
Be sure to first consult your car and roof rack owner's manual to ensure that you comply with all of their recommendations, precautions and specifications.

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.]

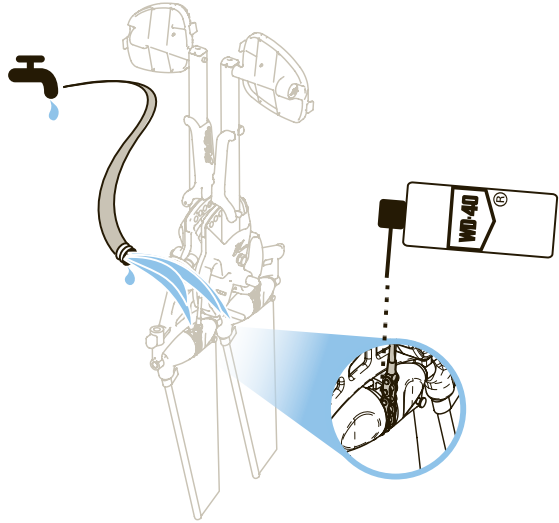


### Pro Angler Roof Topping Technique

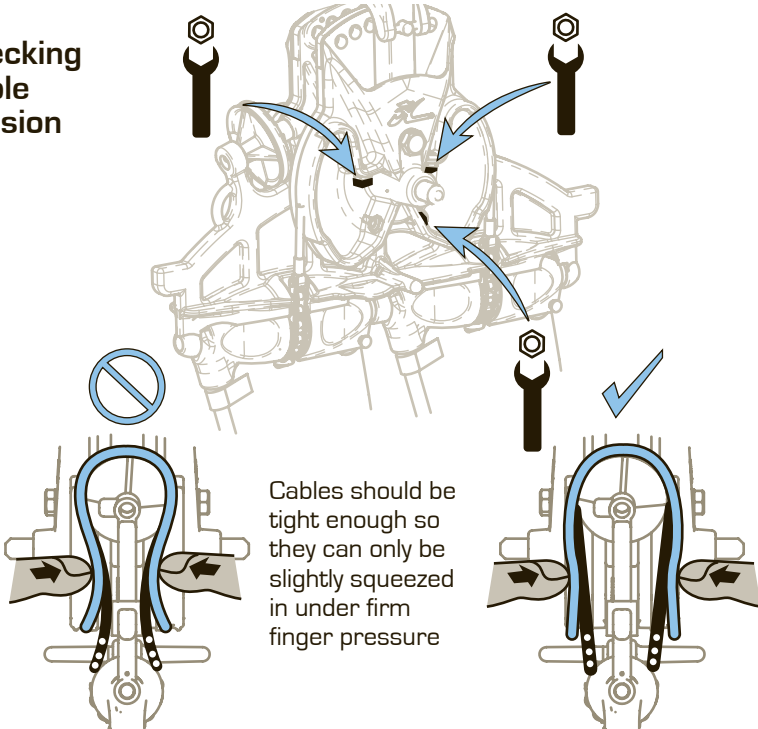


## MirageDrive Regular Maintenance

The most effective maintenance tool on your MirageDrive is a fresh water rinse after every use. Periodically spraying WD-40 on the chains will help keep the operation smooth.



## Checking Cable Tension



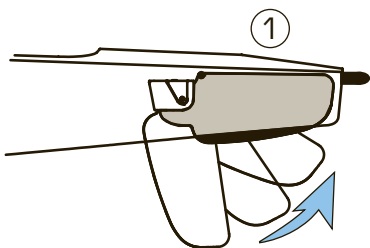
Visit the support section at [hobiecat.com](http://hobiecat.com) for information on the MirageDrive.

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## Rudder Tuning

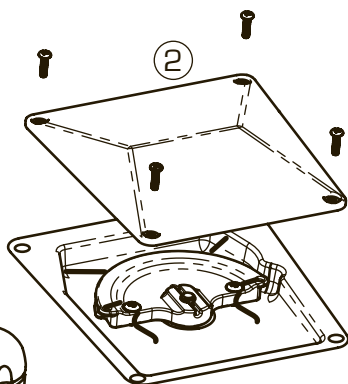
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Pull up rudder



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Remove rudder cover

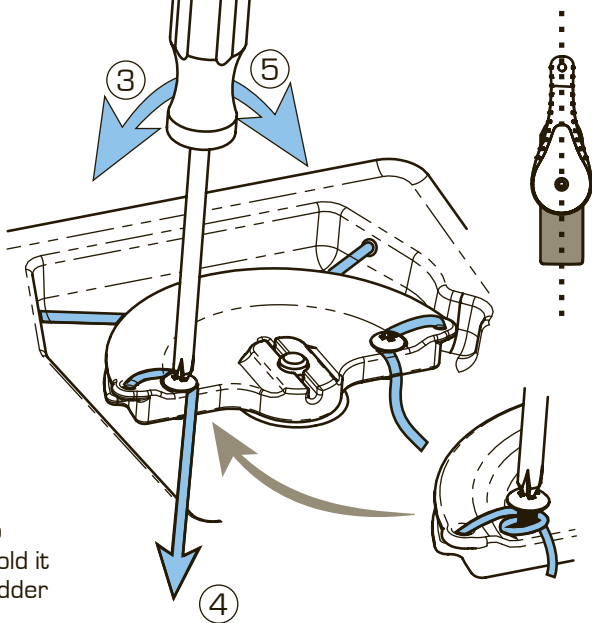


③

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.



⑤

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

## 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.

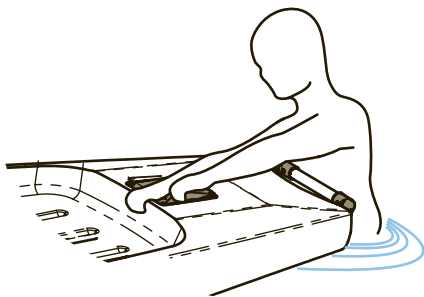
## Shakedown Cruise

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)

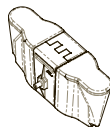
## Getting into your Boat

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 Hobie Cat's 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 hassle-free online option at:

<http://www.hobiecat.com/product-registration/>

or

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If you have a problem or question with your Hobie product, please see your Authorized Hobie Kayak Dealer. They will be able to 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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