

INNOVA

Solar Tips

Folding

Take a good look at how the Solar is folded when you first remove the kayak from its bag. This is the most compact fold to use. When folding the Solar you may leave the seat tied in, but you should remove the fin.

Inflation

Set the three main valve stems in the closed position before inflating, by pushing the little red button with your finger, turning slightly, then releasing until it pops up. This will allow you to keep air in the chamber when you pull out the inflation hose. You likely will need an adapter to make the hose end fit the valve tightly. Check the red plastic repair kit; inside are a couple of adapters with cords on them. Tie one to your hose end so it won't get lost.

Inflate the seat before the main tubes. Pinch about one inch behind the inflation hole to hold the air in, then remove the nozzle and put in the plug.

If the boat sits in the sun, vent some air to avoid the tubes getting drum-tight.

UV Protection

Use UV Tech regularly on the kayak skin as a protectant and sunscreen. This stuff is also useful to lubricate the valves and their O-rings.

Tracking Fin

Install the fin before you inflate the kayak. Use the fin in all paddling conditions except whitewater rivers where you want extra maneuverability. Take off the fin before folding up the Solar for storage. Rinse off the fin with fresh water, reassemble the fin with the screws and nuts so they won't get lost, and spray a little WD-40 on the metal to reduce corrosion.

Gear Storage

Gear can be stored forward of the footrest and in back of the seat.

Drying and Cleaning

Take a terrycloth towel with you to sop up paddle drips while paddling, and to wipe sand, dirt, and water from skin of the kayak before packing it away.