



**NOVA CRAFT CANOE™**

Thank you for choosing our product and welcome to the family of Nova Craft Canoe owners worldwide.

Please take a few minutes to write down your new canoe serial number, etc. Keep this information with your proof of purchase for your personal records.

Date Purchased:.....

Dealer Name:.....

Phone Number:.....

Model:..... Material:.....

Serial Number: ZNE.....

You should review your home owners insurance as some policies limit or omit coverage of personal watercraft. Please review any questions with your insurance company.

We recommend registering your canoe at <http://www.novacraft.com/register-your-canoe>. Use the QR code below to access the registration page.



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### **MAINTENANCE**

As beautiful as your new canoe looks now, it will never reach its full potential until you use it. Invariably water, rocks, canoes, and people add up to bumps, scratches, dents and other character building marks on your canoe. After a season or two, your canoe might acquire distinctive marks to remind you of far off rivers and unique portages. While most of this is unavoidable (perhaps even desirable), a few maintenance measures will keep your canoe looking its best.

### **FIBERGLASS, ARAMID LITE, TUFFSTUFF, TUFFSTUFF EXPEDITION AND BLUE STEEL HULLS**

We recommend that you wash your canoe occasionally inside and out with any mild household cleaner. The exterior will also benefit from a yearly application of wax. Any good quality automotive paste wax will do just fine. This will give the hull a nice shine and make it easier to wash off dirt and grime.

Should the gelcoat finish become gouged or chipped down to the underlying laminate, it should be repaired with a gelcoat repair kit. These are available from your dealer in colours to match your canoe. In the case of cracks where damage is evident right through to the interior of the canoe, a repair can be made with a fiberglass or other composite repair kit. These are also available through your dealer.

### **SP3 HULLS**

We recommend an occasional washing with a mild household cleaner to remove dirt and grit. The outside of these hulls will benefit from an application of a UV protectant such as 303 Protectant. This will help to resist colour fading caused by UV rays. Do not apply 303 Protectant to the inside of the hull as this will make the plastic very slippery. You should apply protectant at least three times a season. CAUTION: Do not use petroleum based products or strong solvents to clean SP3 canoes as this may discolor the plastic.

### **CARE OF GUNWALES**

Our canoes come equipped with vinyl, aluminum or ash gunwales. The vinyl and aluminum gunwales are pretty much maintenance free. A regular washing along with the rest of your canoe will keep them looking good. The vinyl gunwales would also benefit from an application of UV protectant the same as SP3 hulls.

Our wood gunwales are treated with tung oil. In order to keep the wood gunwales looking their best, they should be wiped down three or four times a year with a fresh application of tung oil. With a rag or brush, apply a liberal coat of oil to all exposed sides of the gunwales, decks and handles. Allow to sit for 5 to 10 minutes then wipe off the excess with a clean rag. For an extra smooth finish, you can rub the gunwales down with fine steel wool dipped in tung oil before wiping off the excess oil. If this treatment has been left too long and the gunwales have turned grey simply sand them down with 100 grit sandpaper before treating them with fresh oil. You will then want to apply two or three coats of oil letting the gunwales dry overnight between coats. Canoes with wood gunwales should be stored inside out of the elements when not in use.

### **STORING YOUR CANOE**

Ideally, any quality canoe should be stored indoors, upside down, on racks supported by the gunwales. Never store your canoe right side up or on its side for any length of time as this can distort the hull. A cool and dry environment is best. Therefore a garage is ideal. Proper storage of your canoe will extend the life of the hull and all wood parts.

If you must store your canoe outside, it should be on a rack up off the ground supported by the gunwales. Do not leave it exposed to strong sunlight as the UV will fade and chalk the finish over time. Do not store it where it will be exposed to ice and snow loads as this can distort your canoe. While it is a good idea to build some kind of shelter to protect your canoe from the elements, do not leave a tarp in direct contact with the hull as water trapped against the hull can cause discoloration. Be sure to tie your canoe down as strong wind gusts can catch the underside of your canoe and send it flying, often with devastating results.

For more information on storing and maintaining your canoe, please ask your dealer or get in touch with us at 1-866-88CANOE or [info@novacraft.com](mailto:info@novacraft.com)

### **LIFETIME WARRANTY**

We endeavour to produce high quality products that give years of dependable service.

To this end we guarantee the quality of our work for the usable lifetime of our canoes. For the original owner, if any defects in material or workmanship are found we will repair or replace the canoe at our discretion.

We will also provide ongoing repair services at reasonable rates in instances where damage has been incurred due to normal wear and tear, negligence, or improper use, storage or transport wherein the manufacturer is not at fault.

In all cases, the owner will be responsible for transporting the canoe to and from our factory location in London, Ontario.

Thank you for choosing a Nova Craft Canoe and we hope you enjoy a lifetime of great paddling. We'll see you on the water.