

IN THE HATCH BY TIM SHUFF

Editor's Picks

The feel of water.

ORCA V-LAM
An innovative blend of select Carbon and Western Red Cedar lead to a unique paddle, ultra light and full of feel. This beautiful Orca is anxious to explore your world. weight: 26 oz (.73 kg)

Sawyer

PaddlesAndOars.com
Sawyer Paddles and Oars,
299 Rogue River Pkwy, Talent OR 97540 541.535.3606



Garmin GPSmap 76CSx

The GPSmap 76CSx has a high-sensitivity SiRFstarIII GPS receiver that's made to work in dense foliage and canyons, so it shines in the pea soup that caused your old GPS to conk out when you needed it most. Our unit even picked up 10 satellites indoors. It's waterproof, floats, and comes with a barometer and a memory card for charts or topos.

\$429 US
garmin.com



Astral V-Eight

Astral Buoyancy claims to have the world's first breathable PFD made for paddling in hot climates. Contoured foam reduces the body-to-PFD contact by 70 per cent while venting ports and a mesh back increase airflow.

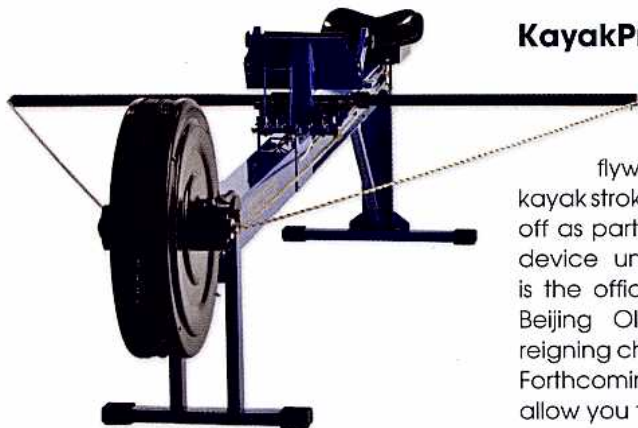
\$109 US
astralbuoyancy.com



Seattle Sports Hydrostar S.U.B.

The "Submersible Utility Beam" has four light functions: a pair of "SnakeEyes" laser beams for pointing, a bright LED that works as a long-distance beam or a signalling strobe, and low-power LEDs for close range. Unlike your SUV, the S.U.B. is good for the environment, battery-free with a hand-crank charger that can also charge an iPod through a USB cable.

\$40 US
seattlesportsco.com



KayakPro Speedstroke Gym

For indoor training, the new Speedstroke Gym ergometer uses ropes, pulleys and a flywheel to exactly replicate the kayak stroke. We were tempted to write this off as part gimmick, part exquisite torture device until we learned that KayakPro is the official supplier to the Athens and Beijing Olympics and is endorsed by reigning champion Adam Van Koeverden. Forthcoming internet software will soon allow you to race friends online.

\$2,450 US
kayakpro.com

All our paddles are carefully handcrafted one at a time, as they have been since we started in 1972. We pride ourselves on personal attention and quality products.

The *Black Magic* combines smooth laminations of cedar, ash, and walnut with light weight aerospace carbon fiber to create a feel like no other. Strokes are fluid and propulsion is effortless.

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