

# SPRING IN THE NEW GEAR

STAY DRY, LIGHT, SHARP, GROUNDED AND GREEN THIS SEASON By Virginia Marshall



NRS

## FLUX

nrsweb.com  
\$245 US

With the release of the 2009 Flux drytop, NRS unravels the riddle “how do you make old new again?” Style-conscious lads can play sleuth with a new houndstooth tweed colour option (billed as plaid by NRS), while female fashionistas have to settle for more traditional solid colours. But how does it perform, you ask? Well, with only room for a few more words in this review, we can tell you that the new Flux sports the same breathable fabric, cut and durable gaskets as last year.



KEEN

## CIMARRON

keenfootwear.com  
\$100 Cdn

The newest togs in Keen's waterfront lineup borrow style traits from the shoe that started it all, the Keen Newport. Unlike the open design of the Newport, which permits all manner of small rocks and pointy things to work their way under your feet, the Cimarron features breathable mesh underlays that drain water and keep out the pebbles. With a stylin' look, comfortable fit and bombproof traction on the wet and slippery, the only thing you'll miss is the distinctive tiger-tan of Newport wearers.

PADDLEBOY

## FLYER

paddleboy.com  
\$200 US

Going green is easy with the Flyer, a featherweight bike trailer that lets you pedal to the put-in. Burly 16-inch tires, a quick-release rear hub mount, and adjustable length for boats up to 15 feet make for versatile, convenient commutes. Of course, you'll miss those rowdy, day-end carpooling shuttles, and you'll probably have to leave a bit early to compensate for your tardy transportation, but think of the steely thighs and carbon-neutral karma.

