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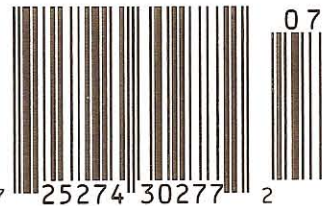
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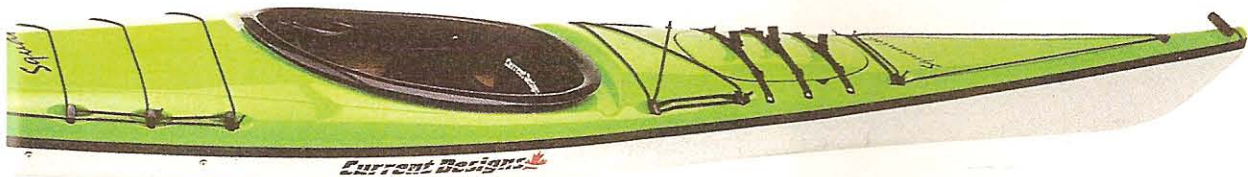
### BASICALLY DRY

The **Tempo 200** from **Astral Buoyancy** comes with their Z-drag strap system which allows you to adjust the fit and placement of the vest to ride on your waistline or securely beneath your ribs. A swing-out zippered pocket carries what you need. \$138. (828) 255-2638; [www.astralbuoyancy.com](http://www.astralbuoyancy.com).



### TOSS IT HERE

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## PADDLE REVIEW

### PADDLES

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4 Kayak Touring Paddles

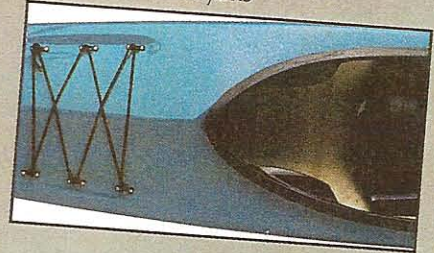


## BOAT REVIEW

### KAYAKS

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4 Shorter Sea Kayaks



## BOOK REVIEW

### BOOK

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*Daughter Father Canoe*