



### TALIC SEAHORSE

\$94 per 21" pair; \$104 per 31" pair // [www.talic.com](http://www.talic.com)

Yes, you can build your own boat cradles, but who has the time? We'd rather be fishing, or rigging 'yaks in the driveway on these folding aluminum cradles, which unlike the homemade variety compress to just 3" wide for storage and transport.

**PRO:** Self-leveling feature adjusts to uneven terrain.

**CON:** The back injuries we developed bending over to rig boats before we had these.



### YAKIMA SHOWBOAT

\$100 // [www.yakima.com](http://www.yakima.com)

Most rooftop kayak carriers were designed for empty touring kayaks, not fully rigged fishing kayaks. Before you give up and buy a trailer, take a look at the ShowBoat, which is basically a giant rubber rolling pin that slides out over the back of your car so you can shove your boat up one end at a time all by yourself. Fits round, square and factory roof racks out of the box.

**PRO:** The amount of crap we can rig on our kayaks just doubled.

**CON:** Requires an extra set of 66" Yakima CrossBars, not included (\$60).



### LASSO KONG CABLE

\$65 // [www.lassosecuritycables.com](http://www.lassosecuritycables.com)

The eighth commandment notwithstanding, some people just can't be trusted when you've got your boat racked and ready to roll after work. Parking-lot peace of mind comes in a handy coil of half-inch galvanized steel.

**PRO:** Wraps around the bow and stern; more secure than locking to a deck fitting.

**CON:** One less excuse to buy a new kayak.



### C-TUG KAYAK CART

\$150 // [www.c-tug.com](http://www.c-tug.com)

Save your back and extra trips from car to beach with the C-Tug. The New Zealand-made kayak cart breaks down to a handful of stash-in-the-hatch pieces. A slick cradle design conforms to most hull types and shouldn't cause oil-canning or scupper damage. The lightweight composite frame, pneumatic tires and stainless steel reinforced axles handle a beefy 264 lb load—enough for a fully loaded fishing 'yak.—PAUL LEBOWITZ

**PRO:** Turns an awkward solo carry into a walk in the park.

**CON:** Included tie-down strap feels a bit flimsy; easily swapped with a typical nylon strap.



### SYLVANSPORT GO TRAILER

\$7995 // [www.sylvansport.com](http://www.sylvansport.com)

This new "mobile adventure trailer" can carry a pair of rigged fishing kayaks on top and a jon boat or ATV in the bed. Set up, it has a king-sized sleeping area with self-inflating mattresses and a dining table. The electrical system is sealed so you can back it right into the water.

**PRO:** Towable behind a Toyota Yaris.

**CON:** Eight grand buys a lot of motel rooms.



### SHERPAK QUICK LOOPS

\$10 // [www.seattlesportsco.com](http://www.seattlesportsco.com)

If your new car doesn't have tie-down points at the front bumper, you can create some by tying a loop of webbing to the frame under the hood or, easier still, using these quick loops to wedge a flexible garden-hose-like cylinder under the front or side of your hood wherever you need a loop.

**PRO:** Works great for doors and trunks too.

**CON:** Force is redirected to your hood latch and hinges.



### Scotty No. 302 Kayak Stabilizer

\$300 // [www.scottypaddlesports.com](http://www.scottypaddlesports.com)

This easily installed unit uses two inflatable pontoons, which attach by anodized arms to Scotty mounts (included) on the deck of the kayak. The attachment points may also be used to mount rod holders, even while the pontoons are being used.—JOHN OAST

**PRO:** Pontoons deflate for easy storage and light weight.

**CON:** May be more fragile than hard floats.



### Spring Creek Outfitters HD Kayak Stabilizers

\$322 // [www.canoegear.com](http://www.canoegear.com)

The HD (hydro dynamic) floats by Spring Creek Outfitters are made to last with durable polyethylene pontoons. They are a bit pricey but the juice is worth the squeeze and they are guaranteed for five years. You can lift them up for smooth paddling and then drop them when you're ready to fish, and extend them to a ridiculous width with the push of a button.—JEFF GOUDREAU

**PRO:** Easy mount and nearly flush after disassembly.

**CONS:** Evil looks from the 'yak fishing purists.

