



## **Frequently Asked Questions and Tips for BIC Yakka Kayak**

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### **Technical Points:**

- When not in use for extended periods, keep your inflated kayak out of the sun.
- If you are not paddling for a while, let some air out of the inflatable bladder so that the air does not expand in the sun and pop the inflatable bladder.
- The line holding the Yakka cover will stretch over time and will need to be re-tightened. Fold the hull in half, re-align the line over the holding edge and cinch the line very tight with the knot at the end of the kayak. When you re-open the hull to paddling position, the line will be drawn taut.
- After unfolding the Yakka, make sure the aluminum locking bar is properly threaded and tightened in place prior to paddling. Be sure not to over-tighten the threaded knobs. When the locking bar is properly installed, the Yakka will feel tight and will not have any looseness between the two hull sections.

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### **Why do I sometimes have water inside the hull?**

- A small amount of condensation will naturally occur inside the hull. This water may be left inside to evaporate or can be drained out by opening the yellow plugs which are visible when the rigid hull is folded in half.

#### **Is it normal to have water behind the seat area?**

- Depending on the size of the paddler, it is normal to have some water come up into the channel of the hull locking bar. Excess water will drain out of the kayak while paddling.

#### **What happens if I somehow pop the bladder?**

- The inflatable bladders are easily repaired or replaced. Remove the canvas from the rigid hull, unzip the inside, and remove the inflatable bladder. Most small punctures can be repaired with the small bladder patch kit supplied in the bag with your owner's manual or by using a bicycle tire repair kit. Otherwise the bladder can be replaced from your certified BIC dealer.

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