

Congratulations on the purchase of your new Hobie Mirage Kayak. Please review these important topics when taking delivery of your new Hobie Mirage product. For more information, refer to your owner's manual or to <u>www.hobiecat.com/support</u>, then choose your model.

_____ Vantage Seats: Familiarize yourself with seat installation for your particular Vantage Seat model – **use of the locking buckle is critical**. Experiment with the multiple seat positions and backrest angle adjustments and BOA® lumbar adjustments.

<u>MirageDrive</u>[®] **180:** Install by lowering the drive straight down making sure the spine is level with the hull. Press down into the Click and Go fasteners to lock into place. To shift the MirageDrive 180 from forward to reverse and back again, put your feet together and grasp and firmly pull on the appropriate shifter. To remove the drive, pull back each Click and Go lever, then lift the drive straight up. Refer to the manual to adjust fin resistance and for maintenance.

_____ Adjust Pedals: While seated with both feet on the pedals, knees should be comfortably bent. To adjust leg length, squeeze the MirageDrive 180 crank adjustment handle and rotate crank to the desired numbered position. Both cranks should be in the same position number.

_____ Rudder: Familiarize yourself with the use of the rudder up-and-down control lines. Lock the down control into the cleat to hold the rudder down. (The Pro Angler uses a cleat to hold the rudder up.) Turn the rudder control handle to steer. Refer to the manual for steering line adjustments.

Features: Examine the features of your Mirage kayak such as the hatches, scupper and drain plugs, spare rudder pins and other parts unique to the model you are purchasing. • Example: The Island series has a spare aka brace pin on each brace.

_____ **Optional Plug-in Cart:** A scupper cart must be fully inserted through the correct scuppers before the weight of the kayak is rested upon it. The scuppers rest on the adjustable cart collars. Always use the cart keeper pin to keep the cart from slipping out of the hull while in use. A partially inserted cart will damage the scuppers / boat. Do not store a kayak on the plug-in cart.

_____ Transportation: Travel with the kayak upside down, resting on the cockpit rails, on padded crossbars. Hobie cautions against carrying a hull upright unless properly padded or carried in cradles designed for upright transportation. Tie the kayak firmly to the rack. Avoid denting the hull with excessive line or strap tension. Stabilize the load using tie-downs to the bow and stern pad eyes. Do not place excessive loads on these eyes. Do not tie down kayaks using other pad eye fittings on the hull. Check the load periodically.

_____ Storage: The best storage position is the same used for proper transport. You may also suspend the kayak with wide strapping (2" minimum recommended). Keep out of direct sunlight. Do not hang from carrying handles, pad eyes, etc. Use padding or cradles to limit dents or scrapes. Inflatables should be stored deflated in a cool, dry place – avoid extreme heat (like in a hot car). In hot regions keep indoors in a climate-controlled location.

_____ Freezing: Water freezing in cup holders, rod holders, or other areas within the hull can cause cracks. Care should be taken to drain water from the kayak and prohibit water or snow from gathering on or within the hull.

Warranty: Complete the warranty card and mail to the Hobie Cat Company or register the product on-line. Review warranty policy and exclusions (<u>www.hobiecat.com/product-registration/</u>).

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