

MILLENNIUM DRAGON BOATS

Product Information Package



INTRODUCTION

GO Rowing & Paddling Association of Canada (GO) is pleased to present the Millennium Dragon Boat. GO is a non-profit organization dedicated to sharing the benefit of rowing and paddling sports with people of all ages and athletic abilities. GO is the only non-profit organization to manufacture and sell Dragon Boats in North America. All revenue generated from sales support GO in developing paddling programs and events. The Millennium is engineered and constructed for GO by Oceanus Reinforced Plastics, a world-renowned boat building company located in Victoria, BC, Canada.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Made from composite fiberglass construction over a superior Closed Cell Foam core
- Lightweight, narrow, stiff design, that tracks well through the water
- The “Omega” spine provides superior structural strength and stiffness
- Fore and aft decks covered with a tough no-slip fiberglass shell
- Seats made from recycled plastic materials, which require no maintenance
- Staggered foot pegs to accommodate multiple foot positions
- Colourful, lightweight heads and tails, designed exclusively for the Millennium
- Drummer seat slides into stainless steel grooves that firmly hold it to the bow deck
- The steering oars are made of number 1 grade ash with tapered handles
- Scales are available in various colours to match the head and tail

CONSTRUCTION

This new design concept is based on a lighter and narrower boat that allows for limited drag and superb friction transfer through the water. The Millennium is made from composite fiberglass construction over a superior Closed Cell Foam core. Closed Cell Foam is light and durable and does not allow water absorption. Furthermore, it is the base of the Millennium’s hull as well as most other high-end marine craft hulls.

Hull Design

The Millennium’s hull is computer designed to accommodate appropriate displacement when the boat is loaded for extra stability and safety. The narrow beam and increased rocker provides a boat that is quick, nimble, and easy to steer. The design also maximizes longitudinal and lateral stiffness, and overall structural integrity. *Note: Sectional hull option available, which allows for easy storage, transport and assembly.*



The Omega

The Omega is the spine that runs down the middle of the boat that provides unmatched structural strength and rigidity. The Omega runs from bow to stern and is fused under the fore and aft covered decks. It is made separately in its own mould before being sealed to the hull mould using Plexus, a space age adhesive. The Omega is the main mount for the paddlers' seats. The Omega serves two purposes. First, it provides unmatched structural longitudinal and lateral strength and rigidity. The Omega holds the true shape of the hull, allowing the boat to safely transverse through waves. Furthermore, the boat neither flattens out when it is loaded in the water nor does it twist and flex when it is being paddled. Second, the Omega is a sealed floatation tank filled with Foam and fused into the hull with Plexus making it water tight.



Covered Fore and Aft Decks

The fore and aft decks are covered with a tough no-slip fiberglass shell. The fore deck holds the permanent brackets for the drummer seat and has two mounts for towing or tie up. Both the decks are equipped with Scotty light mounts that can be used to install Safety lights to meet Canadian Coast Guard requirements. These light mounts can also be used to hold lane numbers during festivals. The bow deck is large enough for the coach to stand on.

Seats

Seats are made from recycled plastic materials, which are environmentally friendly. They are not affected by the elements and will never require sanding or varnishing. Also, they will not bubble, peel, or fade. The seats are mounted onto "L" channel aluminum brackets that are attached to the hull by Plexus and then screwed into the Omega at specially reinforced points.

Foot Pegs

The Millennium is equipped with two staggered ¾ fiberglass ROD foot pegs that are fused into the Omega. These foot pegs are incredibly strong and do not flex during the paddle stroke. Also, the staggered foot pegs accommodate multiple foot positions and the new "drop and drive" paddling style that is now popular on the West Coast.



Heads and Tails

Heads and Tails are designed and manufactured exclusively for GO by Row West in Victoria, BC, Canada. They are made with a durable canvas, which is lighter than the traditional fiberglass head and tail, and safer in a collision. They slide into the stainless steel swivel mounts that allow for them to move in a collision, without damage to the paddler, head, tail, or boat. The mounts are equipped with rubber covers for when the head and tail are not needed. The soft, heavy canvas design is colourful and extremely functional. They can be stored and transported with less risk of damage and they never need to be painted, sanded or have any expensive gel coat repairs! *Various colours are available.*

Drummer Seat

The seat is notably different than traditional designs because the mounting bracket slips into stainless steel grooves that firmly hold the seat to the bow deck. A no-slip deck that provides added safety and comfort to the drummer surrounds the seat. A local Craftsman in Victoria, BC, makes the Drummer seat of clear Number 1 grade Douglas fir.



Steering Oar

The steering oars are made of number 1 grade ash and are 10 feet long. They feature a tapered shaft to allow for all hand sizes to comfortably grip the shaft with control and confidence. The steering oars are designed and manufactured by Barkley Sound Oar and Paddle in Qualicum Beach, BC, Canada.



Scales

Scales are available in various colours to match the Head and Tail, or can be custom designed to your specifications.

Where are the Millenniums?

The Official Dragon Boat for:

Victoria Spring Super Sprints (250m)
Nanaimo Paddlefest
Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival
Richmond Dragon Boat Festival
Vancouver Island Dragon Boat Championships
Victoria Dragon Boat Festival
Penticton Dragon Boat Festival
Kelowna Dragon Boat Festival (up to 2003)

Featured at the following training facilities:

Gorge Rowing & Paddling Centre
West Shore Rowing & Paddling Centre
Nanaimo Paddling Centre
Richmond Dragon Boat Centre
Port Moody Rowing & Paddling Centre
Fort Langley Rowing & Paddling Centre
Penticton Paddling Centre
Vernon Rowing & Paddling Centre

Testimonials – What are they saying about the Millenniums?

“...They have definitely raised the bar in Dragon Boat construction... The Millenniums are definitely the best dragon boat that we have trained and raced in...” -Doug Caton, Gorging Dragons

“...The design of the Millennium boat creates a lightning fast and responsive boat that is light years ahead of other boats...” -Tim Lee, Acme Canoe Club

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GO Rowing & Paddling Association of Canada (GO), formerly Foundation 2000 Plus, is a not-for-profit Amateur Athletic Association dedicated to sharing the benefits of sport with Canadians of all ages and athletic abilities. Concentrating on rowing & paddling sports, GO strives to encourage participation, personal challenge and the pursuit of excellence from the grass-roots to the Olympic podium. GO broadens access to sport by offering programs that encourage broad participation, by producing dynamic community events and by developing new and expanded facilities.

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