



BASIC CARE

Please look after your packraft and it will look after you. There is nothing sadder to contemplate than a deflated packraft when you're a long way from home.

1. When you stop, be careful not to drag the boat across the beach or rocks. Carry it.
2. On long portages, empty the boat of gear. Most damage occurs during portages.
3. Try and leave the boat in the shade, or if this is not possible let some air out because the sun's heat will create expansion of the air inside and the packraft will be over-inflated and may cause damage. It is a good idea to check the pressure soon after taking the inflated boat on land and relieve pressure as necessary.
4. At stops leave the boat floating upside down in an eddy and tie it to a tree or your leg. This keeps it at water temperature.
5. If you are carrying the boat on the outside of a pack, roll it up so you can only see black. That floor is tough and will resist punctures.
6. At night secure the boat by filling with rocks or deflate it. A packraft can fly in any sort of wind.
7. After every paddle trip, wash your packraft carefully, making sure all sand and grit and dirt is washed off. You can use a mild detergent, but rinse thoroughly.
8. Store your packraft completely dry, partly inflated or lightly rolled up, and – this is important - out of the sun or sunlight.