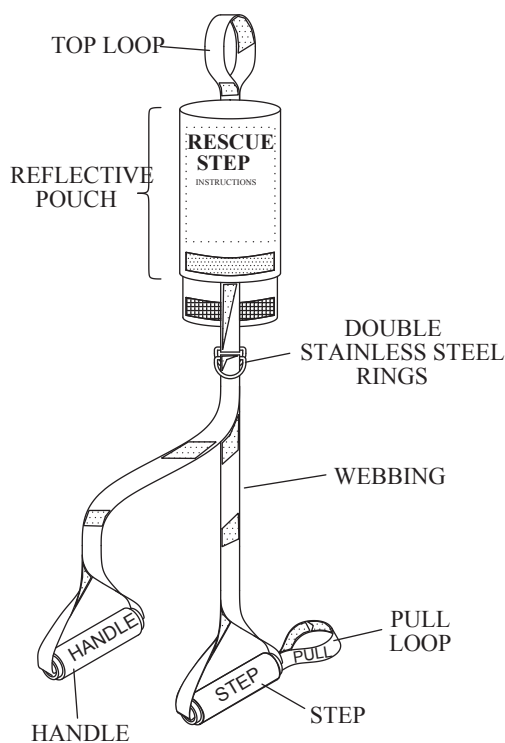


# RESCUE STEP™

Model 100



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## READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE USING YOUR RESCUE STEP™

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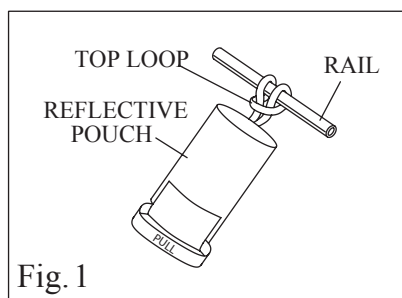
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### ATTACHING THE RESCUE STEP™ TO THE VESSEL:

*Always practice for best results!*

Always attach the RESCUE STEP™ to vessel prior to departure to ensure that the RESCUE STEP™ will be available when needed. To attach the RESCUE STEP™:

- First, feed the TOP LOOP of the RESCUE STEP™ through a cleat, or wrap the loop around a railing, or other vessel component, then pull the RESCUE STEP™ pouch through the loop. (See FIG. 1)



- Position the RESCUE STEP™ so that the PULL LOOP on the bottom of the REFLECTIVE POUCH is accessible to someone in the water.
- NOTE: Alternatively, a carabiner (not included) may be attached to the TOP LOOP of the RESCUE STEP™ and clipped to the side of the vessel (See FIG. 2) or the RESCUE STEP™ may be tied with a rope (not included) (See FIG. 3) or attached by other methods. Regardless of the type attachment used, make sure the attachment point on the vessel can withstand the intended load.

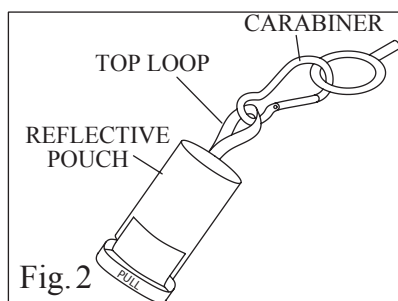


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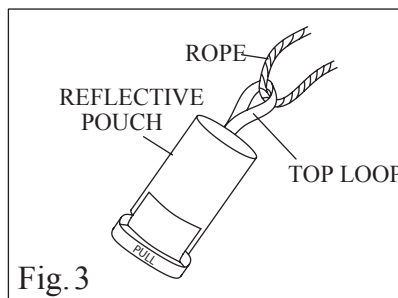


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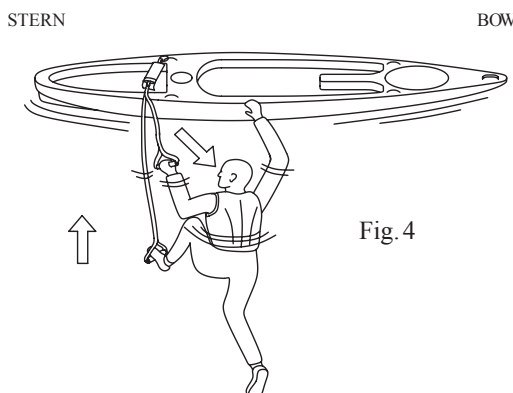
## SELF-RESCUE TECHNIQUES

### I. BASIC TECHNIQUE

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The RESCUE STEP™ alone can be successfully used to reenter a sit-on-top kayak when performing the SELF-RESCUE BASIC TECHNIQUE. However, due to varying degrees of vessel stability, widths, and hull shapes in vessels such as sit-in kayaks and canoes, a paddle float may also be necessary to accomplish a successful reentry during a self-rescue. The paddle float assist technique is described in the next section. The Basic Technique described below details a vessel re-entry using the RESCUE STEP™ alone.

- Grasp the PULL LOOP at the bottom of the REFLECTIVE POUCH and pull downward. The closure at the bottom of the pouch will open, releasing the “STEP” and the “HANDLE”. The “STEP” and “HANDLE” float, making them visible and easy to access.
- Extend the WEBBING, along with the “STEP” and “HANDLE”, across the deck of the vessel to the opposite side.
- With one hand, reach up and grab the side of the vessel. With the other hand, *slowly* pull on the “HANDLE” a bit at a time to shorten the “STEP” length until one foot can be placed in the bottom “STEP”. (See FIG. 4)



- Continue to pull on the “HANDLE” or the handle webbing until the ideal step length has been reached. The ideal “STEP” length is achieved when the person overboard can comfortably and successfully use the “STEP” to step up into the vessel. **NOTE: Be careful not pull the “STEP” length too short. If this happens, it can only be lengthened again by manually feeding the webbing back through the DOUBLE STAINLESS STEEL RINGS.**
- Once the “STEP” length has been determined, position the “HANDLE” and its webbing away from the body.
- Step up and pull upper body into the vessel. If re-entering a canoe, kayak, small vessel or dinghy, expect the vessel to list toward you as you pull up. As soon as possible, reach to the opposite side of the vessel to assist in pulling your upper body into the vessel.
- With your foot still in the RESCUE STEP™, swing the opposite leg into the vessel and follow with remaining leg. You will be lying face down in the vessel and your head should be oriented toward the stern.
- Flip over and sit up.
- Retrieve the RESCUE STEP™ from the water to prevent entanglement.

### II. SELF-RESCUE WITH PADDLE FLOAT ASSIST:

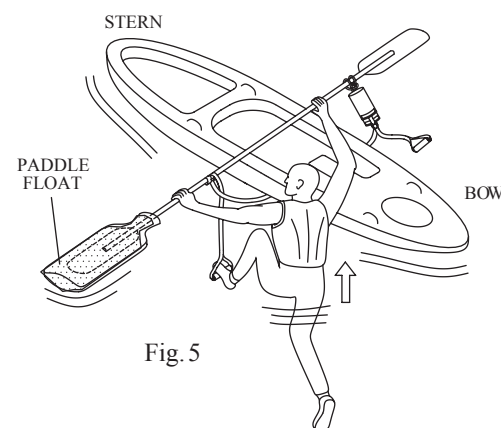
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The paddle float assist is performed when there is one vessel present and the boater has a paddle float on board. A paddle float serves as a functional outrigger that can add stability in a self-rescue situation. **NOTE:** An extra PFD may be used in lieu of the actual paddle float product. Those already familiar with the paddle float technique will find re-entry much easier by adding the

RESCUE STEP™ since the user can now step up into the vessel rather than trying to balance one leg on the paddle shaft and relying on upper body strength to pull up into the vessel.

### TO PERFORM SELF-RESCUE WITH PADDLE FLOAT ASSIST:

- Attach paddle float to one end of the paddle per the manufacturer’s instructions.
- Position the paddle across the deck of the vessel.
- Attach the RESCUE STEP™ to the other end of the paddle by first wrapping the TOP LOOP around the paddle shaft then pulling the RESCUE STEP™ REFLECTIVE POUCH through the top loop. (See FIG. 1)
- Deploy the RESCUE STEP™ by grasping the PULL LOOP and pulling downward. The closure at the bottom of the REFLECTIVE POUCH will open, releasing the “STEP” and the “HANDLE”. Fully extend the WEBBING.
- While still holding the PULL LOOP, position the WEBBING underneath the hull of the vessel and swim to the opposite side of the vessel. You are now positioned on the same side of the vessel as the paddle float and the WEBBING is underneath the midsection of the vessel.
- Wrap the WEBBING around the shaft of the paddle as close to the vessel as possible.
- Continue to wrap the WEBBING around the paddle shaft until optimum step length is achieved.
- Place one foot in the “STEP” and hoist upper body into the vessel. (See FIG. 5)



- With your foot still in the RESCUE STEP™, swing the opposite leg into the vessel and follow with the remaining leg. You will be lying

face down in the vessel and your head should be oriented toward the stern.

- Flip yourself over and sit up.
- Retrieve the RESCUE STEP™ from the water to prevent entanglement.

## ASSISTED RESCUE TECHNIQUES

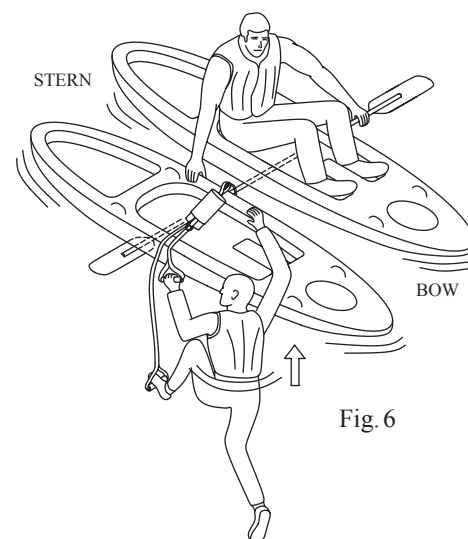
### I. TOGGLE TECHNIQUE

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The toggle technique is an assisted rescue technique that can be used when there are two vessels present. The technique is performed by a rescuer in the occupied vessel.

### TO PERFORM THE TOGGLE TECHNIQUE:

- The rescuer should position his/her vessel parallel to the unoccupied vessel.
- Instruct the person in the water to position himself/herself at the outside center of the unoccupied vessel.
- Attach the RESCUE STEP™ to the center of a paddle shaft by wrapping the TOP LOOP around the paddle shaft then pulling the REFLECTIVE POUCH back through the TOP LOOP. (See FIG. 1)
- Deploy the RESCUE STEP™ by pulling downward on the PULL LOOP at the bottom of the REFLECTIVE POUCH.
- Extend the RESCUE STEP™ to its maximum length.
- Throw the “STEP” and “HANDLE” across the deck of the unoccupied vessel. (See FIG. 6)



- Push the paddle into the water between the two vessels then rotate or “toggle” the paddle so that the paddle extends beneath both vessels. The paddle shaft should be centered and at a right angle to the bows of the vessels.
- Hold the unoccupied vessel next to your own and instruct the person in the water to re-enter the unoccupied vessel by following the instructions listed under “BASIC TECHNIQUE”.
- Retrieve the RESCUE STEPS™ from the water to prevent entanglement.

## II. OVER-THE-BOAT ASSISTED RESCUE:

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- This technique may be used when there are two vessels present and is performed by a rescue in the occupied vessel.
- With the RESCUE STEPS™ attached to himself/her vessel, the rescuer positions his/her vessel parallel to the unoccupied vessel.
  - Instruct the person in the water to position him or herself at the outside center of the unoccupied vessel.
  - Deploy the RESCUE STEPS™ by pulling downward on the PULL LOOP on the bottom of the REFLECTIVE POUCH.
  - Extend the RESCUE STEPS™ to its maximum length.
  - Throw the “STEP”, “HANDLE” and their webbing across the unoccupied vessel. (See FIG 7)

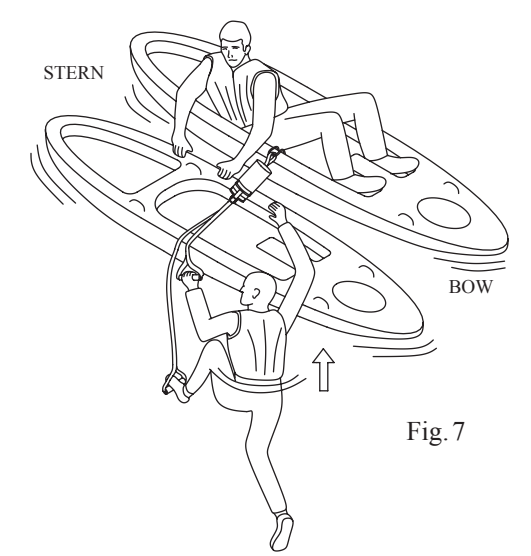


Fig. 7

- Instruct the person in the water to reenter the vessel following the instructions detailed under “BASIC TECHNIQUE”. If the person in the water is unable to reach the “HANDLE” to adjust the “STEP” length, the rescuer may assist by pulling on the “HANDLE” to shorten the “STEP” length and assist the person in the water into the unoccupied vessel.
- Retrieve the RESCUE STEPS™ from the water to prevent entanglement.

## SELF- RIGHTING AN OVERTURNED VESSEL:

If a vessel is overturned, it must be righted prior to vessel reentry.

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- Make sure the RESCUE STEPS™ is attached to one side of the overturned vessel.
  - Deploy the RESCUE STEPS™ and fully extend the WEBBING.
  - Throw the “STEP”, along with its attached webbing, over the center of the overturned vessel to the opposite side.
  - Swim to the opposite side of the vessel.
  - Pull the “HANDLE” until the “HANDLE” and the “STEP” lengths are approximately the same. While holding the “STEP” in one hand and the “HANDLE” in the other, place both feet on the vessel and pull the boat toward you. Stay clear of the vessel as it is being righted to avoid injury. (See FIG 8)

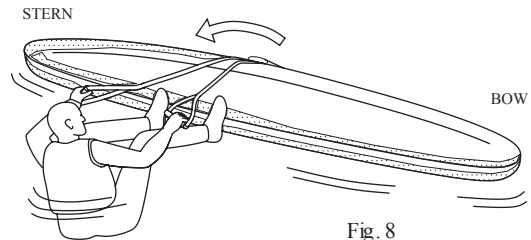


Fig. 8

- Re-enter the vessel using one of the techniques outlined in these instructions.
- Retrieve the RESCUE STEPS™ from the water to prevent entanglement.

## TOWING A VESSEL

With the RESCUE STEPS™ attached to the towing vessel, deploy the RESCUE STEPS™ and attach the STEP to the vessel being towed.

## PORTAGING A VESSEL

Portaging is moving a vessel up or down or over obstacles such as sandbars, steep embankments, frozen lakes, etc. To make the task easier, attach and deploy the RESCUE STEPS™. Pull the “HANDLE” until the “STEP” and “HANDLE” webbings are at equal lengths. Take the “HANDLE” over the “STEP” webbing and pull back through the hole. This will keep both lengths equal and the webbing won’t slip. While holding onto the “STEP” and “HANDLE” one or two people can more easily move vessel up or down a slope or over most obstacles.

## WARNING



- DO NOT EXCEED 275 LB CAPACITY
- DO NOT TIE PRODUCT TO BODY
- DO NOT WRAP WEBBING AROUND BODY
- USE ONLY IN CALM WATER
- USE ONLY FOR VESSEL RE-ENTRY, PORTAGE AND/OR TOWING
- CHECK FOR SIGNS OF WEAR AND REPLACE IF NEEDED
- ALWAYS WEAR A USCG APPROVED PFD (LIFE JACKET)

## MAINTENANCE:

- > RINSE WITH FRESH WATER AFTER EACH USE
- > ALLOW TO DRY COMPLETELY
- > DO NOT USE CHLORINE TO CLEAN
- > STORE IN WELL-VENTILATED AREA
- > STORE OUT OF DIRECT SUNLIGHT
- > BECAUSE PRODUCT MATERIALS MAY DEGRADE DEPENDING UPON USE, ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS, OR STORAGE CONDITIONS, WE RECOMMEND THE RESCUE STEP™ BE REPLACED EVERY THREE YEARS

## TO REPACK:

1. EXTEND **STEP WEBBING** TO MAXIMUM LENGTH
2. ALLOW TO COMPLETELY DRY
3. PACK **HANDLE** AND **WEBBING** A BIT AT A TIME INTO THE BAG
4. LASTLY, PACK THE **STEP** INTO THE BAG, MAKING SURE THE **PULL** LOOP REMAINS OUTSIDE OF THE BAG.
5. SECURE THE HOOK AND LOOP CLOSURE

*Retain these instructions for future use*

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Remember, a good trip is always a safe trip. Always wear your PFD, attach the Rescue Step™ to your vessel prior to departure. and make sure other safety equipment (paddle float, whistle, etc) is easily accessible.

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