

West Side Boat Shop™ Racing Kayaks

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Hello and welcome to the new home of **West Side Boat Shop™** Kayaks.

As the new owner of **West Side Boat Shop™** Kayaks, I am honored to be able to carry forward the storied history of tradition and excellence in racing kayak design and construction.

West Side Boat Shop™ kayaks deliver a certain feeling that no other boats can deliver. I can't exactly explain it but you will feel it. I've been trying to explain "it" over the years and still haven't quite captured and properly communicated the pure joy in paddling these boats. "It" simply must be felt by those unique, competitive paddlers who will truly connect with these kayaks and understand and appreciate the quality and history of the craft connecting them to the water.

These boats are fast, responsive, beautiful speed demons that put a smile on my face every time. These racing kayak designs not only still win races in 2024 but are also the best winter training kayaks because they can be fully skirted to keep the weather out.

You will likely fall in love with the design and quality of these kayaks and appreciate the history of the craft you are paddling. You'll find yourself becoming a bit of an evangelist yourself because you will be asked about your **West Side Boat Shop™** kayak just about everywhere you go. These boats make people stop, take notice, stare, and ask questions whenever they see them.

And I ask you now to please help tell the story and keep the legacy alive.

After you've passed dozens of other paddlers in a race or find yourself in the new area of extended training in late-Fall or early-Spring, you'll understand there is still a time and a place for fast, decked, racing kayaks that protect you from the elements and offer an unparalleled amount of stability for their speed.

There has never been a better time to own a **West Side Boat Shop™** kayak. Still winning races in 2023-2024.

The future is bright and I invite you to join the family and come along for the ride!

Happy paddling!
Dave
aka "Dave The Kayaker"



The EFT/Sleek (Extra Fast Tourer)



The Extra Fast Tourer (EFT) Sleek is an innovative concept in touring kayak design. Now you can cruise lightly loaded at 6-7mph with 8mph achievable by a well-trained paddler.

This is Doug Bushnell’s latest and greatest iteration of this boat where he lengthened the waterline to 19’ and sharpened the bow section of the hull to give it a knife-like, K1 style to reduce frontal drag and therefore increase speed over the original design by 10 seconds/mile without altering the world-famous stability and comfort of the craft.

Long water line, narrow beam, and low wetted surface area with deeply flared bow ensures a dry, fast ride. The paddling position is ergonomically correct to allow movement of the legs which facilitates upper body torso rotation. A hung seat allows your true competitive spirit to shine through.

I wish I had a nickel for every time a paddler told me, “I had a West Shop Boat Shop EFT and I wish I never would have gotten rid of that boat.” Now is your time to buy.

The perfect combination of speed and stability for mere mortals who aspire to get into racing, all-day touring, marathon racing, or fitness paddling. This boat does, however, require a skilled paddler with great balance skills.

Find out why so many paddlers before you fell in love with this boat and why so many of them would recommend this boat to their friends. This is the all-time, most popular WSBS kayak.

“Considering myself an experienced novice paddler, this boat is fast. I can cruise on flat water just under 6mph and only a few tenths slower in chop. It’s like the boat isn’t even there at times. If you can find water as smooth as glass and close your eyes while paddling, you can’t hear or feel the EFT gliding.”

- Anonymous quote from Paddling.com reviews of the EFT

Length	Width	4” waterline length	4” waterline width	Cockpit size	Weight
19’ 4”	20”	19’	18”	34”	34 lbs

Multi-condition Racing and Fitness Paddling



Wave Exceed



The newest of the Wave series of kayaks, the under-water section of the bow has been sharpened from the Wave Excel and given added flare above the waterline for a faster ride and for riding up over the waves. The enhanced underwater forebody also reduces drag and provides additional buoyancy over the Wave Excel in rougher water.

The big difference between this and the Wave Excel is this boat might catch a little more wind above water on the windiest of days, but the Wave Exceed delivers measurable advantages in less windy conditions and in calm conditions.

The Wave Exceed still delivers that fast, smooth handling on flat water, rough conditions and in inland marathon setting but adds just a bit sharper entry and above water flaring.

If you are going to paddle more on wave trains and light rapids and less on flatwater and windy condition then this is the training/ultra-marathon / multi-sport kayak for you.

Length	Width	4" waterline length	4" waterline width	Cockpit size	Weight
19'	18"	18' 6"	15-3/4"	36"	TBD

Thunderbolt-X



Multi-Condition Racing and Training Kayak

The boat that set the standard for all other marathon racing kayaks. This is also my all-time favorite kayak.

Created by modifying the underwater sections of the original Thunderbolt, this is the legendary, all-weather, all-season, marathon racing and training kayak.

A great ultra-marathon racing kayak for inland waterways but it is also great as a flat water racer or training boat.

This boat is not afraid of mild rapids nor is it afraid of surfskis. It just laughs and says, "Bring it on!"

The long, flared bow provides a dry ride in the chop and rapids.

This boat gets stares and comments everywhere it goes. It is so unique and beautiful people just have to stop and admire it.

Suitable for moving water, lakes and moderate rough water and mild rapids.

Length	Width	4" waterline length	4" waterline width	Cockpit size	Weight
21'	18"	20' 6"	15-3/4"	36"	TBD

Marauder



Multi-Condition Racing Kayak

Extreme low resistance

The extremely narrow under-water bow shape and reduced skin friction reduces the bow wave to almost nothing and the added flare above the waterline keeps the bow from diving in waves or through wave trains. The long water line length also helps this boat excel on the flats and in shallow water. A whisper of some built-in hull flare behind the cockpit helps with final stability.

Make no mistake, this is an all-out racing kayak and needs an *experienced* paddler in the seat. This boat is F-A-S-T. In fact, it is the fastest kayak I have ever paddled.

Advantages over the Thunderbolt-X:

- Hull narrowed to 17” wide at the widest point on the deck
- Hull is 14-7/8” at the 4” waterline
- Waterline length lengthened to 21’. *Yes, the waterline length is the entire length of the boat.*
- A drop of 6-8 seconds per mile over the Thunderbolt-X at 7-9 mph.

The Marauder is suitable for calm lakes and inland waterways in moderately rough water in the hands of an experienced paddler. Great for inland, marathon racing and flat water training.

Winner of the “Friends of the Lower Appomattox River” race 2021 and 2022.

Length	Width	4” waterline length	4” waterline width	Cockpit size	Weight
21’	17”	21’	14-7/8”	36”	TBD

2024 Price List and Features

Still no price increase in 2024!

Boat Model	Standard Kevlar layup	Carbon/ Kevlar	Length	Width	4" Waterline Width	
EFT/Sleek		4100	4300	19'4"	20"	18"
Wave Exceed		4100	4300	19'	18"	15-3/4"
Thunderbolt-X		4275	4475	21'	18"	15-3/4"
Marauder		4275	4475	21'	17"	14-7/8"
Dark Starr Marauder Hull matched with Thunderbolt-X deck		4275	4475	21'	18"	15-1/2"
Thunderbolt T-Rex Thunderbolt-X hull matched with Marauder deck		4275	4475	21'	17"	14-7/8"
All prices in U.S. Dollars						
Standard Build Includes:						
	SmartTrack™ side-mounted foot rests with peddles and overstern, foil blade design rudder to reduce drag by 25% compared to flat aluminum blades.					
	Fore and aft bulkheads with generous storage behind seat but in front of rear bulkhead					
	K1-style, bottom-mounted, adjustable seat					
Options: (upon request)						
	Tiller steering					
	Racing hung seat					
Additional:						
	<i>Prices do not include 5.3% Virginia state tax</i>					
	<i>50% deposit required upon order, 50% balance due on pickup of boat</i>					
	<i>All boats for local pickup only. (Richmond or Charlottesville, VA USA)</i>					
	<i>Any shipping must be arranged by buyer. FOB Richmond or Charlottesville, VA.</i>					
	Make checks/payments to: Dave The Kayaker LLC					



Call to discuss options and customizations before ordering. Payment may be made by check, Venmo, Paypal or direct bank transfer.

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By purchasing a West Side Boat Shop kayak I understand and expressly assume all the dangers incident to participation in kayaking.

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