


## ASSEMBLY AND USE

It is important to follow these instructions to successfully and safely assemble your Classic Accessories Pontoon Boat.

Please pay particular attention to the bold faced instructions and any information which has this  symbol next to it.

### 1. Confirm that all the parts are present.

(See the parts list on page 10).

### 2. Identify the right and left pontoons.


You can identify the right and left pontoons by the “R” (right) and “L” (left) labels sewn on the inside of the rear pocket on top of each.

### 3. Partially inflate the air bladders.

The valve is located on the top of the pontoons in front of the main pocket.

The valve has a center button that opens and closes the valve by simply pushing down, and turning a quarter turn. The valve is open when the center button is down, and closed when it is up. **BEFORE INFLATING, MAKE SURE THE VALVE IS IN THE CLOSED POSITION.**

Unscrew the valve cap, make sure the valve is closed and insert the inflation adapter into the valve and twist to secure. Inflate using a foot pump or air compressor with a cone-type nozzle fitting.

 **Inflate the pontoon to about 3/4 full. Do not inflate beyond 3/4 full because it will make the next step very difficult—attaching the pontoons to the frame.**

Repeat this step with the other pontoon. You will fully inflate the pontoons in step 5.

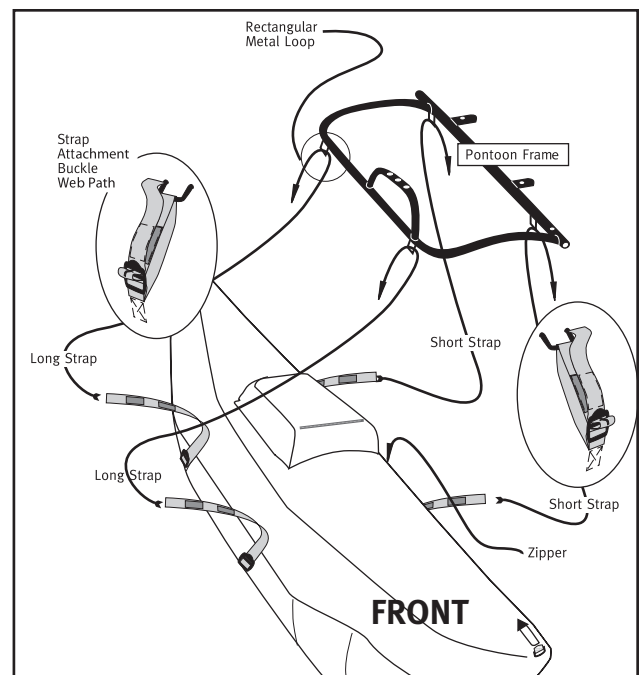
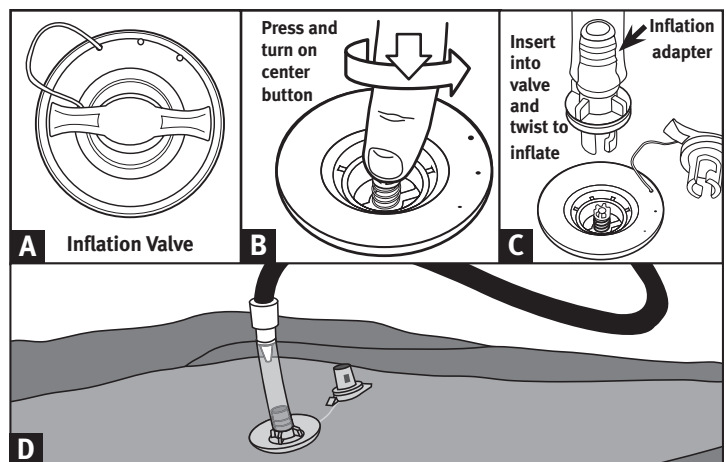
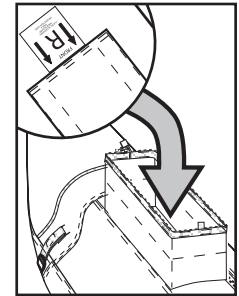
### 4. Attach the pontoons to the frames.

Each pontoon attaches to a metal pontoon frame with four webbing attachment straps.

Locate the left and right pontoon frames.

On the front of each pontoon frame (where the front of the boat will be) there is a “L” (left) or “R” (right) label indicating left or right.

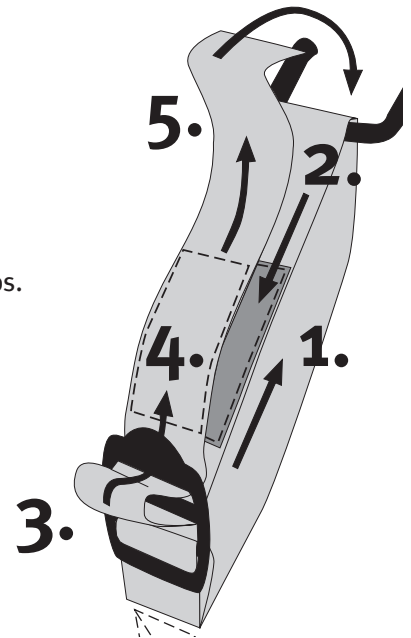
Place a right pontoon frame on top of the right pontoon as shown. There is a “L” (left) or “R” (right) label inside the pocket of each pontoon. The longest straight tube of each frame should be on the same side of the pontoon as the pontoon zipper.



Now attach the two inside and two outside webbing straps on the pontoon to the pontoon frame. Thread the straps as follows:

1. Through the metal rectangle on the frame...
2. Back to the buckle...
3. Through the buckle threading path...
4. Match the rip-and-grip to each other.
5. Fold the remaining webbing. Back it through the metal rectangle and trap it between the pontoon and webbing. Repeat for the remaining three straps.

Repeat the procedure with the left pontoon.



## 5. Inflate the pontoon completely.

Finish inflating the pontoons using both valves in each pontoon as outlined in Step 3.

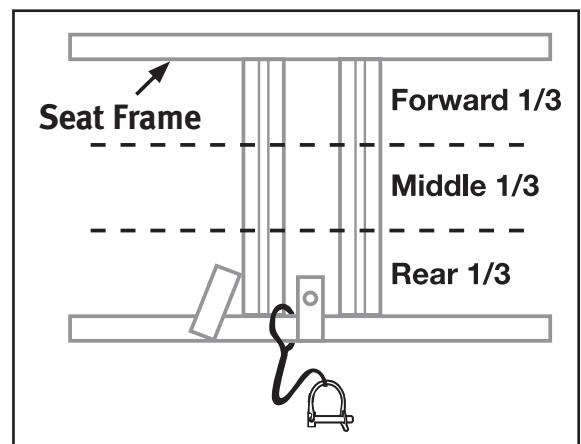
**▲ Inflate to approximately 2.5 psi (0.17 BAR).  
Inflate until firm but not hard. DO NOT over inflate.**

## 6. Determine the seat placement.

The seat placement determines the center of gravity of the boat. Where you attach the seat to the frame depends on your size and whether you will be using a motor and battery or carry cargo on the boat.

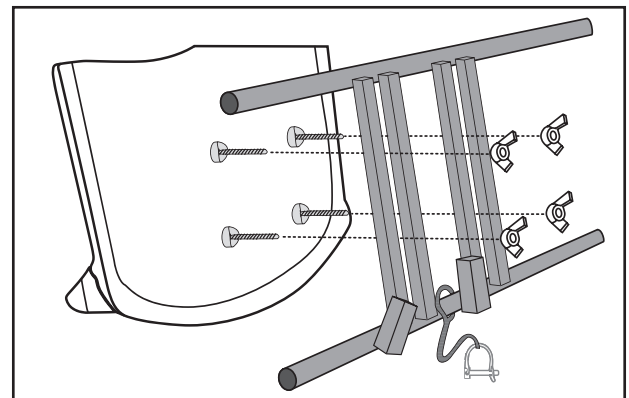
Use the following information about seat placement as guide to help you setup your boat for optimum balance in the water. After setup, load your boat with the gear you would use fishing, and try your boat in shallow water to determine if further seat position adjustment is necessary for optimum weight distribution.

- If you are up to 5 ft 6 inch (168 cm) in height, place the forward seat screws (underside of seat) into the front 1/3 of the seat frame bars.
- If you are up to 6 ft (183 cm) in height, place the forward seat screws (underside of seat) into the middle section of the seat frame bars.
- If you are over 6 ft (+183 cm) in height, place the forward seat screws (underside of seat) into the rear 1/3 of the seat frame bars.
- If you use a motor and battery or load the cargo basket with any heavy items, you will need to adjust the seat forward to offset the load and keep your boat balanced. The amount you will need to move the seat forward depends on the weight of the cargo and will necessitate that you try out the new position in shallow water before setting out.
- Try making adjustments for cargo weight by moving seat forward in 1 inch (3 cm) increments.



## 7. Attach the seat to the seat frame.

Locate the four 2 inch (5 cm) screws coming out of the bottom of the seat. Unscrew the wing nuts and remove the washers. Place the seat with screws facing downwards into the two bars on the seat frame and position the seat in the place that is best for your height and weight (see above). Once the seat placement has been determined, attach the washers and wing nuts onto the screws and tighten to hold the seat into place.



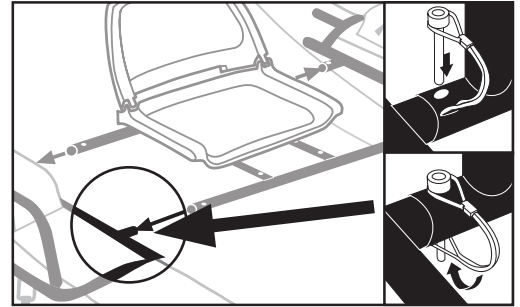
## 8. Attach the seat frame to the pontoon frames.

Insert the seat platform tubes onto the pontoon frame posts with the seat facing the front. The front of the pontoon frames are the ends labeled "L" (left) and "R" (right). (You may need to LIGHTLY tap the frames with a rubber mallet to fit).

Align the holes and secure with four clevis pins.

You MUST lock the security retainers on all four clevis pins to insure that the frame stays together.

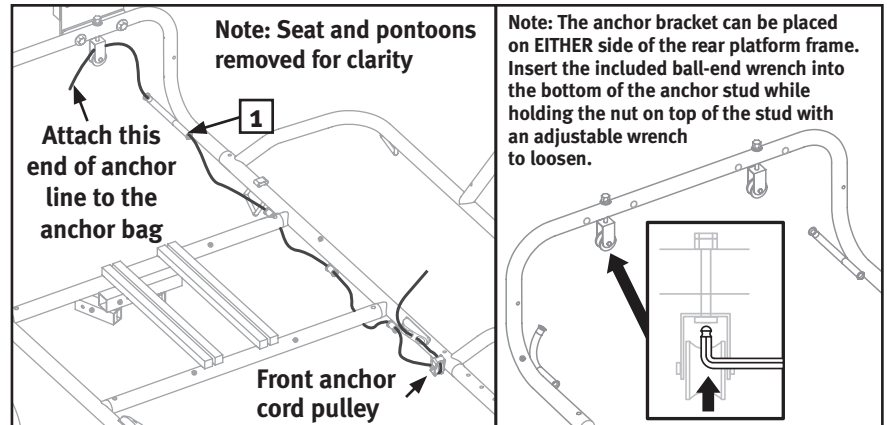
**▲ Insert clevis pins on the frame side not in between the bladder and frame to avoid abrasion of the pontoon.**



## 9. Thread the anchor bag cord.

The anchor bag can be attached for either right or left hand operation. Start by feeding the cord into the front anchor cord pulley located on the side of either pontoon frame. Continue by threading the cord through the cord guides and under all frame tubes.

Next, insert the cord through the rear cord tube guide [1] on the rear platform frame. Finish by threading the cord through the pulley mounted on the rear platform frame and attaching the cord to the anchor bag.



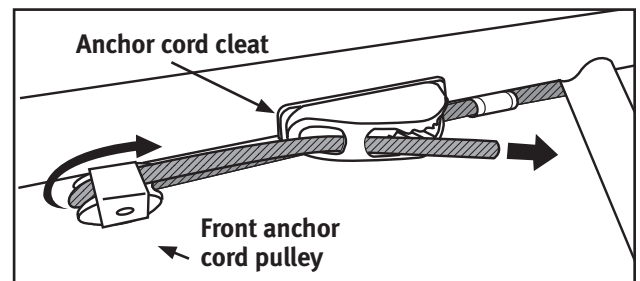
## 10. Attach the anchor system.

The anchor system consists of a mesh weight bag and a length of cord threaded through the frame (step 9).

The bag is filled with rocks or metal weights (not included). Placing 6 to 8 lbs. (2.7 to 3.6 kg) will keep you anchored in a light breeze but the weight needed will vary depending on your weight, your cargo weight, currents and wind.

There are built-in cleats on the inside of each pontoon frame behind the front anchor cord pulley. Thread the cord around the front anchor cord pulley and back to the cleat. Thread the cord in the front and out the back of each cleat. To cleat the cord while anchoring, simply pull the cord into the jaws of the cleat. Pull up and away from the cleat jaws to release.

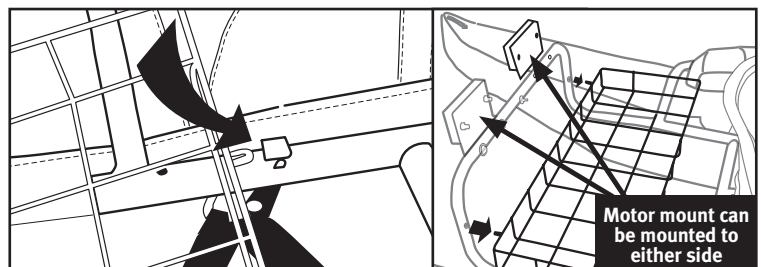
If the anchor cord pulleys ever loosen, use the included 4mm allen wrench to tighten.



## 11. Attach the rear platform frame.

In order to attach the rear platform frame you must first partially attach the wire cargo deck. Start by sliding the bent wire tabs into the slots welded on to the rear of each pontoon frame.

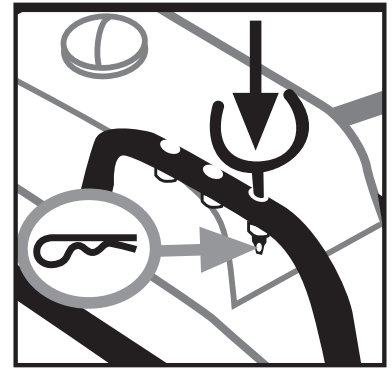
Next, push the rear platform frame tubes into the open tubes on the rear of each pontoon frame. Make sure to insert the wire guides on the rear of the wire cargo deck into the corresponding holes on the rear platform frame as you push the tubes together. Also make sure not to pinch the threaded anchor cord.



Attach the rear corners with two clevis pins. These secure the wire cargo deck and the rear platform frame to the pontoon frames. Be sure to insert each pin through the cargo deck, the rear platform frame and through the pontoon frames. Lock both clevis pins.

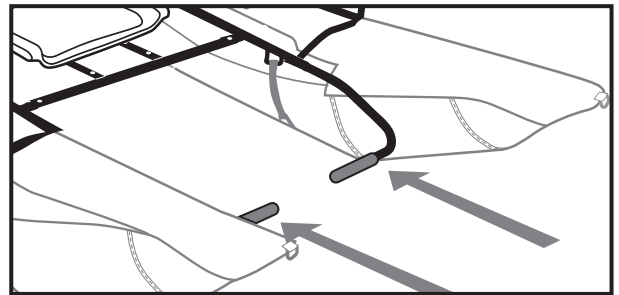
## 12. Insert the oar locks.

Insert an oar lock into the top of both oar lock brackets on the pontoon frames. There are three oar lock positions; we suggest starting with the forward most position. If you have the seat set back you may prefer the middle or back position. Secure each oar lock with an oar lock clevis pin.



## 13. Insert the foot pegs.

Insert the foot pegs into the pontoon frame as shown. Starting with a position in the middle of the adjustment range, align the holes and secure with two clevis pins. Sitting in the seat comfortably with your feet on the foot pegs, your legs should be bent slightly at the knee. Adjust foot pegs again if needed and secure with the two clevis pins.

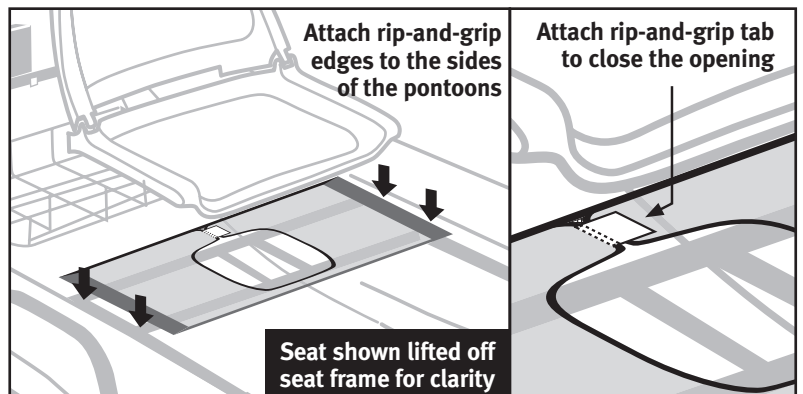


## 14. Attach the under seat apron.

The under seat apron has a rip-and-grip tab opening on one side. This allows for installation. Install with this tab facing up and to the rear of the boat.

Start by opening the tab and slipping the apron under the seat and around the seat mounting bolts. Reattach the tab once it's in position.

Next, attach the sides of the apron to the sides of each pontoon, matching up the corresponding rip-and-grip sections.



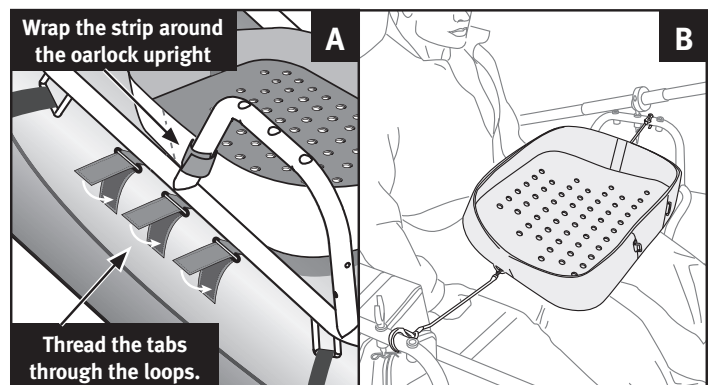
## 15. Mount the stripping basket.

The stripping basket is a sturdy and efficient way of containing your fishing line while fly casting. Mount it to the top of either pontoon float.

**OPTION A:** To attach, orient the basket so the long side of the basket with the three loops sewn into its bottom faces outboard, or away from the seat. Next, find the three rip-and-grip tabs sewn to the outboard side of the pontoon. Thread these through the corresponding loops on the bottom of the basket.

Finish by attaching the rip-and-grip strap on the outboard top edge of the basket to an upright of the oarlock bracket. See drawing A at right.

**OPTION B:** Place your stripping basket across your lap by using the 2 bungee hooks to the sides of the basket and attaching to the pontoon frame. See drawing B at right.



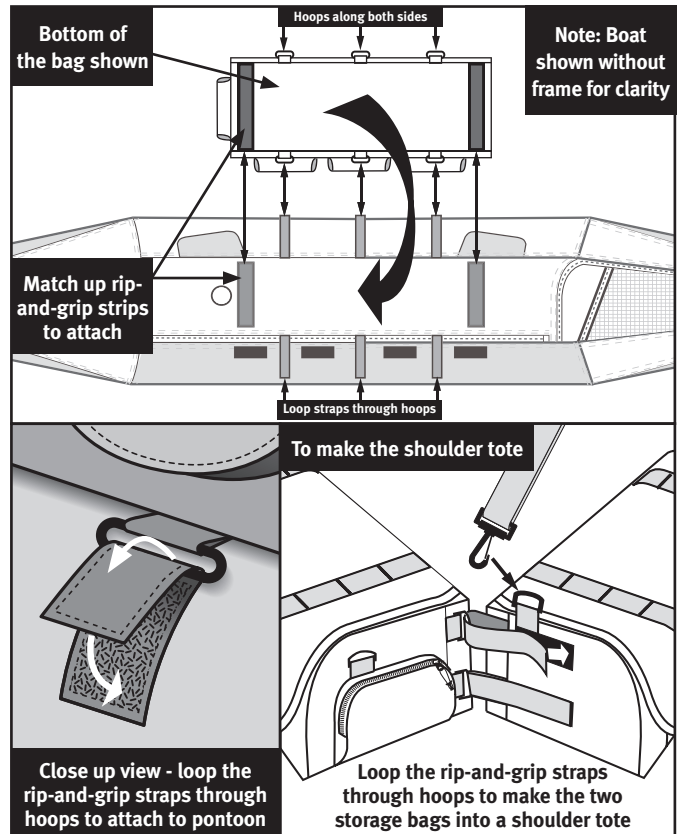
**16. Attach the center storage bags.**

To mount the bags to the pontoon float first find the three sets of plastic hoops sewn into each long side of the bag bottom. These mate up with rip-and-grip straps along the tops of both pontoons.

Orient the storage bag on either pontoon so that the flap of the top bag pocket, when open, folds outward or away from the operator. Match up rip-and-grip tape on the bottom of the bag to the rip-and-grip strips on the top of the pontoon float and press together. Then thread the rip-and-grip straps through the hoops on the bottom of the bag to fully secure.

You can use both the bags on the boat at the same time or only use one when using the stripping basket. You can secure the other half of the bag in the wire cargo deck.

To use the bag as a shoulder tote, match up the sections of rip-and-grip tape sewn on the back of each bag. Next, find the rip-and-grip straps on the end of one bag and thread through the corresponding loops on the end of the other bag. Repeat with the other end. Finish by attaching the shoulder strap to both ends of the completed bag.

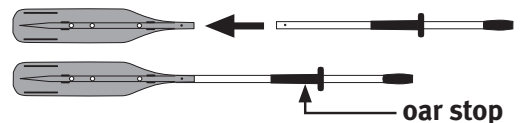


**17. Set up the oars and oar stops.**

First, assemble the two piece oars. Align the holes so that the button pops through the oar handle.

To set an oar in an oar lock, drop the thinnest section of the oar into the oar lock. Slide the oar until the oar stop rests against the oar lock. The oar stops are adjustable if desired.

**\*Helpful Hint :** Oars do not need to be taken apart in order to place in the oar locks. You will find oar rests at the back of the pontoon. These are useful for keeping the oars up and out of the way when they are not needed.

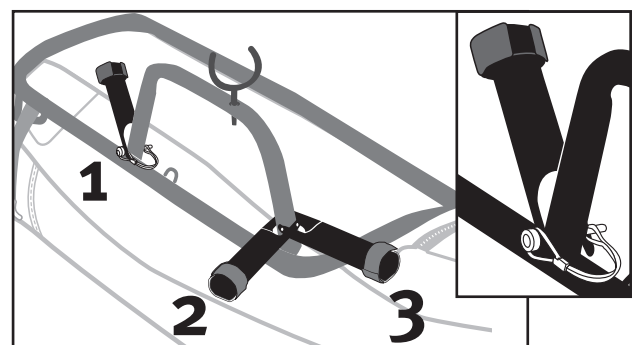


**18. Attach the rod holder.**

The rod holder may be placed in three different positions on either the left or right oar lock frame. You can hold your rod to the back (1), out to the side (2) or to the front (3). The rod holder attaches with the clevis frame pins as in step 8.

To use the rod holder first unwrap the rip-and-grip strap on the end. Put your rod in the holder butt end first then turn it to drop the reel handle into the cutout on the side of the rod holder.

**Keeping one hand on your rod use your other hand to wrap the strap around the front of the reel to secure your rod in place in the holder.**

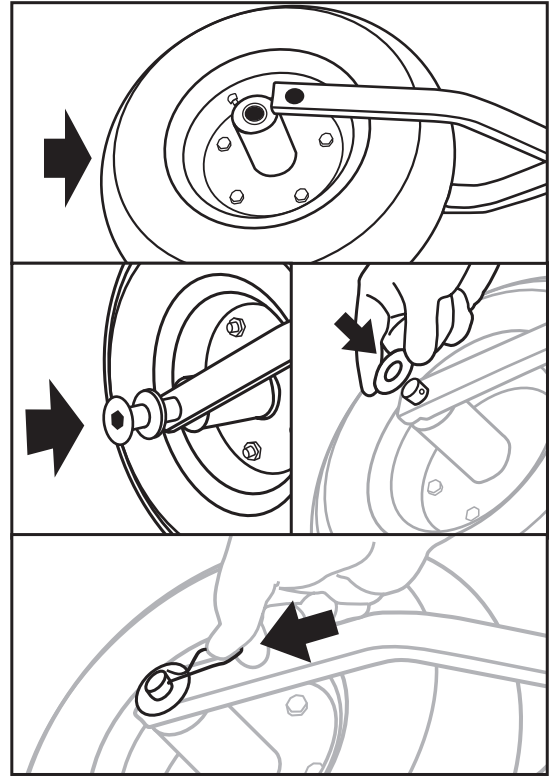


**19. Assemble the wheel and frame.**

Slide the wheel between the forks of the wheel frame. Slide one washer on the axle, insert the axle through both the forks and the wheel hub. Slip the other washer over the end of the axle and secure with the cotter pin.

**It may be necessary to apply side force to the forks in order to secure the cotter pin into the hole in the axle.**

**Applying a small amount of waterproof grease to the axle regularly will keep it rolling smoothly.**

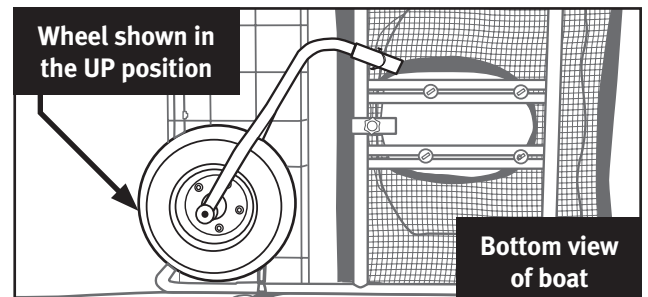
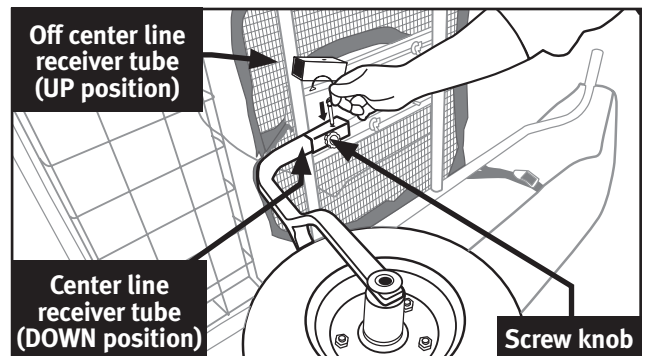


**20. Attach the wheel.**

Turn your pontoon boat on its side. You will notice under the seat that there are two square receiver tubes. The one that is mounted on center line is used when the wheel is in the DOWN position, when moving your pontoon boat. The other is angled off center line, and is used when the wheel is in the UP position, for storing your boat and during fishing.

To secure the wheel in the **DOWN** position, slide the square wheel support tube with the wheel facing down into the **center line mounted** square receiver tube. Line up the holes in both the support tube and the receiver tube and insert the clevis pin attached to the seat frame. Tighten the screw knob to keep the frame snug.

To secure the wheel in the **UP** position, rotate the wheel assembly 90 degrees so the wheel axle is facing the wire cargo deck, slide the wheel support tube into the **off center line mounted** square receiver tube. Line up the holes in both tubes and insert the clevis pin.



## 21. Moving your pontoon boat.

To move your boat using the wheel, you must first have the wheel installed in the down position.

To move your boat, grasp the handles on the front of each pontoon float and pull up to raise the front of the boat off the ground. You may also use the foot pegs as handles.

**⚠ Make sure not to overload your boat with cargo when moving as it could damage the wheel and frame.**



## 22. Attach the retention cord.

Locate the retention cord. This keeps your boat from floating away when you stand in shallow water to fish.

To attach, simply clip the carabiners at each end of the cord to the D-rings at the front of each pontoon float.

## 23. The bladder repair kit.

Included with your boat are self-adhesive tube patches to repair any tears or holes in the pontoon bladders. We recommend storing these in one of the pockets to keep them available for repairs.

## 24. Do the final fitting and adjustments.

Sit in the boat on dry land and adjust the foot pegs and oar lock placement to your leg length and preference.

Float your pontoon boat in shallow water. Push off, get seated comfortably, place your feet on the foot pegs and check to see if you are level in the water. (This is easier with a another person on shore).

**⚠ WARNING - The goal is to find your balance point. When you are floating in the boat it should be level in the water.**

**⚠ WARNING - Using a motor and battery or placing heavy cargo in the wire cargo deck may necessitate moving the seat forward.**

**⚠ WARNING - If you need to adjust the seat or foot pegs bring the boat back to shore and make the needed adjustments.**

**⚠ WARNING - DO NOT STAND UP IN YOUR BOAT WHILE ON THE WATER.  
YOU COULD LOOSE YOUR BALANCE AND FALL OVERBOARD.**

**⚠ WARNING - THIS BOAT IS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR USE IN SALTWATER.**

Practice going forward and backward a bit to get comfortable. Then catch some fish and enjoy your boat!