

# Pakayak, a nesting kayak, is well engineered

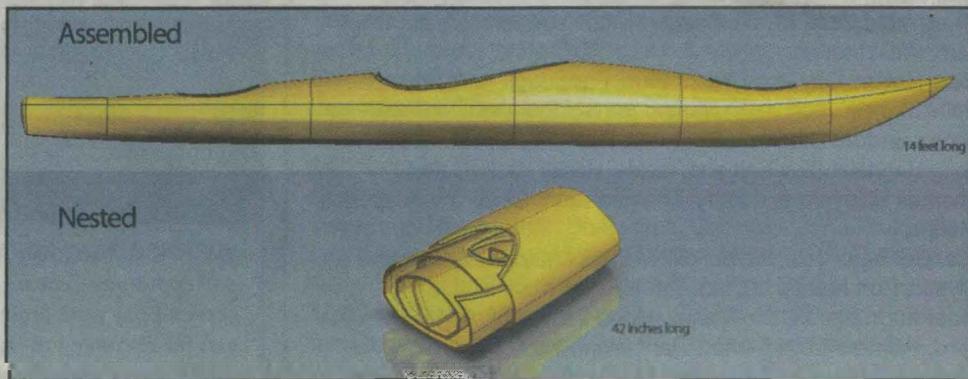
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“We live it, we eat it, and breathe it.” That is how Haddam, Conn., resident Doug Mackro described his and his wife Zinelle Peterson’s efforts to create a patented nesting cruising kayak called the Pakayak.

The Pakayak, to be built in Higganum, Conn., will be the world’s first sectional-nested kayak. This means that it can be broken down from 14 feet in length to 42 inches, making it truly portable. Assembled, it is completely watertight due to its four-point-clamping technology. Since it was designed as a traditional kayak, it is able to cut through two to three feet of chop.

An avid kayaker for 25 years, Doug recalls creating the idea for a nesting kayak while passing by whitewater rivers and wishing he had a kayak with him. It was Zinelle, however, who convinced him to actually create the Pakayak.

Doug and Zinelle feel that the portability of the nesting design make it ideal not only for both avid kayakers and kayak newbies. The 42-inch length means the kayak can easily be stored in an apartment, a small car, or even on a boat. Thus, whether you’re in the mood for exploring a river after work, or you want to take your kayak on a cruise, just assemble the



Rendering courtesy Pakayak

**Doug and Zinelle Mackro hope to have this 14-foot kayak that nests to 42 inches on the market by next spring.**

kayak and you are ready to go.

Another advantage of the nesting design is the ability to customize Pakayaks to customers’ needs. Among many possibilities, it’s possible to insert a section for storing bait and a rod – or even a spot for your dog. “No more roof racks and wind-drag killing your gas mileage,” Doug says. “With our wheeled suitcase, check the Pakayak at the airport with the rest of your bags and be on your way.”

Once the Kickstarter fundraising is complete, they will begin the manufacturing stage of production. Then, come spring 2016, the Pakayak should be available for sale – and the next, perhaps most exciting, stage of their dream begins.

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