

TIPS ON CARING FOR YOUR SUP

- ❖ ***Keep your board out of the sun!*** Keep it in the shade or keep it in a reflective bag. SUP bags also protect it from dings and other misfortunes while travelling
- ❖ Don't run into stuff and be careful putting the board in the water and taking it out. Avoid rocks or other destructive items when putting your board down. Be aware when you are paddling of any obstructions that can damage your board or fin
- ❖ ***Regularly check for dings, cracks, etc.*** Be especially aware of your nose and rails; the two most common areas that get damaged. If you find anything that has the potential to let water into your board, get it taken care of and repair it right away.
- ❖ When you put your board on the roof of your car make sure your straps are snug and secure, but ***do not over tighten your roof straps...*** you can create pressure dents if you tighten the straps up too much
- ❖ If you have a vent plug that needs to be tightened & loosened, make sure you do this. Close it when in use so that water won't get into your board. Open the vent when the board is in the sun. The pressure can build up inside and can blow up your board if you do not open the vent.
- ❖ Clean your board periodically. Don't let gunk build up. Dish soap, water, and a soft cloth every once in awhile should keep stuff from building up. Magic Eraser is great for removing marks on your board. Wash/rinse your equipment after going in salt water; be sure to get the fin boxes, slider nut and screw, as well as the deck pad. Be careful with the deck pad that you do not rub too vigorously and shred the deck pad.
- ❖ Lock up your board when not in use. Keep it in a secure locked place when it is at home. Locking cables with steel cores can discourage amateur thieves from making off with your board.
- ❖ If you have to keep your board outside for a bit, put it traction pad down. You don't want anyone stepping on your board with your fin. That can damage the fin box. If the deck pad is dark and facing up, it can heat up and cook your board, so keep it down. **DO NOT STORE YOUR BOARD OUTSIDE FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME.** Use a bag to help protect your board.