

Test report

Robfin

Packraft Junior / Size S

2020 we had the opportunity to test the Packraft of Rob Fin.

This boat can revolutionize packrafting. Due to its shape, rigidity and the inflatable bottom, the boat has a nice paddling quality and is therefore very close to a classic hard shell kayak.

The „pizza effect“ of a packraft is now past.

The Packraft of Rob Fin don't lose speed if you paddle through waves, boiling water or the eddy line. Surfing, Boofing and riding a hole is now playfully possible, was increased the fun factor.

The desing is a matter of taste and irrelevant to paddling.

The equipment is simple but extremely functional.

The thigh straps, the footrest and the backrest can be individually adapted to the respective needs and body size with a few simple steps.

The thigh straps can be pulled very tight and remain locked until you release them yourself, this system could be only improved by a third attachment.

The backrest is comfortable and give the necessary support.

It is the first Packraft with a functional footrest that gives you the necessary support because it is consist of a belt instead of a soft air cushion. It can only a bit optimized by mounting it higher.

No manufacturer hase dared to do up to now:

By attaching a transversely tensioned belt the paddling characteristics can be changed (more challenging), what makes the Packraft even more interesting.

The boat can be led from the hip. It reacts to every paddle stroke, has a nice boof quality and get less stucked in a backwash. It gives you a direct feedback, which helps you to improve your paddling technique.

This boat also differs from the conventional ones in the choice of material. It is made out of stronger and robust material and therefore less sensitive for holes, but also a litte heavier 6 kg.

Unfortunately there is no pump bag, but comes with a small pump. A zippered boat can be converted into a backpack in a few simple steps. With its three- champer system, it is the safest packraft on the market.

The price is arround 800€ therefore more than fair and one of the cheapest.

For the manufacturer care about the right size for every single person thats why its offered in four sizes (S Junior, M, L, XL) and a also a packraft for two persons.

Okay, it cannot win the competition in its pack size, but it can be rolled smal enough.

For every paddler who place more value of paddling characteristics and the fun, therefore like to cope with a carrying weight of 1 to 2 kg more, this boat is very well advised.