

Chatham 17



NECKY KAYAKS



Atlantic Kayak Tours Says: The newest kayak in the Necky Chatham series. The Chatham 17 has more speed than the Chatham 16 and more stability than the Chatham 18. If you are interested in any of the Chatham line of kayaks, you owe it to yourself to test paddle the Chatham 17. It will be the best of the Chatham kayaks for many paddlers.

The Chathams are good looking kayak with great features and limited number of negative items. It is hard to beat a Necky Chatham made in Advanced Composite. The front hatch is very low, which gives the Chathams low windage, but makes them harder to pack and reduces their storage. Another inch of height at the front hatch would give all the Chathams more and easier storage and a dryer ride in rough conditions. Like everything in kayak design it is a compromise. The Chathams are great additions to the sea kayaking market. If you fit these kayak, they should be on your short list. The Chatham 17 should appeal to kayakers who like the NDK Romany or the VCP Avocet, but want a faster kayak. Make sure you also read the information about the Chatham 16 and Chatham 18. While these kayaks are similar, we have different information on each page.

Necky Kayaks Says: The flowing lines of the Chatham series are inspired by classic Greenland designs. The 17 is built to minimize windage, have great maneuverability and superb rough water performance. The hull has a very full chine, which provides great stability for a boat of this beam and quick response to edging and lean turns. Volume in the bow is carried well forward ensuring good resurfacing characteristics when riding wind waves or punching surf. A drop skeg, three bulkheads and waterproof VCP hatches complete the package. This boat truly excels at coastal exploration through surf zones, rock gardens and convoluted "tide rips". Composite construction is considerably lighter and much stiffer than the poly model.

Necky Chatham 17 Standard Equipment

Material: Plastic, Fiberglass, Advanced Composite	Front Hatch: 16"x9", Rear Hatch: 16"x9", Day Hatch 7.5"
Three Watertight fiberglass bulkheads, VCP Hatches	Length: 17', 1.5", Width: 21"
Day Hatch and Compass recess	Cockpit: 31" x 15"
Recessed deck fittings for deck lines and bungee cords	Weight - Polyethylene 63, Fiberglass: 50Lbs., Advanced Composite: 46Lbs.
Adjustable Thigh Braces and Hip Pads	2007 MSRP
Backband with Forward Ratchet Seat Adjustment	Polyethylene \$1,699
Low Deck Profile for Reduced Windage	Fiberglass \$2,999
Yakima foot braces	Advanced Composite \$3,699
Retractable Skeg ("Necky Wire"; Self-Healing, Kink-Free)	