

Chatham 18



NECKY KAYAKS



Atlantic Kayak Tours Says: When we first saw the Chatham, we were impressed. After 20 years of kayaking we don't get impressed by many new kayaks. The Chatham line of kayaks is our favorite Necky design and people looking to purchase a kayak should test paddle these boats. Chatham is a new Necky kayak that is available as the Chatham 16 (16' 5"), Chatham 17 (17' 1.5") and Chatham 18 (17' 9"), with the 16 and 17 available in both composite and plastic. The Chatham line is a very different kayak for Necky Kayaks. The hull has a flat bottom with semi-hard chines giving it a narrow, but stable design. The outfitting on the Chatham is outstanding. Necky took their whitewater outfitting and put it in the Chatham line. The backband is easily adjustable from the cockpit and the thigh supports can be moved fore/aft and even tilted. Everyone says a kayak should fit like a glove, but now Necky has a line of boats that will fit many paddlers perfectly. The hip pads can be removed or thickened by adding additional foam behind the pads with only two screws. More detailed information is on the website.

The Chatham 18 should appeal to kayakers who like the NDK Explorer or the VCP Aquanaut.

Necky Kayaks Says: At close to 18' in length and with a very narrow beam, the Chatham 18 is an extremely capable "passage-maker" with a good turn of speed, great seaworthiness and surprising stability for such a slender craft. While still very nimble, the 18 is somewhat stiffer tracking and a little less maneuverable than her shorter sister, the 16. Minimal windage and a drop skeg result in good directional stability even in high winds and big seas. Three bulkheads and VCP rubber hatches provide decent cargo space for expedition work. The snug cockpit and adjustable outfitting afford a superb interface between paddler and boat.

Necky Chatham 18 Standard Equipment

Material: Fiberglass, Advanced Composite	Retractable Skeg ("Necky Wire"; Self-Healing, Kink-Free)
Three Watertight fiberglass bulkheads, VCP Hatches	Front Hatch: 16"x9", Rear Hatch: 16"x9", Day Hatch 7.5"
Day Hatch and Compass recess	Length: 17', 9", Width: 20"
Recessed deck fittings for deck lines and bungee cords	Cockpit: 31" x 15"
Adjustable Thigh Braces and Hip Pads	Weight - Fiberglass: 51Lbs., Advanced Composite: 47Lbs.
Backband with Forward Ratchet Seat Adjustment	2007 MSRP
Low Deck Profile for Reduced Windage	Fiberglass \$2,999
Yakima foot braces	Advanced Composite \$3,699
