

# Anas Acuta

Valley Canoe Products (VCP)

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**Atlantic Kayak Tours Says:** Four staff members from Atlantic Kayak Tours call the Anas Acuta their main kayak. Low volume, hard chined, rockered hull makes the Anas Acuta a playful kayak to paddle. The rougher the water, the better the Anas Acuta performs. On flat water the rocker slows the Anas Acuta down, but the maneuverability keeps it fun in all conditions. The low deck is great in high winds and breaking waves. Good for small to mid sized paddlers. Most paddlers will choose a skeg, but that does add additional weight and cost. The skeg also reduces the limited storage this kayak has. Many of our staff don't have a skeg and don't have any problems. The Anas Acuta is the oldest composite kayak on the market. It has a small but very loyal following. If you fit the Anas Acuta and have decent paddling skills you owe it to yourself to paddle this extraordinary kayak. The hard chines gives the Anas Acuta mostly flat surfaces on the hull, which allows for ease of repairs.

**VCP Says:** The Anas Acuta has a hard chined hull, in true Eskimo tradition, which gives higher static lateral stability (i.e., it feels very stable when just sitting in the water) and has a lower hull profile than the Nordkapp. The low windage of this boat is absolutely remarkable. It appeals to an adventuresome breed of kayaker who want a sea kayak for playing in surf, reflecting waves, etc. and is not concerned so much with storage capacity.

The Anas Acuta is a sea kayak with a pedigree. It was designed by Geoff Blackford based on drawings of a centuries-old design from the West Greenland village of Igdlorsuit. It is a narrow boat but it has a hard-chine hull, in true Inuit style which gives it high lateral stability. Its low profile means a very low windage factor, but this of course means less stowage space than in many kayaks. The Anas Acuta has considerable rocker, which together with its light weight, makes it an ideal boat for those adventurous kayakers who use the ocean waves, surf, rock gardens and sea caves as their playgrounds. The Anas Acuta also appeals to those paddlers who are happy to carry a minimum amount of equipment and thus retain sporty characteristics in a cruising kayak. For extended journeys, many people have a retractable skeg fitted to make light work of longer crossings, where cross-winds may be troublesome. VCP kayaks, including the Anas Acuta, are distinguished by their high quality, durable construction and a wide range of equipment options-setting them ahead of the rest.



## Anas Acuta Standard Equipment

Heavy-duty diolene reinforced construction  
Outside fiberglass seams  
Three Watertight fiberglass bulkheads  
Watertight VCP hatches (two round 7.5" and oval 16 x 9")  
Recessed deck fittings with deck lines and bungee cords  
Compass recess, Yakima foot braces  
Dimensions: 17'2" long and 20.5" wide, Cockpit 20" x 15.5"  
Weight: 52 Pounds

## 2007 MSRP

Fiberglass with Skeg \$3,225  
Pro Kevlar with Skeg \$3,799, Ultra Kevlar \$4,599

## Anas Acuta Optional Equipment

Henderson deck pump (mounted fore or aft)  
Retractable Skeg  
Customized positions of bulkheads  
Keel Strip  
Custom Reinforcement  
Silva 70 P Compass  
Compass Light  
Foot Pump  
Knee Tube  
Sectional boat (for air travel)  
Towing Rig

# Review Information

How many times have you paddled this kayak? \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Conditions you tested the kayak in (wind, sea state)? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you like best about this kayak? \_\_\_\_\_

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What did you not like about this kayak? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Performance

How is the initial stability?

Low ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Rock solid

How is the secondary stability?

Low ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Rock solid

How is the tracking?

Turns easy ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Tracks well

How is the overall speed?

Slow ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Fast

## Fit

How comfortable is the boat?

It hurts ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Could sit in it all day

How is the body to boat fit?

Sloppy ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Like a glove

How is the foot room?

Crunched ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Can wear Mukluk boots

## Safety

How easy is this kayak to group rescue?

Almost impossible ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Easy

How easy is this kayak to self rescue?

Almost impossible ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Easy

How easy is this kayak to Eskimo roll?

Hard ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Almost self rolling

How easy is this kayak to tow from?

Almost impossible ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Easy

Does the kayak have full deck lines & end toggles? No ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Yes

Does this kayak have all the needed safety features? \_\_\_\_\_ No ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Yes

## Features

Visual Appeal

Blah ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Sexy

Does it hold enough gear for my use?

No enough storage ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Can take the kitchen sink

Are the hatches dry enough for your use?

Too Wet ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Totally Dry

How is the quality of this kayak?

Poor ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Great

How is the weight of this kayak?

Too heavy ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Light enough

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_