

Aquanaut RM

Valley Canoe Products (VCP)

VALLEY



Atlantic Kayak Tours Says: The Aquanaut RM is based on, but slightly different from the composite Aquanaut. It is a fast, good-tracking, plastic kayak with all the outfitting you would expect on a fiberglass sea kayak. It's longer than the Avocet RM, which gives the Aquanaut RM extra speed, but less maneuverability (always a trade off). It is shorter than the composite Aquanaut (17' vs 17' 8") and has a slightly different hull shape making the Aquanaut RM slower than the composite version, but faster than the Avocet. Like the Aquanaut and Avocet the Aquanaut RM has great secondary stability, allowing it to turn easy with a slight edge.

The new adjustable thigh braces are a great step in the right direction for Valley. It is also the first Valley single kayak to come standard ready for a rudder.

Valley now uses a three layer plastic, giving their boats a stiffer hull which translates to more speed and less hull deformation. As with any three part plastic, the outer layer is thin allowing small dents and requiring a bit more care. The bottom line is that the Aquanaut RM is fast for a plastic kayak, fits larger paddlers than the Avocet and might replace the Avocet RM as the closest plastic kayak to being a perfect sea kayak.

VCP Says: The Aquanaut RM is the plastic version of the popular composite Aquanaut. This is a high performance expedition kayak allowing for a generous amount of gear and fits a medium to large size paddler (170-210 lbs). The kayak is equipped with three watertight VCP hatches, three integral bulkheads, cable operated retractable skeg system, deck lines and bungees (installed using recessed deck fittings), compass recess accommodating Brunton 70P, a wide comfortable backstrap, as well as Yakima footbraces and adjustable thigh braces. The kayak is built with a standard keyhole cockpit. The integrity of bulkheads and hatches is guaranteed for life by the manufacturer for the first owner of the kayak.

Aquanaut RM Standard Equipment

- Polyethylene construction
- Retractable Skeg
- Three Watertight welded bulkheads
- Watertight VCP hatches
- Recessed deck fittings
- Deck lines and bungee cords
- Compass recess
- Yakima foot braces

Aquanaut RM Optional Equipment

- Silva 70 P Compass
- Compass Light
- Rudder

Specifications

- Length: 17'
- Width: 21.5"
- Depth: 13"

Cockpit

Length: 29.5", Width: 16"

Hatches

Front & Rear: VCP Oval 16 x 9". Day: VCP Round 7.5"

Weight

Approximately 65 lbs

2007 MSRP

With skeg \$1,725