AlterEgo I & II Tips & Tricks

ALWAYS WEAR A GOVERNMENT APPROVED FLOATATION DEVISE.
KNOW YOUR PHYSICAL ABILITY AND THE LIMITS OF YOUR EQUIPMENT!

INFLATION:
1. Unroll the boat on a smooth surface.
2. Attach the skeg(if desired) to the bottom of the boat by folding the hull. The skeg cannot be installed once the kayak in fully inflated.
3. Remove the cap from the valve on a chamber of the boat.
4. Push and turn the valve stem 1/4 turn to the left. This positions the valve stem in the up or closed position. Having the valve stem in the closed position allows air to be pumped into the chamber and will prevent the air from escaping.
5. Insert the pump hose/adapter into the valve on the boat.
6. Inflate the boat chamber to a very soft pressure.
7. Repeat procedure for the other chamber.
8. Place the boat's floor inside the boat with the foot braces in front and position so the floor lines-up with the bailing holes. When correctly aligned, completely inflate the floor making sure it fits snuggly at the base of the side tubes. Tighten straps to secure the floor to the boat.
9. Once all chambers are softly inflated, top off all chambers to 2.5 psi with a hand pump. The floor can be inflated to 7 psi.

If you do not have a pump gauge to check boat pressure, push down with your finger at the center of the tube, if you can deflect approximately half an inch from the top plane of the chamber it will be close to 2.5 psi.

DRAIN VALVES

The AlterEgo I and II come equipped with 8 or 12 removable drain valves respectively. These drain valves allow your kayak to be paddled dry in flat water conditions and as a self-bailing boat in whitewater.
- When opening the valves it is often easiest to push the valve cap open from the bottom of the boat. In cold weather conditions the valves can become rigid. Allow the boat to warm in the sun before opening the valves.
- If using the AlterEgo primarily as a whitewater boat you can clip off and store the valve caps to increase the speed and efficiency of the self-bailing feature.