

# WELCOME!

Thank you for choosing a Pelican fishing boat. This craft was built according to stringent quality standards and with our 40 years of acquired expertise. We hope your experience with our product will be pleasant and rewarding. Please take some time to read the content of this manual so that you may draw maximum satisfaction from the product. We believe Pelican fishing boats offer incomparable value.

We hope that you will take full advantage of your recent purchase.

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#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Model		
Date of Purchase		
Dealer Name		
Registration No.		
Province/State		
Model No.		
Serial No. (ZEP)		

# HOW TO LOCATE THE SERIAL NUMBER OF YOUR CRAFT

The serial number is located on the outside of the hull in the back right-hand corner. The number starts with ZEP and is twelve (12) digits long. *Example: ZEP12345A678* 





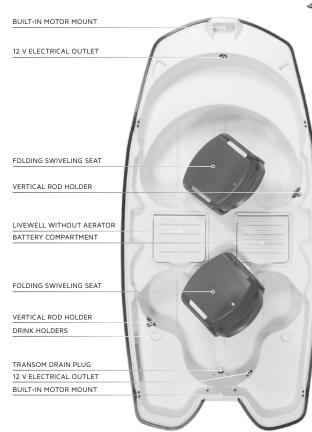
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# YOUR FISHING BOAT

### **MODEL SHOWN: PREDATOR 103**

Take some time to learn about the various components of your fishing boat.

Note: Not all models include or come equipped with all of the parts shown.





# **GETTING STARTED**

Please read all the instructions in this owner's manual. Keep this manual in a safe place for future reference if necessary. The manual consists of:

#### 1. Important information

There is a space provided at the beginning of the manual to record important information about your boat (page 2). This information will come in handy if you need to contact our customer service department.

#### 2. Warranty registration card

As outlined in the warranty section (page 9), you can register your warranty online at our website (www.pelicansport.com) or by mail by filling out and returning the registration card. You can find the registration card in the center of this manual. (page 11).

#### 3. Manufacturer's Declaration of Origin

Certain governments require a Manufacturer's Declaration of Origin to complete the registration. The declaration is located in the center of this manual (page 10).

### MATERIALS/MANUFACTURING

Your boat is made of Ram-X<sup>™</sup>. Its great flexibility offers exceptional shock resistance. This flexibility increases with heat or with the craft's prolonged exposure to the sun but may also slightly warp the hull. The warping disappears when the hull cools and never affects the craft's performance.



Ram-X<sup>TM</sup> is a superior material that was developed and registered in 1978. It quickly became the benchmark of quality in the industry thanks to its shock resistance and ability to regain its initial shape following an impact. Widely hailed by consumers, Ram-X<sup>TM</sup> is a step above other materials used in the industry.

# ABOUT YOUR FISHING BOAT

- There is a capacity sticker on every boat. These capacity ratings should be respected at all times for your safety and security.
- Sturdy polystyrene foam blocks are located between the hulls for optimum safety. Do not remove them as they are for extra flotation.
- Some larger boat models have wood reinforcement between the deck and hull, and all boats are reinforced with wood at the bow and stern, to provide you with the support required in a small fishing boat.
- All fasteners or mounting hardware are either made of stainless steel or anodized aluminum.
- Always distribute weight evenly when using the boat in order to attain the highest performance.

## TRANSPORTATION

- Do not use handles to secure boat for transport.
- \* We recommend a bunk trailer as keel rollers could eventually dent the hull.
- Respect the load recommendations that the trailer is built for.
- Your boat is very light so be sure to calculate total weight of motor if applicable plus boat, plus gear, before trailering to avoid any unnecessary bouncing of your boat on larger trailers.
- . Ensure that boat is properly secured to trailer.
- Remove swivel seats, livewell and battery compartments, and any other accessories before trailering to avoid loss or damage.

# **PRE-LAUNCH CHECKLIST**

- Transom drain plug securely in place.
- All other drain plugs are securely in place.
- All passengers must wear an approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD). Insist that children wear a certified Personal Flotation Device that is the right size.
- Emergency paddle(s) or oar(s) are on board.
- There is enough fuel aboard.
- Motor(s) and battery are in good order.
- No condensation has accumulated between hull and deck.
- There is an emergency kit (extinguisher, horn, extra fuses, first aid kit, etc.) aboard.
- All weight is properly distributed.
- \* Check that all accessories are properly installed.
- Ensure that you have one bouyant heaving line at least 15m (49'3") long and one bailer or manual bilge pump.
- If boat is equipped with a motor, ensure you have one watertight flashlight or three type A, B or C flares.
- Ensure that the boat has navigation lights if it is operated after sunset, before sunrise or in periods of restricted visibility.

# LAUNCHING PROCEDURE

#### Make sure that:

- All drain plugs (especially the rear drain plug) are securely in place.
- All straps or tie-downs have been removed.
- Outboard motor has been tilted upwards before sliding boat off of trailer.
- You step into the center of the boat when boarding, to assure the boat remains stable (never board by stepping onto the rubrail).
- Never drag over rocks or sharp objects as this could damage the hull.
- \* Always wear a certified Personal Flotation Device (PFD).

# MOORING/DOCKING

- \* Always moor the boat away from rocks and sharp objects.
- Make sure the motor is raised.
- Always moor in water sufficiently deep to avoid damaging the hull.
- Never moor the boat against a dock that is not equipped with hull-protecting bumpers



# TRIM ADJUSTMENTS

- Different load conditions may require different trim angle settings. When the drive unit (propeller) is closet to the transom, it will tend to push the bow down when power is applied. If the bow digs excessively into the water, shift some of the weight to the stern and/or move the propeller further away from the transom. On the contrary, if the propeller is too far from the transom, the bow will rise excessively when power is applied. In this case, move some weight forward in the boat and/or bring the propeller closer to the transom.
- Performance depends on the relation between proper weight distribution, trim angle and engine horsepower.

# STORAGE

#### Short Term

- \* Insert weather caps in the bow and stern trolling motor sockets.
- Boat equipped with a navigational stern light; insert a weather cap in the light base.

#### Long term

- Pull the boat out of water.
- Remove the drain plugs and stand the boat on its bow to remove any water accumulation.
- Remove motor, fuel tank(s), battery, swivel seats, cushions, oars or paddles and all other accessories, empty livewell completely and store these pieces properly.
- \* Set the boat upside down on a level ground.
- Cover the boat with a tarp or canvas.
- Never store the boat on sawhorses or comparable supports.
- Avoid prolonged, unnecessary exposure to the sun, as this may damage the boat cosmetics.





# CARE AND MAINTENANCE

The best way to clean your boat is to wash it with lukewarm water and mild soap. Do not use harsh abrasives. Regular cleaning will keep your boat looking like new. Never attempt to paint the boat because it will not stick to the hull.

#### Models equipped with aerator pump (livewell):

- The removable pump sits at the bottom of the livewell on a removable filter which in turn is snapped onto the base. To access the pump and clean the filter simply twist the filter ¼ turn counterclockwise. The filter will snap out of the base and expose both the filter and the pump for servicing and cleaning. To reassemble, align filter with base and twist the filter ¼ turn clockwise to snap in place.
- Check to make sure the butt connectors for the wire that leads to the pump are up and out of water.

#### CAUTION

Some water may accumulate between the hull and deck due to rain, extended wave action, or condensation. This is not a defect. To drain, remove the drain plug (located at the bow under the rubrail) and tip the boat on its bow.



# TROUBLESHOOTING

#### Model equipped with livewell only:

Livewell pump does not work.

- Check that the wires are connected properly and securely.
- · Check the fuse(s).
- · Check the battery connections.
- · Check if the battery is dead.

#### All models:

Accessories plugged into the bow and/or stern sockets do not work.

- Make sure the accessory is plugged correctly.
- Check the fuse(s).
- Check the battery connections.
- · Check if the battery is dead.
- \* Check if the accessory is functioning properly. Check if the battery is dead.

#### The boat will not drain:

Accessories plugged into the bow and/or stern sockets do not work.

# SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

# $\triangle$ warning

We suggest that you read the information below before using the boat. Failure to follow the warnings/precautions below may lead to serious injury or death.

#### 1. Weather and water conditions

Check the weather and water conditions before you go boating. Your boat is designed to be used only in sheltered waters, lakes, and slow moving streams. It is not designed for whitewater use. Never go paddling in severe winds, rain, thunderstorms, choppy waters, strong currents, flood waters, or where tides will seriously affect your ability to steer the boat or return to shore.

#### 2. Every passenger should always wear a Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) when using this boat.

Before going boating, read the PFD manufacturer's information pamphlet regarding the PFD and thoroughly familiarize yourself with how the PFD is to be worn.

 Never use or consume alcohol, drugs, or any other substance that may affect your coordination, judgment or ability to safely operate the boat.

#### 4. Sound device

The Coast Guard requires boaters to have a means of signalling other boaters of their presence. You should keep a sound device in the boat with you at all times. If possible, attach the sound device to your Personal Flotation Device.

#### 5. Never stand up in the boat

Standing up in the boat may cause it to capsize. If the boat should capsize, please note that, in most cases, it is far more dangerous to attempt to swim to shore than to stay with the boat.

#### 6. Never exceed your ability

Honestly assess your physical capability as to how far and how long you can paddle and swim.

#### 7. Slippery when wet

The hull material is extremely slick when wet. Always wear slip-resistant shoes and stay in the center of the boat.

#### 8. Hypothermia

Boating accidents in cold water are very dangerous. Hypothermia, the loss of body heat due to immersion in cold water, can be deadly. Survival time can be as short as 15 minutes in 35°F (2°C) water. Dress appropriately for weather conditions, wearing a wet or dry suit if necessary.

#### 9. Never paddle alone

It is best to have someone with you in case of an emergency or accident. Also, always tell someone your boating plans, including where you are going, how long you'll be gone, and how many people you'll be with.

#### 10. Never allow minors to use this boat without adult supervision.

# 11. Always familiarize yourself with the body of water where you will be paddling.

Learn what hours boating is permitted, whether there are any known hazardous conditions, and where you can get help quickly in case of emergency or accident.

#### Always abide by all Coast Guard regulations and State and local laws, regulations, ordinances, and rules concerning boating and boating safety.

Check with the Coast Guard and State and local authorities concerning proper boat handling and the proper equipment to be carried on board, such as lights and sound-producing devices.

#### 13. Drain plugs

Check that the drain plug(s) of the boat is (are) securely in place before launching the boat. You should drain the space between the deck and the hull of any water accumulated through condensation or seepage.

#### 14. Motor

Never use a motor larger than rated on capacity tag displayed on the boat. Follow instructions that come with motor. Handle gasoline with extreme care. Avoid sudden maneuvers which could cause loss of control, and capsizing, or passengers to fall from the boat.

#### 15. Weight capacity

Review the passenger and weight capacity limitations. Ensure the loading will be within these limits. Proper distribution of weight is necessary to ensure proper balance (trim) and performance. Each boat has capacity tag clearly displayed on the craft.

### 16. Emergency paddle(s)

Always bring an emergency paddle or oar on board.

## **EXTENDED LIMITED WARRANTY**



Your boat is built of superior materials and in accordance to stringent quality standards. With adequate maintenance, it will give you years of reliable use. But as with most products, it is subject to wear and tear. If you eventually need replacement parts, technical assistance or product/service information, please contact our Customer Service Department (1-800-463-6960), having ready at hand the product's model name and serial number ZEP, as well as the date and place of purchase.

The present warranty is only valid if the original buyer registered the warranty within the thirty (30) day period immediately following he date of purchase. Registration can be done either electronically via our website (www.pelicansport.com), or by completing and returning the accompanying registration card (page 11).

# Pelican International Inc.'s warranty is valid only if the product is used for its intended purposes and for which it was designed.

Product component parts and accessories are warranted for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase against defects in workmanship and/or materials. The hull and deck are warranted for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase against defects in workmanship and/or materials and suitable for its intended purpose. Only by returning your warranty and registration card on time will you extend your hull and deck warranty to two (2) years.

# THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER:

- Boats used for rental or other commercial use
- Products that have been damaged by negligence, misuse or accident, or wear due to owner's failure to provide reasonable and necessary maintenance
- · Products which have been modified or repaired by unauthorized persons
- Change in appearance of boat due to wear, exposure or any other environmental condition

During the warranty period Pelican International Inc. is obliged only to repair or replace, at its discretion, the above mentioned parts, at either its manufacturing plant, or at an authorized dealer store or service center, as decided by Pelican International Inc. Transportation costs back to the appointed place of repair or replacement are at the expense of the consumer. Pelican is not responsible for any damages incurred in transport, for storing or transportation fees, nor for inconvenience or loss of time or money while repairs are being made.

Any return or repair of boats must be accompanied by an authorization number obtained by your dealer and which can only be issued by calling Pelican's Customer Service Department between 9 am and 5 pm Eastern Standard Time at 1-800-463-6960. The return of any Pelican boat will not be accepted by Pelican International Inc. without this authorization number.

This warranty is the sole and exclusive warranty by Pelican International Inc. in connection with its above mentioned boats and Pelican International Inc. makes no warranties or representations, expressed or implied (including warranties of merchantability and of fitness for a particular purpose) in such connection except as specifically set in this warranty.

All incidental and/or consequential damages are excluded from this warranty. Implied warranties are limited to the life of this warranty. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts or the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you. This warranty gives you special legal rights, and you may also have other legal rights which may vary from state to state.

# MANUFACTURER'S DECLARATION OF ORIGIN

The manufacturer further certifies that this was the first transfer of said new boat in ordinary trade and commerce, and that all information given herein is true and accurate to the best of his knowledge.

Name of manufacturer: Pelican International Inc., 1000 Place Paul-Kane, Laval (Quebec) Canada H7C 2T2

Authorized by:

Christian Elie, President

# FISHING BOAT DESCRIPTION

Serial number: ZEP
Model year:
Model name:
Length:



# IMPORTANT

To validate the warranty, proceed to its registration within the thirty (30) days immediately following the product's purchase date. Registration can be done electronically via our website (www.pelicansport.com).

You can also complete and return the present registration card to the following address:

Customer Service, Pelican International Inc. 1000 Place Paul-Kane Laval (Quebec) Canada H7C 2T2

# WARRANTY REGISTRATION CARD



Product registration -

Date of Purchase:	Model:	Serial number: ZEP
Dealer/Store Name:		
Dealer/Store Address:		
State/Province:	Zip/Postal Code:	Country:
Mr Mrs Ms		
Surname:	Name:	
Address:		
State/Province:	Zip/Postal Code:	Country:
Telephone Number: ( )	E-Mail:	

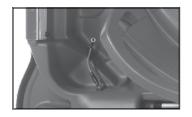
# **OUTFITTING AND FEATURES**

Learn more about some of the key features of your fishing boat. Note: Not all models include or come equipped with all parts shown.



#### FOLDING AND SWIVELING SEAT

This comfortable seat allows unlimited casting angles with its  $360^\circ$  rotation. Convenient "fold and lock" seat back makes it easy to carry and store.



#### PREWIRED FOR ELECTRIC MOTOR

Avoid messy wires and complicated installation. Our prewired boats offer a neat and easy solution for adding a trolling motor or fish finder.





#### VERTICAL ROD HOLDERS

The perfect place to store and position fishing rods. Can be used for trolling or multi-rod fishing.

