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Water Sports can be safe and fun. This Operators manual is designed to increase your knowledge of the banana boat / water sled product. It should also make you aware of the potentially dangerous conditions that can be found with any water sports.
Warning

USE OF THIS PRODUCT AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS SPORT INVOLVES INHERENT RISKS OF INJURY OR DEATH.

Notice! – Release of Liability, Claim Waiver, and Assumption of Risk Agreement

By opening and assembling this product, you are agreeing (1) to be bound to the terms set forth below and (2) to require anyone using this product to be bound by such terms. If you are unwilling to be bound by these terms, return this product (unopened) for a full refund.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: Use of this product and any of its components involves certain inherent risks, dangers, and hazards which can result in serious personal injury and death. In using the product, you freely agree to assume and accept any and all known and unknown risks of injury while using this equipment. The risks inherent in the sport can be greatly reduced by abiding by the Warning Guidelines listed in this Owner’s Manual and by using common sense.

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS AGREEMENT: In consideration of the sale of the product to you, you hereby agree to the fullest extent permitted by law as follows:

TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS that you have or may in the future have against Neoprene Distributors International, DBA Aqua Sports Technology Inc., including its distributors and dealers, resulting from use of this product and any of its components.

TO RELEASE Neoprene Distributors International, DBA Aqua Sports Technology, Inc. from any and all liability for any loss, damage, injury, or expense that you or any users of this product may suffer, or that your next of kin may suffer, as a result of the use of this product, due to any cause whatsoever, including negligence or breach of contract on the part of Neoprene Distributors International, DBA Aqua Sports Technology, Inc. in the design or manufacture of this product and any of its components.

ARBITRATION: In further consideration of the sale to you of this product and any of its components, you hereby agree to submit to binding arbitration any and all claims which you believe you may have against Neoprene Distributors International, DBA Aqua Sports Technology arising from the use of any Neoprene Distributors International, DBA Aqua Sports Technology equipment or products. The arbitration shall be pursuant to the rules of the American Arbitration Association. Arbitration shall be commenced within (1) year from the date on which any alleged claim first arose. Further, the arbitration shall be held in White Salmon, Washington unless otherwise mutually agreed to by all parties. The submission to the American Arbitration Association shall be unlimited and the arbitration award may be enforced by any Court of competent jurisdiction.

BINDING EFFECT OF AGREEMENT: In the event of your death or incapacity this Agreement shall be effective and binding upon your heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns, and representatives.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT: In entering into this Agreement, you are not relying upon any oral or written representations other than what is set forth in this agreement and the Neoprene Distributors International, DBA Aqua Sports Technology Owner’s Manual.
1. Anyone planning to tow the banana boat must review Owner’s Manual before use

2. Use ¾ inch tow rope that is 50 – 75 feet in length and at least 3500 pounds tensile strength.

3. Each banana boat is designed to carry passengers weighing no more than 150 pounds per seat/handle.

3-Passenger Banana Boat – 450 pounds
   Tow rope – 3,500 avg. tensile strength

5-Passenger Banana Boat – 750 pounds
   Tow rope – 4,900 avg. tensile strength

6-Passenger Banana Boat – 900 pounds
   Tow rope – 6,000 avg. tensile strength

8-Passenger Banana Boat – 1200 pounds
   Tow rope – 6,000 avg. tensile strength

10-Passenger Banana Boat – 1500 pounds
   Tow rope – 6,000 avg. tensile strength

12-Passenger Banana Taxi – 1800 pounds
   Tow rope – 6,000 avg. tensile strength
INSTRUCTIONS AND SAFETY WARNINGS

To reduce the risk of potential injury or death when using the banana boat towable, follow these instructions and guidelines:

- Read this manual carefully before using the banana boat / water sled.
- Do not use while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Banana boat water sleds should NOT be used by non-swimmers. Riders should stop when they are tired and be in good physical condition and ride cautiously when on the banana boat.
- No more than one rider per handle. Do not exceed recommended number of riders for your banana boat.
- Capitan’s or boat drivers should NEVER try to dump riders or tip over the banana boat water sled.
- Driver towing banana boat should not exceed speed of 15mph. Driver is responsible for the banana boat riders since the tube cannot be steered operated by the riders of the banana boat.
- Do not attach a rider to a sled. Never wedge hands or feet into the strapping of the tow rope or tie on to handles.
- With multiple passengers be safe and be sure to avoid passengers colliding with each other.
- Do not use near shore or near obstacles such as docks, pilings, or other boats, swimmers or in restricted areas.
- Be sure to survey the area where you will be towing your riders to avoid any obstacles.
- Do not attempt dangerous tricks or stunts while riding the banana boat water sled.
- **Check your equipment before use.** Check connectors and rope for frays, cuts, sharp edges, knots or wear. Replace rope if it shows any sign of wear i.e.) discoloration, fraying, or unraveling.
• Do NOT use any tow rope with bungee or elastic to pull riders.

• Use high quality ¾ inch or thicker tow rope when towing the banana boat water sled.

• The rope will experience different stress depending on weight of the riders, design of the boat, and size of the banana boat.

• Rope is subject to wear. When the rope is in heat and direct sunlight it can add additional wear to the boat. It is best to store the boat out of the direct sunlight when not in operation.

• Never attach anything to the banana boat that are not supplied by Island Hopper.

• USE COMMON SENSE WHEN OPERATING AND USING THE BANANA BOAT WATER SLED.

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- Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard Type III (PFD) vest.
- *This is not a personal floatation device.*
- Boat speed should not exceed of 15 MPH.
- Do not use while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- All children riding on banana boat must be under adult supervision at all times.
- Never place any body parts through handles or towing harness. Be sure tow rope is always clear of all body parts before towing the banana boat.
- Riders should keep feet out of the water.
- Always have an additional person on the boat to watch the riders. Be sure to use a flag to notify if any riders are in the water.
- Captains or boat drivers should NEVER try to dump riders or tip over banana boat water sled.
- If a rider does fall in the water – stop the boat immediately and be sure the rider gets back on the banana boat safely
- Do not use near shore or near obstacles such as docks, pilings, or other boats, swimmers or in restricted areas.
- No more than one rider per handle. Do not exceed recommended number of riders for your banana boat.
- Be sure anyone planning to tow banana boat reviews the Owner’s Manual
WATER SPORTS SAFETY CODE

Water sports are fun and challenging but involve inherent risks of injury or death. To increase your enjoyment of the sport and to reduce your risks, use common sense and follow these guidelines:

Familiarize yourself with all applicable federal, state and local laws, the risks inherent in the sport and the proper use of equipment.

Know the waterways and always have a person other than the boat driver as an observer.

The rider, observer, and driver should agree on hand signals.

Never start out until the rider signals that they are ready.

Always use caution and common sense.

Regarding your equipment and your towrope:

Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard Type III (PFD) vest.

Inspect all equipment prior to use. Check inflation, ropers, and banana boat in general prior to each use and DO NOT USE if damaged.

Tow ropes stretch during use. If a rope breaks or is suddenly released, it can snap back striking boat occupants or the user which could result in injury or death.

Tow ropes should be attached to the boat in proper fashion. Please refer to the vessels manual for instructions on how to attach a tow rope to the boat.

Inspect rope before use and do not use tow rope if frayed, knotted or damaged. Use proper tow rope for the activity.

Use recommended ¾ inch or thicker tow rope.
Ensure rope is free from all body parts prior to starting out or during use.

Keep persons and ropes away from propeller when engine is running, even if in neutral. Should rope become entangled in propeller, SHUT OFF ENGINE AND REMOVE IGNITION KEY BEFORE RETRIEVING ROPE. Propellers are very sharp and can cut wet skin easily.

Before beginning to tow, be sure to remove slack in the rope. Sudden starts may cause injury to the rider or put stress on the rope and it may snap.

The driver and rider must be able to stop and avoid any upcoming obstacles.

Injuries can occur from falling off the banana boat.

There must be an additional person in the boat aside from the driver using a flag to signal if any rider falls off the banana boat.

Driver is to use caution approaching fallen rider(s) and be sure to keep fallen rider(s) in eye sight at all times. Place boat in neutral when near faller rider(s).

Turn boat engine OFF when people are getting in or out of the boat, or while they around are in the water. Beware of Carbon Monoxide poisoning if boat remains on.
**BANANA BOAT INFLATION**

**Inflating your banana boat**

To open the valve, simply push down the yellow-topped needle spring and turn to the right while in the down position. The needle spring will **stay down** and the **valve will be open**. You can then simply put any power inflator or Shop Vac up to this opening and fill the trampoline or banana until firm. Once it is firm, quickly remove the inflator and push down the needle spring and turn to the left - it will pop back up to the closed position.

![Valve components](image)

**TWO-PART VALVE**
Top screws into bottom half that is inside the tube.

**NEEDLE SPRING**

**VALVE ADAPTOR**
You can also use the supplied valve adaptor to help secure the power inflator to the opening.

**How much air is the right amount?**

In general, the banana boat or water trampoline is full when it is very firm. An adult should be able to sit on the tube and only sink a couple of inches. Banana boats need to be full of air and properly maintained for long product life. In order to properly inflate and maintain tubes, you must have the proper equipment.
**BANANA BOAT REPAIRS**

Use PVC adhesive found at your local marine store. We suggest Clifton Urethane adhesive. You can find the glue at [www.NRSWEB.com](http://www.NRSWEB.com) / item #1901.

Before you begin, make sure you are working in a well-ventilated area, climate controlled to at least 70 degrees. It is advised that you wear protective gloves when working with chemicals.

After you have done the repair to the tube, it must sit undisturbed for at least 24 hours. When making a repair, do not inflate tube to maximum capacity. It is recommended that the tube be semi-soft for all repairs.

**Repairing Holes in the Tube:**

1. Cut the patch larger than the area to be repaired. Be sure to round the corners of the patch. Use the patches enclosed with your banana boat or call Aqua Sports to receive the new patch material.
2. Place the patch over the area to be repaired, outline with a pen.
3. Wipe patch with clean towel. Using a clean towel, wipe area on the tube to be repaired.
4. Place one thin coat of glue on the patch and one thin coat of glue on the tube. WAIT 5 minutes.
5. Place patch on glued area
6. With dull instrument, starting at the center of the patch, gently smooth the patch in place, paying attention to all corners and sides of the patch.
7. Use Aqua Seal Urethane repair adhesive to outline patch to assure patch is sealed.
8. Remove any glue residue. Allow boat to sit for 24 hours. Don’t rush the drying.
9. Air up the tube and check for leaks.

**Repairing Leaks in Seam Area:**

If a seam is leaking, it is strongly suggested that you send your tube to a professional inflatable boat repair company for repairs. You can look online by using Google searching “inflatable boat repair” in your city or state to find a boat repair company. Most dealers of AVON or Zodiac boats or white water rafts will have the ability to repair the tube.

**TIP:** If you try to repair a small break in the seam, use the repair instructions above. Be sure you allow for the contour of the tube when letting the area dry. It is sometimes necessary to glue and set a section, and after it is dry move onto the next section along the contoured area.
BANANA BOAT STORAGE

Storing the banana boat after use:

1. Wipe down banana boat. If banana boat is dirty, clean with mild soap and water first then dry completely. DO NOT USE ARMORAL OR PRODUCTS CONTAINING PETROLEUM DISTILLATES.
2. Be sure the boat is dry before storing.
3. Fold pontoons in toward seated area on banana boat. Then fold banana boat in small squares. Place in a sealable plastic bin.
4. Store in a dry covered cool area. Note- storing in damp or humid areas area can cause glued areas such as seams and nose cones to separate. Avoid areas that have mice or rodents.
**Limited Warranty**

The limited warranty set forth below is given by Neoprene Distributors International DBA: Neoprene Distributors International, DBA Aqua Sports Technology with respect to the *ISLAND HOPPER* brand water sled / banana boat product purchased and used in the United States. *ISLAND HOPPER* water sled / banana boats (sleds) are warrantied against defects in materials and workmanship for a period of one year from the date of original purchase for recreational (family) use and 60 days for commercial users. (Examples of commercial users: Camps, beach ride business operations or any commercial business that uses the product to earn profit)

If you feel the product is defective, **DO NOT RETURN IT TO RETAILER.** Call our *ISLAND HOPPER* service representative at (530) 268-7310 to discuss warranty options or for instructions on repairing your sled. When returning a product under this limited warranty, a service representative must first issue a return authorization number. **Returned units not supported by a return authorization number will be refused.** If the product is proven to be defective upon inspection, the defective unit will be repaired or replaced and returned. The warranty period for any replacement part shall begin upon shipment, but shall in no event exceed the warranty period of the defective product. When returning any part under this limited warranty, you must pack the part in its original or similar carton with a copy of the bill of sale or purchase invoice. Please include a complete explanation of the problem. **Shipping charges, if any, must be prepaid.** Products or parts covered by this limited warranty will be returned to you without charge. This limited warranty covers all defects encountered in normal use of the product and **does not apply in the following cases:**

1. Loss or damage due to abuse, mishandling, alteration, accident, failure to follow operation instructions, poor maintenance or storage, over inflation or environmental conditions.
2. Warranty applies to manufacturing related defects. This warranty does not include air loss due to punctures or seam blowouts from over inflation or from expansion caused by exposure to excessive heat.
3. Warranty applies only to new sleds shipped in original carton.
4. No warranty will be honored for damage from storm or animals.
5. Wear and tear from normal use and weathering.
6. No other warranty applies except the above mentioned, nor can any be given by any person, firm or corporation without the expressed written consent of Neoprene Distributors International DBA:

USER ASSUMES ALL RISKS AND LIABILITY FOR LOSS, DAMAGE, OR INJURY TO YOU OR YOUR PROPERTY, AND TO OTHERS AND THEIR PROPERTY, ARISING OUT OF USE, MISUSE, OR INABILITY TO USE THE ISLAND HOPPER WATER SLED BANANA BOAT.
Warranty Registration

CONSUMER NAME:_________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS:________________________________________________________________________

CITY: ___________________________ STATE _______________ ZIP: ______________

DAY PHONE: ___________________ E-MAIL: ______________________________________

DATE OF PURCHASE: _______________ RETAILER: ___________________________________

LAKE OR AREA USED: ______________________________________________________________

WHY YOU DECIDED TO BUY THE PRODUCT FROM THIS RETAILER: ______________________________

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COMMENTS:

Complete, tear out, and mail this page to:

NDI INC.
ISLAND HOPPER REGISTRATION
11859 LAKESHORE NORTH
AUBURN, CA 95602

WARRANTY IS VOID IF NOT REGISTRED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF PURCHASE.
PROOF OF PURCHASE MAY BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN WARRANTY PARTS OR SERVICE.