



# GigBob

OWNER'S MANUAL

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Congratulations, you are the proud owner of a state-of-the-art fishing machine! The NRS GigBob is a unique, innovative craft that will bring you many years of angling pleasure.

In these pages, we'll give you instructions and tips on setting up and maintaining your GigBob. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact us at 800.635.5202 or send an email to [service@nrsweb.com](mailto:service@nrsweb.com).



## GigBob Assembly

**Step 1:** Remove the GigBob from the Carrying Case. It's best to lay the boat on a flat, open area so you can move around it without interference.

**Step 2:** Begin pumping air into the boat (see the Valves section for operating instruction). Only inflate it until the chambers have taken full shape but are not rigid. At this point, you will want to install the oar mount plates. The two parallel ribbed splines on either side of the GigBob are used to secure the oar mount plates. The plates slide on from the front or back; it's easier from the front. Start one of the ribbed splines in a track under the oar mount plate; then start the other side. Now, use a seesaw motion to position the plate.

Attach the oar mounts to the oar plates with the six bolts and washers provided. The large knurled nuts go on the bottom of the plates. Make sure you get these nuts as tight as possible, using only finger strength.

**Step 3:** If you're using the optional anchor system, install it now, before fully inflating the boat. The anchor mount plate can be installed from either side; put it on the same way you installed the oar mount plates. The anchor mount works most effectively when placed in the center of the boat.

**Step 4:** The GigBob is now ready to be fully inflated. Inflate the chambers to between 4 and 6 psi (pounds of pressure). This pressure in the top section gives the GigBob its frameless rigidity. We highly recommend buying a pressure gauge, like the K-Pump Kwik Check Gauge. This small investment eliminates any guesswork involved in the inflation process.

**Step 5:** Attach the accessories to the GigBob, starting with the seat. Clip the straps on the bottom of the seat to the D-rings under the front of the boat. Attach the straps on the back of the seat to the D-rings on the top of the deck. Once you have all four clips attached, sit down in the seat. Put your feet on the foot pegs, and with the oars in the oarlocks, adjust the seat so you are comfortable and able to maneuver the boat as you like. Once you have the seat where you want it, attach the gear bags – one on either side of the seat. Position them so they are easy to access while you are moving.

**Step 6:** Move the GigBob to the water's edge. Attach your anchor, slide the oars into the oar locks and you're ready for a day on the water!

The lower pontoons can easily be removed, so you can use the top deck as a kick boat. With the chambers at least partially deflated, simply slide the plastic battens out of the batten pockets. Inflate the top deck to full pressure. Don a pair of fins, and you're good to go. You have two boats for the price of one!

*Note: While the drop-stitch construction of the inflatable chambers withstands high pressure, you'll increase your GigBob's lifespan by keeping the pressure to 6 psi or less. A hot, sunny day can quickly boost pressure. Along with your pressure gauge, it's wise to bring along a top-off pump, like the K-Pump K-100 or K-40, to regulate your boat's pressure.*

## Valves

Your GigBob has top-quality Leaffield C-7 inflation/deflation valves. To inflate the chambers, push down on the spring-loaded stem, and turn it clockwise. This closes the valve seat. You can leave the valve closed when inflating; air pressure from your pump pushes the valve seat open, allowing air to enter. To deflate a chamber, push down on the valve stem, and turn it counterclockwise. This locks the valve open and allows air to escape. When operating your GigBob, keep the valve cap snugly closed to keep water and debris out of the valve opening.

If your valves are not airtight, it may be due to dirt or sand that has worked into the valve. Opening the valve on a fully inflated chamber often blows any debris off the valve seat. If the valve still leaks, cleaning the valve should solve this problem. First, deflate the chamber of the valve to be cleaned. Dip a cotton-tipped swab into 303 Protectant, and wipe the inside of the valve. The rubber plunger in the bottom of the valve is the most important part of the valve to clean. After thoroughly cleaning the valve, re-inflate the chamber.



## Maintenance and Cleaning

Avoiding or eliminating moisture inside the GigBob's chambers is an important responsibility of the boat owner. Any repairs on the water might unavoidably leave some moisture in tubes. Leaving valves open in wet weather can allow moisture to accumulate inside. Leaving any moisture in the chambers for extended periods can cause mildew and deterioration.

If you do get moisture inside, open the chamber's valve and dry by blowing air in with a vacuum or pump. Exchange air several times to drive moisture out. Proper care and maintenance improves the boat's appearance and longevity. Clean and inspect the boat after each use. Occasionally coating your boat with 303 Protectant increases the longevity of the fabric.

## Repair

The repair kit that comes with your GigBob contains repair fabric, adhesive, an abrasive pad and a valve wrench. To make a repair, follow these steps:

1. Cut your patch to extend 2" beyond all edges of the tear. Round the corners of the patch because square corners are more likely to snag and lead to peeling.
2. Trace the outline of the patch on the damaged surface with a pencil
3. Using the abrasive pad, lightly roughen the surface of the boat and the patch. The goal is to simply remove the surface gloss. Do NOT buff down to the threads of the base fabric.
4. Clean the buffed surfaces with a solvent like acetone, toluene or methyl ethyl ketone (MEK). Allow the solvent to evaporate.
5. Apply an even, thin coat of the adhesive to both surfaces. Allow the adhesive to dry to the 'tacky' (not wet) stage. Use a bare knuckle to test. (Your finger tips contain oils that interfere with the bond.)
6. When both surfaces are still tacky (i.e., your knuckle slightly sticks to the surface, but no adhesive comes off on your skin), you're ready to complete the patch.
7. This is a contact adhesive; once the surfaces touch, you can't reposition the patch.
8. 'Roll' the patch onto the boat surface, working from one side to the other, to prevent trapping air under the patch.
9. Thoroughly go over the surface of the patch with a roller, edge of a can or other narrow, rounded implement to apply pressure and ensure a solid bond.
10. Complete curing of the bond takes approximately 24 hours. Do not put full pressure in the chamber before that time.

*Reminder: always follow the safety instructions included with glues and solvents.*

## Transport

When transporting, take all precautions to keep water out of the chambers. If you are transporting your boat inflated, bleed off air pressure so the boat "gives" under hand pressure. Remember the caution about temperature changes affecting pressure, especially in direct sunlight. Boaters sometimes do not think about the effects of higher altitude on pressure. Before driving into higher altitudes, reduce pressure. Whether transporting your boat inflated or deflated, ensure all valve caps are in place. Inspect the load for any articles which could rub, abrade or puncture the boat's fabric. Remember that any sand or other debris on boat surfaces could cause wear on the fabric during transport. The GigBob Carrying Case is a great way to keep debris out of your boat during transportation.

## Storage

To store the GigBob, simply deflate all three chambers and fold the boat into thirds. If you plan to use your GigBob again soon, you can leave the oar mount plates and anchor mount plate installed to shorten the time it takes to get back on the water.

## CAUTION Safety Warning

Paddlesports can be dangerous and physically demanding. Participating in paddlesports may cause serious injury or death. Follow these safety standards when using this product.

- Get paddlesports instruction and First Aid training. Carry First Aid and rescue equipment.
- Always wear a Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device. Dress for cold water and weather as appropriate to guard against hypothermia.
- Check your equipment prior to each use for signs of wear or failure. Do not impair entry or exit.
- Never paddle alone. Scout unfamiliar waters. Portage where appropriate. Do not exceed your paddling ability.
- Do not paddle in high water or flood conditions.
- Read owner's information booklet prior to using this product.

The user of this product acknowledges both an understanding and an assumption of the risk involved in paddlesports.

## Limited Warranty

All NRS boats are fully guaranteed to the original owner against defects in materials and workmanship, under the terms listed below. NRS is not responsible for the effects of normal wear and tear, accidents, abuse, alteration, modification, misuse or improper care. Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy under this limited warranty will be for NRS to repair or replace defective product, at NRS's sole discretion.

NRS makes no other express warranties beyond the terms of this limited warranty. NRS will not be responsible for any consequential, incidental or special damages resulting from the use or performance of NRS products.

GigBob Warranty  
5-year

## ACTIVATE WARRANTY BY RETURNING THIS CARD

Your responses will be used only by NRS to improve our products and services. All information will be confidential and for NRS use only.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Purchase \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Serial # WSI \_\_\_\_\_

Model \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dealer \_\_\_\_\_

DealerAddress \_\_\_\_\_

1. How will your new NRS GigBob be used:

River Fishing \_\_\_\_\_ Lake Fishing \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. How many days a year do you fish? (check one)

1-20 \_\_\_\_\_ 21-40 \_\_\_\_\_ 41-60 \_\_\_\_\_ 61+ \_\_\_\_\_

3. What other outdoor sports do you participate in? (check all that apply)

Kayaking \_\_\_\_\_ Rafting \_\_\_\_\_ Hiking \_\_\_\_\_ Climbing \_\_\_\_\_

Camping \_\_\_\_\_ Canoeing \_\_\_\_\_ Hunting \_\_\_\_\_ Trail Running \_\_\_\_\_

Water Skiing \_\_\_\_\_ Snowsports \_\_\_\_\_ Scuba Diving \_\_\_\_\_

4. Where do you purchase your fishing equipment? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Comments/suggestions? \_\_\_\_\_  
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