

# What's new Eureka!



Pyranha have the Ozone Freeride Whitewater, a river running playboat with rockered bow for dry wave rides and planing, adequate volume but short enough to throw around.



OverBoard have tidies to carry laptops, tablets or phones in any of their waterproof backpacks. They come in 360 or 380mm sizes and work with 20, 30 or 45l backpacks.



Supermarkets Lidl draw attention to their range of products. This one proves to be the right size to take a cushion.



Howies' unisex Ystwyth Active Jacket is 100% recycled, even the YKK Natulon zip.

## Loss tracker

We have been advised of the Anti-Loss Tracker tag, a small device to be attached to kit, pets or anything likely to wander. If it goes missing it can be traced over up to 100m outdoors, 30m indoors, using iOS devices but not Android. It is showerproof but not submersible. Batteries last well over a year. A point of concern is that their website in America notes live sales by name and state. These appear to be at 15 second intervals, even in the middle of the night for Americans.



The Sea Eagle Razorlite is the world's only inflatable kayak using drop stitch technology. The floor and two rigid inflatable side walls mean tracking is good and there are adjustable footrests, tie down points and a central lifting point for easy carriage.

## Eddyline joins Jackson

Jackson, who have built up from a freestyle and white water background, have acquired Eddyline, who have half a century of producing lightweight touring kayaks. Eddyline production has been moved to Jackson's location in Tennessee. This follows Jackson's acquisition of Werner paddles.

Pelican, who are one of the largest kayak manufacturers, are being bought by former executives of their company, which was established in 1968 by the Élie family.

## Beyond forever

Per and polyfluoroalkyl substances are chemicals with valuable properties, for use in many products, including drysuits and dry tops. However, these PFA synthetics also have some less desirable properties, some related to cancers, fertility, liver and thyroid issues. These forever chemicals, as they have been called as they are so enduring, have been present in a wide range of products since Teflon in 1938 and are being seen increasingly in foods and even drinking water so they are being banned increasingly. Manufacturers of outdoor clothing are among those needing to find alternative chemicals but with numbers put at 15,000 to 7,000,000 PFAs there are a vast number to be addressed.

## Plastex fire

Plastex suffered a fire in April that totally destroyed their premises in Warsaw. However, they have moved fast and are back in business, working from a new factory at a different location.