

New bio epoxy foam

French firm Sicomin have launched PB 360 GS to their GreenPoxy range of epoxy resins. The two part epoxy has 37% bio based content which claims good adhesion to other products and low water absorption. It is said to be particularly good with glass or carbon laminates and suit complex shapes, such as paddles or foam boards.

Drone on

Drones are becoming ever more popular with 12,000,000 predicted to be in operation by 2020. One possible use is to inspect difficult falls or pieces of water which cannot be seen easily from the bank. A variant is the underwater drone which might be used to check what is below a fall in the way of rocks or other obstructions. They might also be used to provide an insight into what is involved in some tidal rapids.

Cheap inflatables

Go Outdoors are offering discount Seveylor inflatable deckless kayaks. The two seater Madison is normally £480. The three seater inflatable Tahiti Plus normally sells at £220. Go Outdoors have these at £350 and £120 respectively with their discount cards.

Economy supermarket chain Lidl have now branched out into kayaks. Their inflatables cost £40, probably less than your groceries.

Plan mode, the app has a tracking option called Track Only mode which enables boaters to analyse their speed and performance on the water. For customers who do not wish to use the mobile app, there is an option to register their details online at <https://safetrx.rya.org.uk/login.html>.



A T shirt design from Howies' range, for those who want to get away from urbanity.

New Typhoon waterproofs

The Sirocco Smock is a waterproof top from Typhoon. It uses a durable, waterproof and breathable 2.5 layer fabric construction. Its ergonomic sleeve design limits ride up and improves freedom of movement. A neoprene hem with twin side adjusters ensures a tight and comfortable fit however hard you are working. The highly breathable material wicks excess moisture away from the body while the fully adjustable PU neck and wrist closers keep water out. The Velcro neck closure system makes it easy to open up for venting. The seams are fully taped for extra waterproof integrity. It is also available in a junior model as well as a hooded version with fleece lined collar and stowable hood. It costs £69.95 with the Smock Junior at £39.95 and the Hooded Smock at £74.95.

They have also produced the new Multisport SK, claimed to be the ultimate sea kayak drysuit for ocean, offshore and coastal protection and performance. It is for paddlers but is also becoming very popular for other watersports including sailing and personal watercraft. The Multisport SK features a fully adjustable storm hood, smooth non chafing GlideSkin fleece lined storm



Typhoon's Sirocco Smock.

neck seal, latex wrist seals and easy donning hinge entry system. Low maintenance Aquaseal zips and fully taped fabric socks complete this fully breathable suit. It is claimed to give full protection on even the most serious sea kayak trip. Its fully articulated arms, legs and body will ensure your comfort for long or short voyages. Internal braces and a waterproof ergonomic hood, which can sit over and above a helmet, add to its comfort level. Safety features include revolutionary high vis glass bead wrist prints and reflective hood tape while easy access chest pockets are positioned to work with a buoyancy aid. Price is £649.95.

The new look Hypercurve drysuit at £349.95 uses a shaped 3D panel to integrate the plastic PU zip into the back of the suit. This innovation ensures a superior fit and easy self-donning experience.

The new look £349.95 Rookie Junior is claimed to be the perfect entry level junior drysuit with updated colours. Made from breathable fabric throughout, it has a flex closure YKK dry zip across the back.



The Typhoon Multisport SK drysuit.



The Typhoon Hypercurve drysuit.