

Hunstanton - London, 200 miles: in an Advanced Elements Convertible kayak



Malcolm Clarke and I would like to express a big thank you to yourself for the **Advanced Elements Convertible** you provided during our Hunstanton – London Kayak challenge.

We covered a total of 220 miles along the East Anglia coastline and then up the Thames to London, this took us 6 days to complete.

The performance of the **Advanced Elements Convertible** was outstanding and coped with everything that we had to put it through. I know during a conversation before my trip you suggested using sea kayaks due the likely sea conditions, but being that both of us are military personnel, we put the kayak above what you stated and to be honest it did well.

Malcolm has many years' experience in kayaks and this was his first trip in an inflatable, so was a little worried. After the first day his concerns were no more and he has now bought one himself and recommends **Advanced Elements** kayaks to his kayak fraternity.



We noticed many advantages of having the an inflatable kayak over your normal fibre glass counterpart. First being that it was easy to get around with and store. Our trip required us to stay in various locations down the coast which required the kayak to be stored overnight. This was easy as we could deflate the kayak and pretty much store it anywhere we wanted. There were times when we needed to get out and walk around

obstacles and yet again because the kayak is an inflatable it was light and easy to carry, even on longer journeys.



The most surprising advantage I found was how warm we kept during the whole trip. Because the kayak is inflatable, the air in the chambers kept the coldness of the sea outside the boat. Other kayaks will change in temperature with the surrounding area. This enabled us to keep warm and comfortable for a lot longer which was the biggest contributory factor in completing the trip and in good time as we finished a day earlier.

In summary the **Advanced Elements Convertible** kayak was more than capable of doing this challenge and I would use it again for another trip. In fact Malcolm and I are planning on doing a second challenge in the Convertible next year, this time to continue around the coastline from Southend on Sea to Lands End covering a distance of 440 miles.

Yet again, a big thank you for your support.

Richard Seed.

Well done Richard & Malcolm! Thanks also to Richard for sending back this feedback and all the photos.

The team were raising funds for the Royal Air Forces Association (www.rafa.org.uk), which supports serving and former RAF personnel and their families.

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