



Seabird Discovery 420 – Flexible kayak for the summer cottage

We have said it before and we say it again: these days you get incredibly much kayak for under 10 000 SEK. Discovery is no exception. This kayak, like several of Seabirds new models is designed by Björn Thomasson och he has managed to squeeze in a lot in those just over four meters – everything you might wish: three hatches, handles, deck net for gear and a rod holder for the aspiring kayak fisherman.

Discovery is a kind of kayak more popular in the world than in Sweden: short and quite cheap recreational kayaks. It is a type that caters for a lot of needs, but traditionally sea kayaks in Sweden have been long and big – but maybe that is slowly changing.

For 6 500 SEK it is a real bargain if you are looking for a "summer cottage kayak" but our test patrol commented details like: the pedals were easy to adjust but the finish were somewhat simple (read: sharp edges) and that the Discovery was actually more easily turned with the rudder parked on deck. The aft hatch cover felt somewhat limp and inconvenient to attach. The large space behind the seat holds a lot of water if you were to capsize.

DATA

LENGTH 420 cm **WEIGHT** 23 kg with rudder and hatches **WIDTH** 63 cm
COCKPIT 82,5x42.5 cm **HATCHES** Round 22 cm + quick hatch in front, Oval 28,5 cm x 41,5 cm in rear **MATEREAL** Polyethylene **PRICE** 6490 SEK including rudder **MORE INFO** seabirddesigns.com

Overall impression

90%

Price/performance

98%

BASIC PROPERTIES

Slow/Lively
 Unstable/Calm
 Tight/Spacious

VOLUME

DAY TRIP WEEKEND LONG DISTANCE

SCOPE OF USE

POND SLIGHT BREEZE ROUGH SEA

SUITED FOR

BEGINNER ADVANCED EXPERT

SIZE OF PADDLER

XS M XL

FUNCTIONS

Cargo, availability
 Cargo, density
 Handling

OTHER

Safety
 Equipment/Gadgets
 Comfort
 Finnish/Quality

AT SEA

Course stability
 Speed
 Ease of paddling
 Turning
 Initial stability
 End stability
 Stability in wind
 Stability in waves

