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Re: Thinking about a boat
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Dear paphishin,

Whatever route you take keep in mind the logistics of owning a non-powered boat. I'm not talking about the act of rowing either. I am talking about launching the boat at point A and recovering the boat at point B. You will need a trailer and in all likelyhood 2 vehicles capable of pulling it.

Then there is a the question of storage. With a hard boat you easily know just how much room you will need to store it. With an inflatable it's a bit different because you do have the option of breaking the boat down for storage.

However in places where they are popular, like in the Western US, they are usually kept inflated and water ready during the season so again you might be looking at the same storage requirements as with a hard boat.

I am not trying to talk you out of a boat I just want you to be sure you are considering all the issues of boat ownership? You might be able to score a good used inflatable boat if you are patient. Keep an eye on Craigslist and look at places like WV and western MD where there seem to be more inflatable boats.

For new boats check out Star Inflatables. They always got good writeups on the old Riversmallies board and they seem to be a good bit less expensive than many of the other inflatable rafts.

Good luck in your search!

Regards,

Tim Murphy