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Dear Board,

Being a big fat dude in search of a portable fishing craft I decided to check out the Creek Company Voyager. I called Cabela's one Saturday a few weeks ago and they said they had one left and it was priced to sell. I drove up Sunday and picked it up for \$ 199.99.

Today was the first chance I had to get it on the water and I am impressed. Despite the fact that I weigh almost as much as the boat's rated capacity I still sat high enough in the water on the inflatable seat that my butt didn't get wet at all.

The boat moved easily via foot power using a pair of Force Fins and it's very easy to row with the included oars. The boat comes with a large stripping apron and a large tackle compartment that can be mounted on either the left or right side of the boat.

There is a good sized storage well behind the seat but it is designed to let water flow through it so it's not dry storage. Still, it will hold a medium sized Playmate cooler or a similar sized soft sided cooler so you can pack some food and drink for a day on the water. You could easily lash a dry bag back there too because there are several D-rings to use as lash points.

I have to figure out how to rig a depth finder up to it, but I plan on using it a lot here this Fall and since it sits so high I won't have to wait until wet wading season to get it on the water in the Spring, hip boots will work so cooler weather boating will be less hassle.

The only downside that I can see is that the boat is a bit heavy, so schlepping it and your fins and a cooler and a rod more than a few yards will take some effort. Still it is lighter than any 8 foot pontoon I've ever seen so I can take a little bit of bad with the good.

I hope this helps anyone who is considering an inflatable and if you have any questions let me know.

Regards,

Tim Murphy 😊