

Fast Folding an AirVolution™ Kayak, Version 1.0

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After a voyage, I don't see much value in carefully folding up my kayak. When I get home, I just have to unfold it for cleaning and drying. Besides, I don't like placing my wet kayak in its case so both can be wet.



Instead, I make five folds. The bow and stern cones are protected and the package fits in my car. It is about 3-feet long and 2-feet wide.

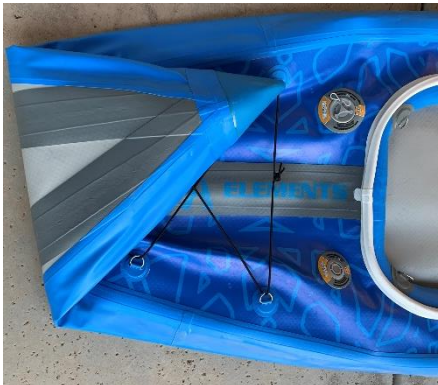
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I start by folding the bow such that the bow cone is at the first/right D-ring relative to the cockpit as you face forward.



The next fold gets me almost to the drain cup.



Moving to the stern, I fold the stern cone to the left so the point is over the first/left D-ring relative to the cockpit as you face forward. Notice that the two cones will not overlap. This minimizes the total thickness.



One more fold and I have the bow and stern packages separated by a gap that includes the drain cup. I then straighten each package out so the outer folders are close to square.



Place one package on top of the other and we are ready for the strap. I also use this strap to lift my kayak with the deck vertical. Ah, but that is for another day.

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