

# Buying a Kayak or Canoe

Let us help you find the right canoe or kayak for your needs. Use us as a resource to plan and outfit your next paddling trip!



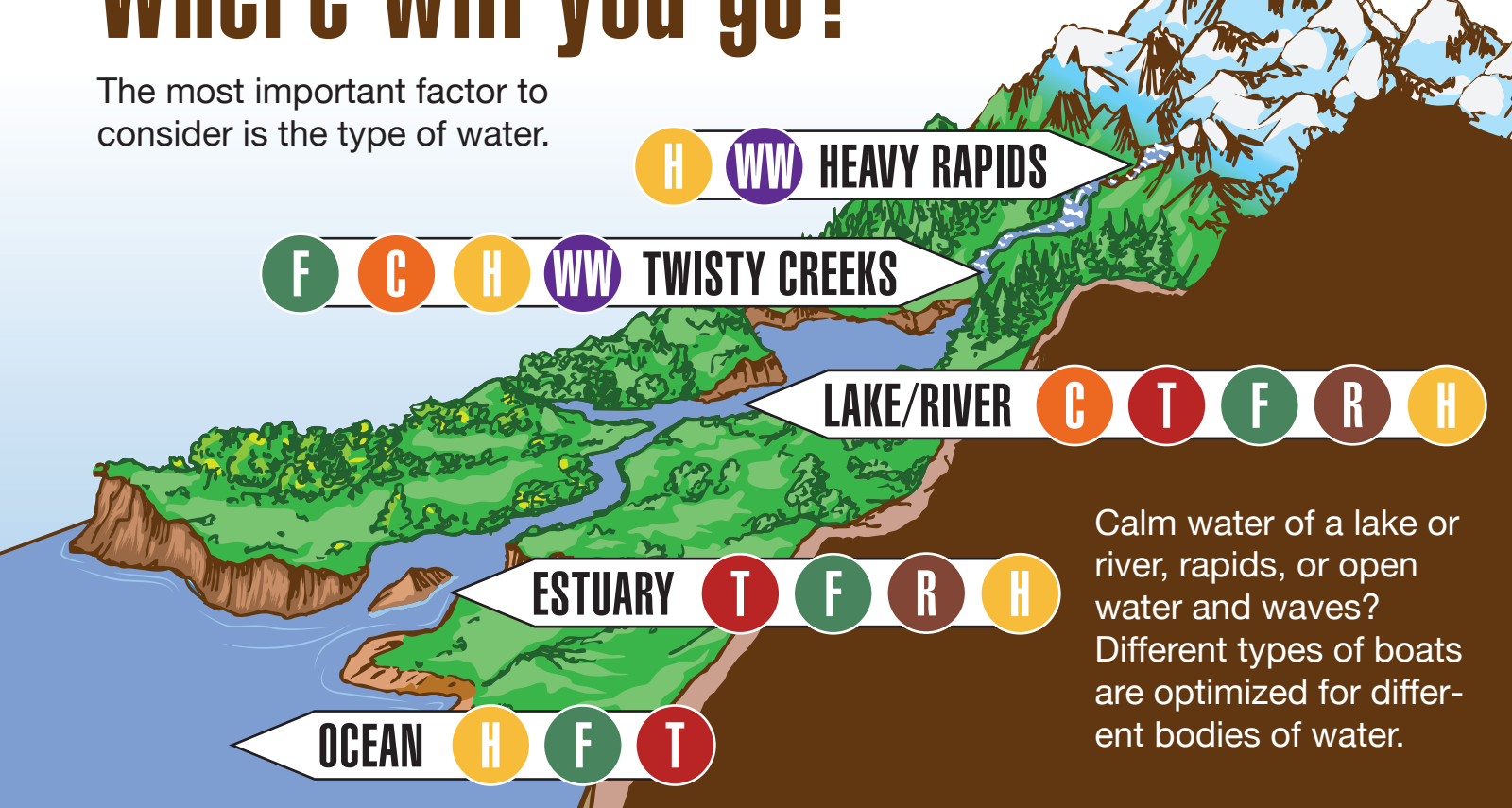
## Types of Paddlecraft

Use this legend and answer the questions below to guide your decision.



## Where will you go?

The most important factor to consider is the type of water.



Calm water of a lake or river, rapids, or open water and waves? Different types of boats are optimized for different bodies of water.

## Canoe or kayak?

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### CANOE PROS

- Carry lots of gear, including bulky items such as coolers
- Easy to bring dog or child
- Good choice if getting in/out frequently or for portages
- Higher seating & better visibility
- Extremely versatile craft

### CANOE CONS

- Challenging in windy conditions
- Slightly steeper learning curve
- Fewer choices available compared to kayaks

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### KAYAK PROS

- Generally easier for solo use
- Slightly easier learning curve
- Lower wind profile
- Wide variety of specialized designs available

### KAYAK CONS

- Less storage capacity
- More difficult to accommodate dogs, children, or bulky items
- Lower seating & less visibility

## On top or inside?

Nearly every type of kayak is available in Sit-on-Top or Sit-Inside designs.

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### SIT ON TOP PROS

- Self-bailing
- Generally better for fishing
- Easy access to gear while seated
- Easy to climb back in from water

### SIT ON TOP CONS

- Generally less interior storage
- Body is more exposed to elements
- Often heavier and slower

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### INSIDE PROS

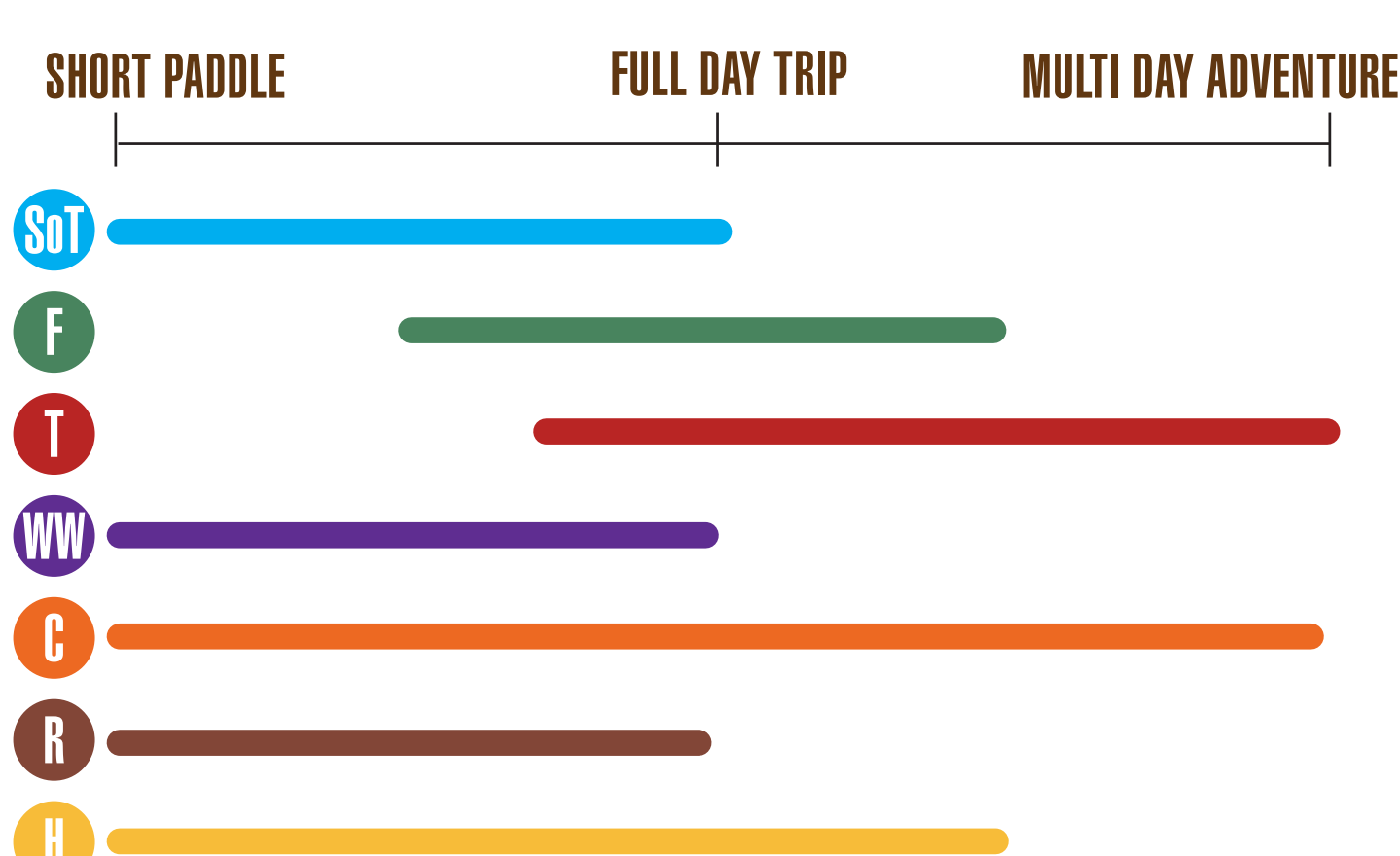
- More accessible interior storage
- Better protection from elements
- Generally lighter and faster for similar designs

### INSIDE CONS

- Enclosed seating
- Less access to gear while seated
- Harder to climb back in from water

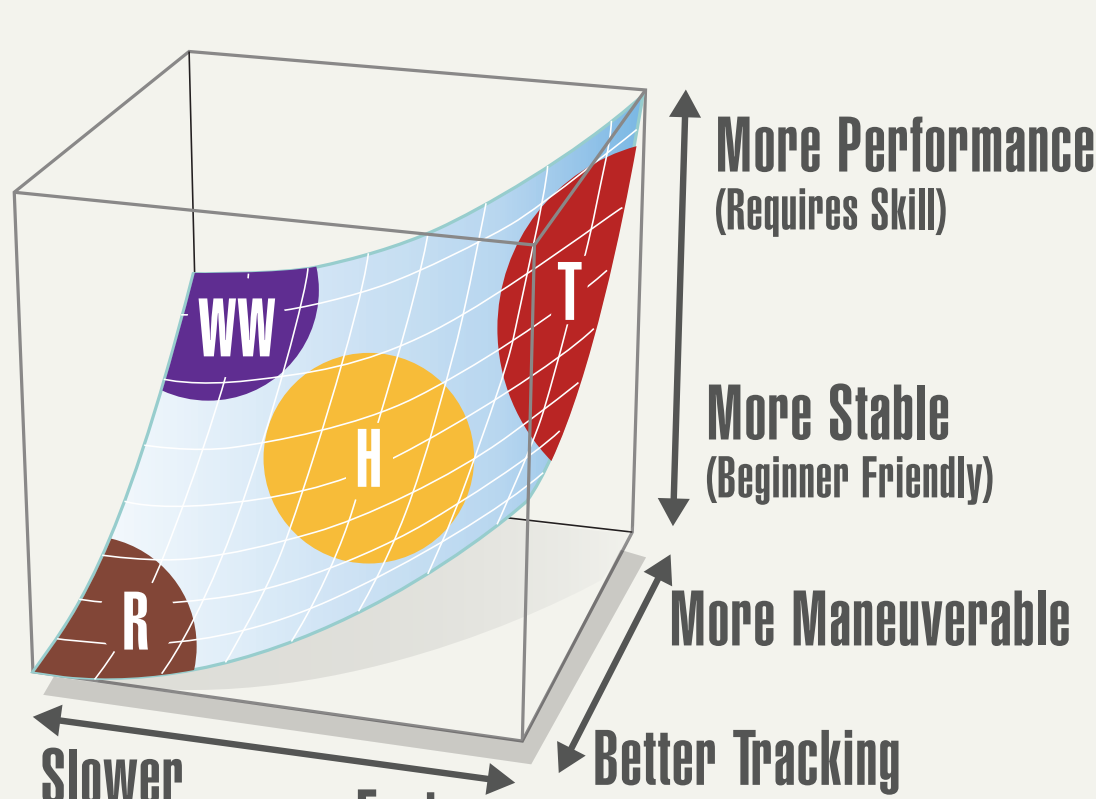
## How far will you go?

The farther you go, the more time you spend in your boat



Enhanced comfort, efficiency, and storage capacity become a necessity on longer trips.

## Kayak Performance Comparison



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