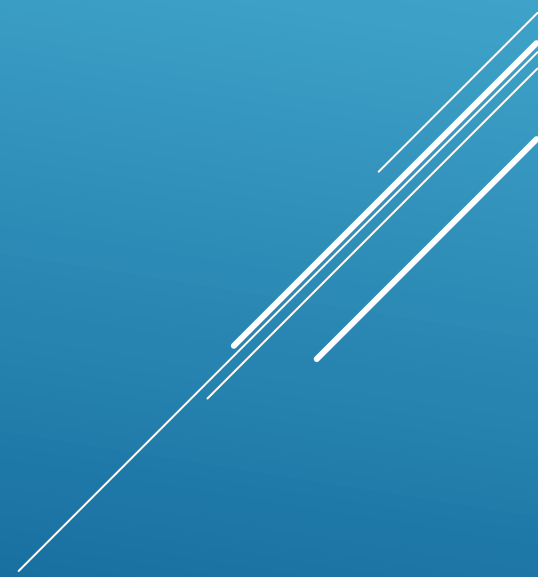


# SK101: HANDLING YOUR KAYAK OFF THE WATER



- ▶ **1.** Best ways to safely transport your kayaks
  - ▶ **2.** Handling a kayak
  - ▶ **3.** Storage choices
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# 1. ROOF BASICS

- ▶ 1. bare roof – what to do !
- ▶ 2. Roof Rails (run front to back)
- ▶ 3. Cross bars (run side to side)
- ▶ 4. Cradles / Rollers/ J Bars



# A. FOAM BLOCKS

ON A BARE ROOF OR EXISTING  
CROSS BARS



# BEST SOLUTION: ADD A RACK

➤ **Yakima**

[www.Yakima.com](http://www.Yakima.com)

➤ **Thule**

[www.thule.com](http://www.thule.com)

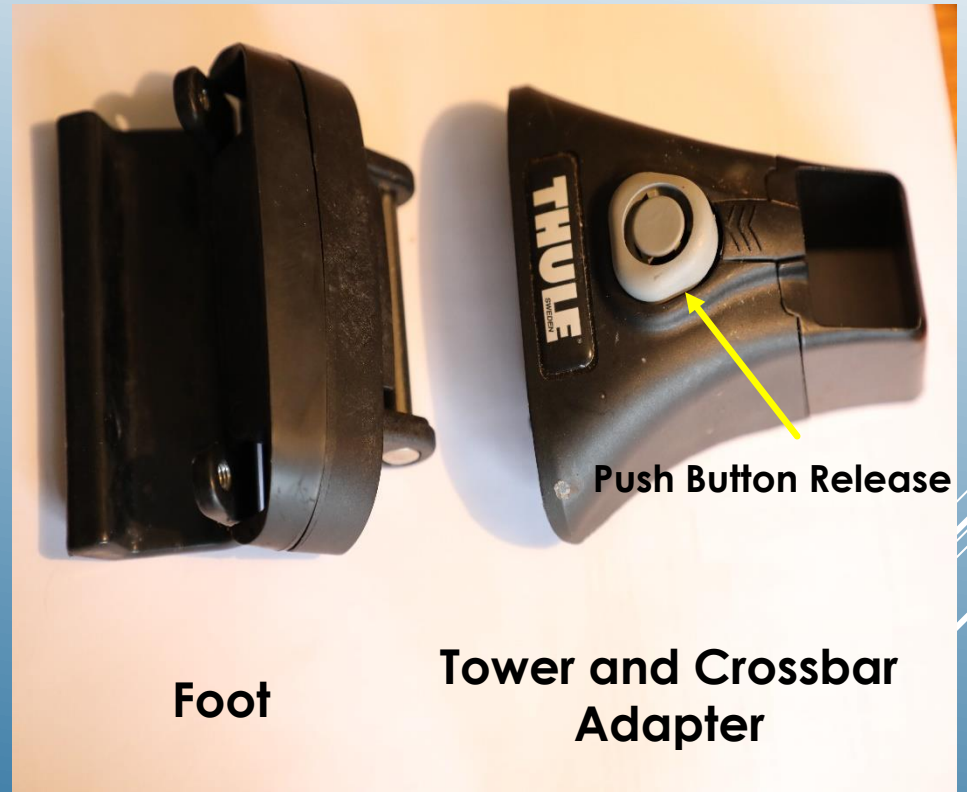
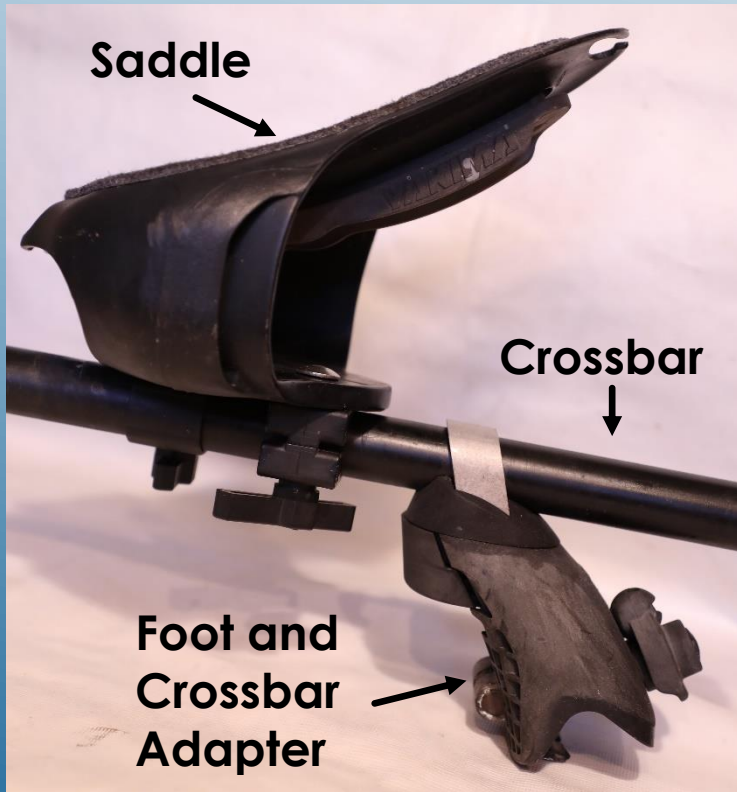
➤ **Malone**

[maloneautoracks.com](http://maloneautoracks.com)

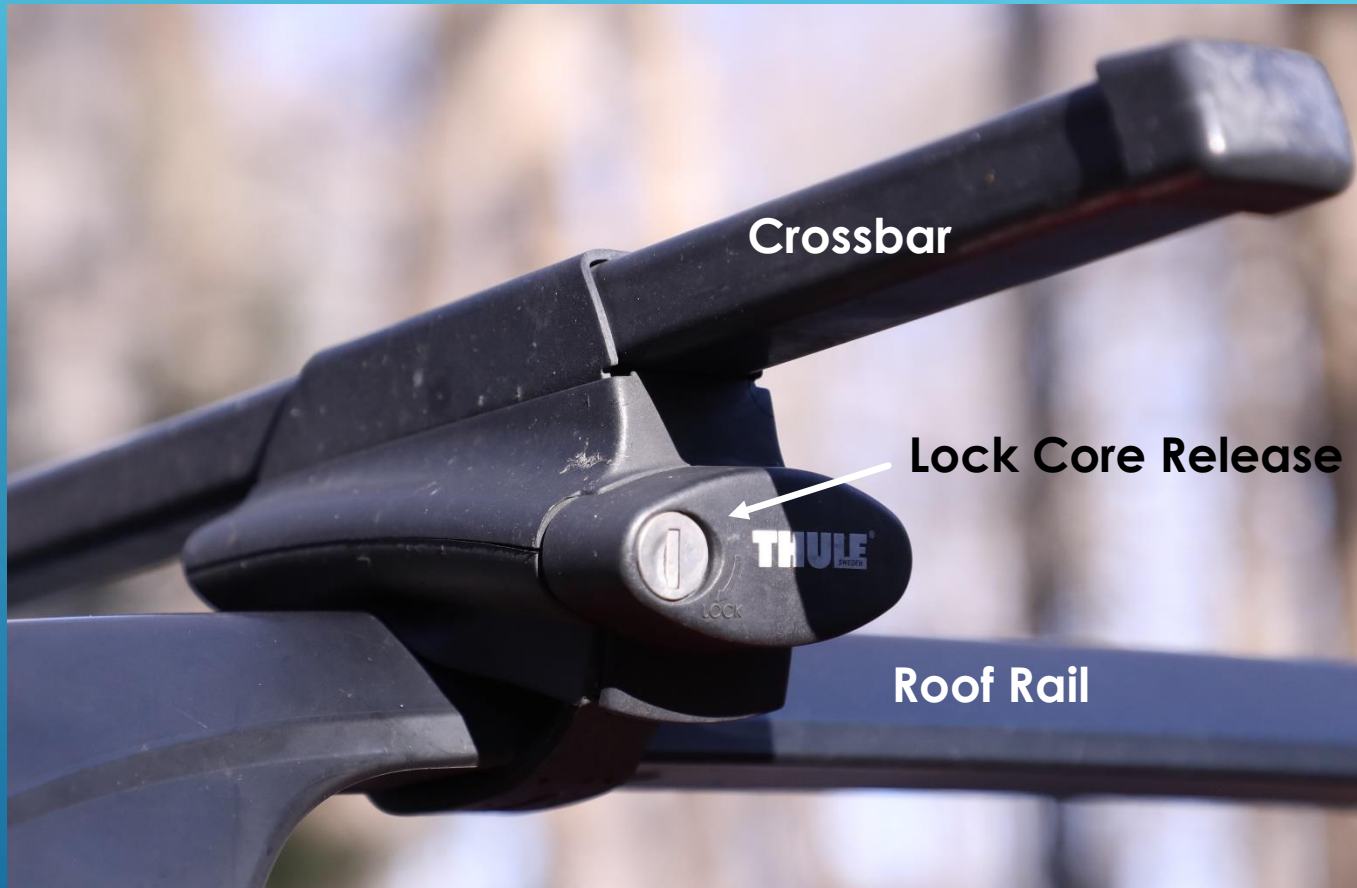
can provide accessories fitting  
most vehicles

Plus other manufacturers on-line

# RACK COMPONENTS FOR A BARE ROOF



# Rack Components for a Roof with Rails



**Rail to Crossbar Adapter**

## B. CRADLES:



- ▶ Padded saddles
- ▶ Easy to adjust
- ▶ Easy to load from the rear or side



# REAR ROLLERS/SADDLES

MAKE LOADING FROM THE REAR EASIER



# SET UP A RACK ON A PICKUP TRUCK



# C. GO ON EDGE with J-RACKS

- ▶ Less expensive set-up
- ▶ Space for 2 kayaks on narrow roof
- ▶ Do watch out for “new” height in parking garages
- ▶ May be awkward loading over your head
- ▶ Generally load from side only
- ▶ Some models fold down when not in use



# D. DO AN EASY LIFT

- Load at waist height
- Reduces kayak weight by 40 lbs.
- \$ Expensive \$



# E. TOW A KAYAK TRAILER

- ▶ Keeps boats easy to reach
- ▶ Can store additional gear
- ▶ Tow kit, title, tags, insurance, maintenance, parking, tolls...
- ▶ \*\* may require additional launch permit



# STRAP IT!

- ▶ Don't get distracted & forget a step
- ▶ Check straps & tie-downs – may loosen due to wind, rain & driving speeds.

Kayak rack warranties **do require both straps AND** front and rear tie-downs

# DO USE CAM BUCKLE STRAPS – SNUG/NOT TOO TIGHT...

- ▶ Use non-stretching UV resistant rope only if skilled with knots.
- ▶ Do not use ratchet straps. It's easy to overtighten and damage the boat





ALWAYS USE BOW & STERN  
TIEDOWNS!



# HERE'S A THULE TIEDOWN KIT



PS: we don't recommend using the open hook. It can come loose on a rough road.

# UNDER HOOD/TRUNK TIE DOWNS

- ▶ Easy to use
- ▶ Can be purchased /DIY
- ▶ Attach to engine compartment bolts or secured by hood/trunk




# SOME HANDY HELPERS


- ▶ Short step ladder or stool
- ▶ Rubber backed bath mat
- ▶ Load assist options



## 2. HANDLING A KAYAK

- ▶ Please use care & common sense  
Kayaks can cause serious injury ...
  - ▶ + Ding up your boat, your car, and  
you
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# COMMON STATS:

- ▶ Weight = 35-70+ lbs
  - ▶ Plastic rotomolded weighs the most)
  - ▶ Width = 20-30'' + rec. boats
  - ▶ Length = 10-19+ feet
  - ▶ Wind can impact your loading
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**KAYAK CARTS :**

Wheels are your friend!

# YOU & YOUR KAYAK ARE TALL – HOW TALL ?

- ▶ Watch out for low trees, parking garages
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# Please tie on a flag

Bright Flagging for over sized- loads  
required by law depending on your  
travels & jurisdiction....

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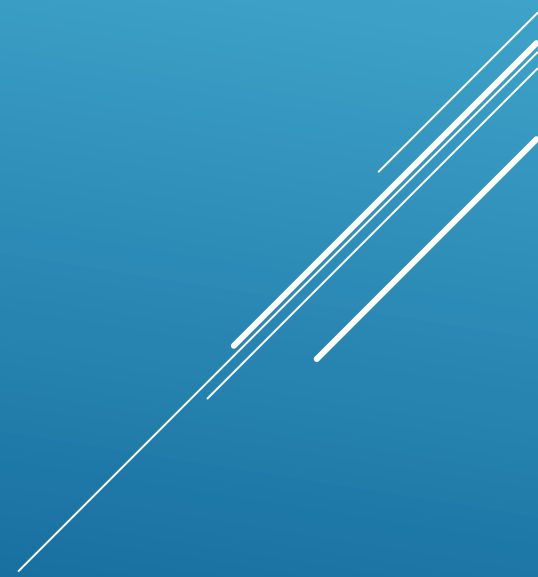
# 3. STORAGE IDEAS ...

- ▶ Inside wall hangers – spaced over boat bulkheads





OR INSIDE DIY RACK





**OR OVERHEAD PULLEY STORAGE**



OR A DIY ROLLING RACK



OR STAY OUTSIDE ...

## **WHEN STORING YOUR 'YAK OUTSIDE**

*Use a cover or kayak bag and hatch cover*

*Keep off the ground*

*Upside down to keep out water*

*Protect from UV damage*

*Boat should be clean and dry for long term storage*

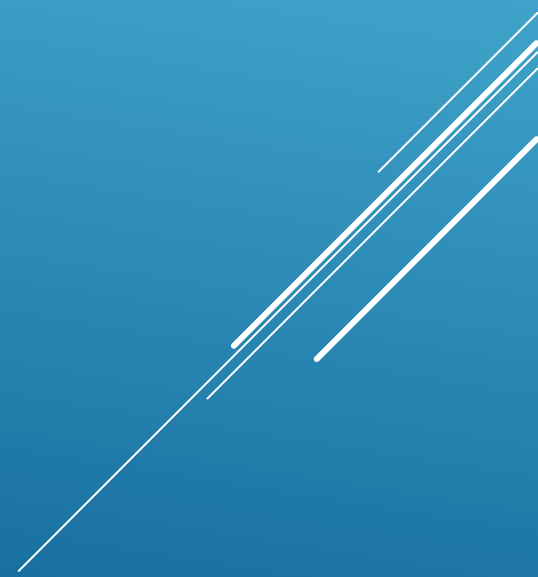


**PS: REMEMBER TO CHECK  
WINTER STORAGE &  
PREVENT EXTRA GUESTS!**


& Rubber hatches are not varmint-proof.



# Tips for Happy Kayaking Transport:

- ▶ 1. Allow time to load
  - ▶ 2. Use bow & stern tiedowns-  
check for loose lines
  - ▶ 3. Use a cockpit cover
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# AND:

- ▶ **4. Pick a safe roof rack system**
  - ▶ **5. Use care loading & hauling**
  - ▶ **6. Set up convenient storage**
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“I DIDN'T WANT TO SCRATCH THE  
ROOF, OFFICER.”

▶ Now, who needs a rack?

