



> Seaward Intrigue

With its roomy cockpit and ease in paddling and carrying, Seaward's no-frills Intrigue is the perfect beginner vessel with one of the coolest features on the market—a clear plastic panel in the hull for a view of the deep below, ala tourist trap glass-bottom boat tours. The boat tracks well due to a keel-like bow and stern construction. The wide hull and hard chines provide stability and at just over 10 feet long, the Intrigue switches directions faster than Ms. PacMan.

Besides the nifty window, the inside of the Intrigue leaves a little

outfitting to be desired. You'll want to break out the foam and duct tape, but it does include a padded, adjustable backrest. The wide seat area allows the paddler to sit with legs splayed and pop one cramped leg out if necessary.

A foam wedge adds rigidity to the bow but sucks up storage space. The Intrigue does have some fore deck rigging and a rear hatch big enough to store an extra layer and a picnic lunch. Seaward kept it simple by omitting a stern or rudder, unnecessary on a boat with its arrow-straight tracking ability.

- **Length:** 10'
- **Weight:** 40 lbs
- **Website:** seawardkayaks.com
- **Width:** 28.5"
- **Material:** Thermo-formed plastic
- **Price:** \$1075

UPSIDE: A great beginner boat.

DOWNSIDE: Lacks storage and outfitting for extended trips.