

## **DockinaPort® Winter Maintenance**

After an enjoyable summer with your personal watercraft and the DockinaPort® (“Port”). It is time start preparing the Port for its winter storage.

- After taking the Port out of the water, clean off any residual dirt or algae with a hose and scrub brush
- It is important to spray water with a garden hose (under pressure) into the wheel housings (between the wheel and cover) to dislodge debris that could plug the drain holes. Even though the wheel covers reduce any debris from getting inside, it is possible that dirt can plug the drain hole. If water does stay trapped inside, it is best to remove the cover with a 1/4” Allen key and clean the inside of the housing to allow the water to freely drain. It is not necessary to remove and/or disassemble the wheel housing assembly if you are sure each drain is working properly
- If the Eva foam matt is installed, the port should be covered like you would with your paddleboard
- When the Port is dry, it should be covered with a tarp ensuring it is properly secured around the Port to assist in its protection against the winter elements. The tarp will not only shield the wheel housings from ice buildup but also protect the EVA foam surface (if applicable) from ice damage which can cause the foam panels to lift away from the Port’s surface. Standing snow or ice that may pool on the cover in the low-lying areas should not cause any damage to your Port.
- The Port should be stored flat or tilted on its side during the winter

With regular care and maintenance, you will have many years of enjoyment from your DockinaPort®