

SUP paddle ALBEY



After 6 months of development, RK Company would like to introduce a new SUP paddle named **Albey**. Designers went from a long experience in canoeing and took under consideration the conservative paddle profile more than in aggressive experimenting with the blade shape.

The paddle Albey is a model with “clean” figure without any depressions or bulges, ensuring easy going into and from the water with very good stroke control.

The attention is aimed to the precision design. Low weight together with high endurance is a key of success, nevertheless the paddle must also guarantee all fundamental attributes for paddling.

We realize, each paddler has his unique style of paddling, so our production is pushed by experiences of test paddlers and our clients. We can design and create a paddle based on individual needs.

The Albey paddle can be equipped by a standard blade called **ALBEY 1** or with a front-inclined blade named **ALBEY 2**. One cannot say which type is better. Both variants allow the paddlers to choose the better option for them according to their paddling style.

The same for the blade size. There are paddlers preferring strength paddling with bigger paddle but also the paddlers with frequent paddling style using the smaller blades. Therefore, we offer 3 sizes: the length of the blade is fixed for 465 mm and the width can be chosen from:

- *S – small – 150mm*
- *M – medium – 160 mm*
- *L – large – 170 mm*

Another important parameter of SUP paddle is a flection of the pole. Again, it can also be an individual aspect, however basically we can claim the solid hard pole is better for sprints or short slalom races, for activities, where the fast start and maximal acceleration is necessary. On the other side, the flexible pole can be used with benefit during the long distance races, where paddlers get the board to the „stabilised speed“, and the paddle can help them with keeping this speed for long period.

Note: the flexible pole does not mean a soft pole. The Pole flexibility is given by the material and the pattern/structure.

4 material variants of the pole:

- *Soft – kevlar-carbon /carbon*
- *Medium – carbon*
- *Hard – carbon*
- *Slalom – kevlar-carbon / carbon*



What version to choose?

- *for short races and sprints, a paddle with the harder pole and a bigger blade is a better choice*
- *for paddling longer distances, the version of the flexible pole in combination with the smaller blade works great*

A specific area of our production are SUP paddles designated for wild water paddling. For such a „discipline“ the blades are equipped by an in-built metal plate, as common for canoeing paddles, ensuring longer life of the product with the protection against the composite material defects during contact with stones and rocks in the water.