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Model: 2000020575

INTRODUCTION

The Sevylor Fish Hunter 280 is a durable 4-person inflatable fishing boat designed for lake use. Constructed from heavy-duty PVC, it features multiple air chambers for safety and an Airtight System guaranteed not to leak. This boat includes Delrin swivel oarlocks, raised inflatable seats, anti-chaffing pads, and a Berkley Quick Set Rod Holder for an enhanced fishing experience. It is also designed to accommodate an outboard motor or a Sevylor trolling motor.

This manual provides essential information for the safe assembly, operation, and maintenance of your Sevylor Fish Hunter 280 fishing boat.



Figure 1: The Sevylor Fish Hunter 280 4-Person Fishing Boat. This image shows the overall design of the inflatable boat, including its multiple air chambers, oarlocks, and internal seating area.

SAFETY INFORMATION

Always prioritize safety when operating any watercraft. Read and understand all instructions before using the boat.

- Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (PFD).
- Do not exceed the maximum weight capacity or the maximum number of occupants (4 persons).
- Never operate the boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Be aware of weather conditions and water currents. Do not use in rough waters or during storms.
- Keep sharp objects away from the boat's PVC material to prevent punctures.
- Familiarize yourself with local boating regulations and safety requirements.
- **Proposition 65 Warning:** This product can expose you to chemicals including Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP), which is known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all components are present upon unpacking:

- Sevylor Fish Hunter 280 Inflatable Boat
- Berkley Quick Set Rod Holder
- Inflatable Seats (Quantity: 2)
- Oarlocks (Delrin swivel type)
- Gear Pouch
- Battery Pouch
- Repair Kit (typically included, though not explicitly listed in 'whats_in_the_box')

SETUP

1. Unpacking and Inspection

Carefully remove the boat from its packaging. Unroll the boat on a clean, flat surface free of sharp objects. Inspect the boat and all accessories for any signs of damage or manufacturing defects.

2. Inflation

The Fish Hunter 280 features multiple air chambers. Inflate each chamber sequentially to the recommended pressure, ensuring the boat takes its proper shape. Do not overinflate. The multiple air chambers are designed to keep the boat afloat even if one chamber is punctured.

- Locate all inflation valves.
- Use a hand or foot pump (not included) to inflate the main chambers first, then the floor chamber, and finally the inflatable seats.
- Ensure all valves are securely closed after inflation.

3. Installing Inflatable Seats

Inflate the two raised inflatable seats and position them inside the boat. They are designed to provide comfortable seating and can be adjusted for optimal positioning.

4. Attaching Oarlocks

Insert the oars (not included) into the Delrin swivel oarlocks located on the sides of the boat. The swivel design allows for natural and easy rowing motion.

5. Installing Berkley Quick Set Rod Holder

Attach the Berkley Quick Set Rod Holder to the designated mounting points on the boat. This rod holder is adjustable, allowing you to set your pole angle for hands-free fishing.

6. Attaching Gear and Battery Pouches

Secure the provided gear pouch and battery pouch to the interior of the boat using the integrated attachment points. These pouches offer convenient storage for small items and a battery if using a trolling motor.



Figure 2: The Battery Pouch. This image shows the black battery pouch attached to the boat's interior, labeled 'Battery Pouch'.



Figure 3: The Gear Pouch. This image displays the blue gear pouch, labeled 'Gear Pouch', secured inside the boat.

7. Motor Mount Preparation (Optional)

The boat is equipped with fittings for a Sevylor trolling motor or an outboard motor up to 4 HP. If you plan to use a motor,

ensure the motor mount is securely attached to the designated fittings on the stern of the boat. Refer to your motor's instruction manual for specific installation details.



Figure 4: Motor Mount Fittings. This image highlights the fittings on the stern of the boat designed for attaching a Sevylor trolling motor or an outboard motor.

OPERATION

1. Launching the Boat

Carefully carry the inflated boat to the water's edge. Ensure the launch area is clear of sharp objects. Gently push the boat into the water, ensuring it floats evenly before boarding.

2. Rowing

Sit comfortably on the inflatable seats. Use the oars in the swivel oarlocks for propulsion. The anti-chaffing pads protect the boat's material during rowing.

3. Using the Berkley Quick Set Rod Holder

Place your fishing rod into the Berkley Quick Set Rod Holder. Adjust the angle as needed for optimal hands-free fishing. Always ensure the rod is securely seated to prevent loss.

4. Motor Operation (if applicable)

If a motor is installed, follow the motor manufacturer's instructions for safe operation. Ensure the motor is securely mounted and all connections are tight before starting. The tunnel air chambers contribute to the boat's stability, especially when using a motor.

5. Returning to Shore and Draining

When returning to shore, carefully guide the boat to a clear landing spot. Once out of the water, locate and open the drain plug to allow any accumulated water to exit the boat. This significantly reduces drying time.

MAINTENANCE

1. Cleaning

After each use, especially in saltwater, rinse the boat thoroughly with fresh water. Use a mild soap and soft brush to clean any dirt or grime. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners that could damage the PVC material.

2. Drying and Storage

Ensure the boat is completely dry before deflating and storing. The drain plug assists in quick drying. Store the boat in a cool, dry place, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Avoid folding the boat tightly to prevent creases and potential material stress.

3. Leak Detection and Repair

The Sevylor Airtight System is designed to prevent leaks. If a leak is suspected, inflate the boat and apply soapy water to the surface. Bubbles will indicate the location of the leak. Use the included repair kit (if applicable) to patch small punctures according to the kit's instructions. For larger damage, professional repair may be necessary.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Boat loses air slowly:** Check all inflation valves to ensure they are securely closed. Inspect the boat's surface for small punctures using the soapy water method described in the Maintenance section.
- **Oarlock feels loose:** Ensure the oarlock is properly seated in its mounting point. If damaged, contact customer support for replacement parts.
- **Difficulty inflating:** Verify that your pump is functioning correctly and that the nozzle creates a tight seal with the boat's valves.

SPECIFICATIONS

Brand	Sevylor
Model Name	Sevylor - Fishing Boat with Berkley Rod Holder - 4 Person
Model Number	2000020575
Material	Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)
Seating Capacity	4
Item Weight	42.7 pounds
GTIN / UPC	076501128338
Manufacturer	The Coleman Company, Inc.

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information, product support, or to purchase replacement parts, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Sevylor website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

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Details

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