

# #11 Sladecraft Sonic



*Oscar Cahill in the Sonic*

There are always several members of the club paddling Sonics. This Sonic is a slightly heavier build, but still manages speed. It's slower and a lot more stable than a K boat, but secondary stability is poor. The rounded bottom of the boat means that once you start to tip, it will be hard to stop. If you don't swim, this is a great boat for staying dry, with a high cockpit over your knees. The footrest is very comfortable and easy to adjust. The rudder pedals are responsive, but the boat has a wide turning circle. The seat is comfortable enough over a short distance, but as it lacks depressions for your seat bones, it will be less comfortable over a long distance.

## Setup and care

1. For setup always place the kayak on two stools. If you need to adjust the position of the seat or footplate, place an additional stool under the seat area to avoid cracking the hull.
2. Wash the boat after every use, even after paddling in fresh water. Dry the boat off inside and out with a chamois cloth before returning it to its rack in the shed.
3. Report any scratches or damage to the LCRK committee at [committee\[a\]lcrk.org.au](mailto:committee[a]lcrk.org.au)
4. See over for setup of seat, footplate and rudder.

Unrestricted  
Stability: 5.5  
12km time for paddler at level of boat: 65-67  
Weight: 14.8kg  
Length: 5.8m      Width: 46cm



## Adjusting the boat for your use



To adjust the seat:

Remove screws from in front and behind the seat, lift, place in preferred position and replace screws.



To adjust the footplate:

Remove the wing nuts on the screws through the side runner bars. Lift the footplate, move to the preferred position and insert the screws through the holes in the runners. Replace the wing nuts and secure tightly.



To adjust the rudder:

Pull on the strap on either side of the footplate to tighten the rudder cables, or release to loosen.