



SHIPPED June 25, 1964

TO Bertch A. Merriman

930 College Drive

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Canoe No. 173968

Our Order No. 2788

Your Order No.

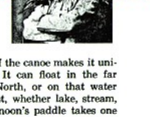
Via

Length 16		Half Built	JUN 1 - 1964
Grade	Model Otca	Completed	JUN 3 - 1964
Planking		Hull Varnished	JUN 3 - 1964
Gunwales		Canvassed	JUN 4 - 1964
Decks		Filled	JUN 8 - 1964 '64 fellow
Thwarts		Stored	
Seats		2nd Filled	
Half Ribs		Stored	
Finish Rails		Railed	JUN 17 1964
Keel	JUN 18 1964	Fitted	
O. S. Stems		Colored	
Floor Rack		1st Varnished	
Sponsons		2nd Varnished	JUN 22 1964
Color O. T. Yellow		Stored	

Gunwales Planking 2 3/4"



Florida Cypress Gardens



THE CANOE OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

Of all implements of the Indian none for water use has survived in recognizable form except his canoe. The test of time and ingenuity of the white man have found nothing of comparable size superior to this craft. A better covering and improvement in construction with craftsmanship and quality materials provide the Old Town canoe. Fundamentally the craft of the red man survives.

As this modern canoe had its origin in the haunts of "OLD TOWN INDIANS" it is appropriate it be named "OLD TOWN CANOE". These Indians still retain their cleverness and the number in our employ seems to give our canoes something of the old Indian romance as felt by Hiawatha in the line of Longfellow:

"I a light canoe will build me,
That will float upon the water,
Like a yellow leaf in Autumn,
Like a yellow water lily."

Adaptability of the canoe makes it universally needed. It can float in the far reaches of the North, or on that water which lies nearest, whether lake, stream, or bay. An afternoon's paddle takes one from the toils of life. In association with nature are quiet thoughts and a happy mind. He, who has paddled out under the moonlight to drift in the full freedom of quiet, realizes the true charm of canoeing. In cruising, the canoeist reaches the height of adventure. To follow the ways of the red man, to live by a campfire as he lived, to make shelter wherever night overtakes, is to understand the independence of the savage and know the truth of self-reliance.

NO OTHER EQUAL

"I have tried every type and material of canoe built made and have used those from most of the canoe manufacturers from this country and Canada and still have yet to find one superior to the Old Town canvas covered cedar canoe. No other kind handles like the canvas covered cedar canoe."

E. W. Craik

The "Otca" is wide, deep and roomy. These features make it the most capacious and ablest canoe we build. Floor is flat, wide, and carried far into the ends. Sides are convex, producing a handsome tumble-home. Extra fullness at bow and stern enables this canoe to ride large waves instead of cutting through them as in the case of a canoe with sharp ends. For cruising, carrying heavy loads, for use on large rivers, lakes and salt water, this is a superior canoe. Suitable for use under all conditions anywhere. It paddles easily, will carry the largest load comfortably, can handle a maximum sail area. See Extras, page 7. Stock color Dark Green. Other colors page 15. See pictures back cover. For 20" decks with low coaming add $12.00.

Length	Width	Depth	Weight	Weight Packed	Price	Code Word
16 ft.	36 in.	12 in.	72 lbs.	120 lbs.	$280.00	Otcaler
17 ft.	35 in.	13 in.	75 lbs.	125 lbs.	295.00	Otcatern
18 ft.	37 in.	13 in.	80 lbs.	135 lbs.	310.00	Otcaret

In Writing Order, Give Length, Model, Color and Price. Also Extras and Equipment.

This canoe is for guides and sportsmen. Its broad lines give it steadiness and generous carrying capacity. Flat floor far into the ends make it go easily over shallow places. Ends are low to lessen wind resistance — a feature experienced users regard as essential. A fast, steady canoe that is never cranky. Many summer camps select the "Guide's Special" for their entire flotilla. Finished with a painted surface to provide a less high gloss as desired by many. Finish is tough, durable and of fine appearance. Stock color Green. Other colors page 15. Keel can be omitted, if order specifies, without price allowance. Half ribs cost $12.00, desired in 20 ft. because of size. Extras page 7. See pictures page 5, 14 and back cover. The 16 ft. length is a favorite with Boy Scouts. Supplied with thwarts in place of seats, painted aluminum, with $6.00 price allowance.

Length	Width	Depth	Weight	Weight Packed	Price	Code Word
16 ft.	33 in.	12 in.	70 lbs.	120 lbs.	$280.00	Ahealing
18 ft.	36 in.	13 in.	85 lbs.	140 lbs.	310.00	Aspirit
20 ft.	39 in.	13¼ in.	100 lbs.	175 lbs.	350.00	Aiegger

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The 15 foot is of exceptional capacity, not burdensome in portaging and capable of carrying one man and much equipment or two men with reasonable equipment. Used by timber cruisers, fire wardens, hunters, sportsmen and young and old alike. Extra light construction (page 5). The 11 and 13 foot are limited in capacity, but broad beam carried into ends gives steadiness. Stock color Dark Green. Other colors page 15. Extras page 7. The 15 foot is a favorite with Boy and Girl Scouts, also Red Cross Water Safety Directors. Thwarts supplied in place of seats with $6.00 price allowance.

Length	Width	Depth	Weight	Weight Packed	Price	Code Word
11 ft.	36 in.	12½ in.	50 lbs.	85 lbs.	$235.00	Alester
13 ft.	36 in.	12 in.	53 lbs.	95 lbs.	250.00	Alostoe
15 ft.	34½ in.	11 in.	58 lbs.	100 lbs.	265.00	Alighting

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