

HCC Notes on Trolleys



You can take a sea kayak on Calmac Ferries as a foot passenger. However, you will need a trolley to get your kayak on and off the ferry. You will also need a trolley for any trips where there is a portage or where there is a significant walk between parking and launching locations.

The trolley needs to be able to support a fully loaded kayak and cope with going over rough surfaces. It also needs to be able to cope with bumping up and down ramps and low kerbs.

Various makes are available from:

Lomo, Decathlon, RUK, Conwy, Andes, Riber, Casart, C-Tug

Good experience has been obtained with Lomo. For extra durability it is recommended to run a strap between the wheel axles to avoid them splaying on rough ground with a fully laden boat.

Most sea kayaks are able to accommodate a disassembled trolley.

Note that for moving a loaded kayak over any distance, the trolley should:

- Have non-solid wheels with minimum diameter of 200mm
- Be located to the rear of the cockpit to balance weight
- Include strap(s) to keep it in place

For more information or questions contact other members on the discussion group.

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