

You may also wish to include other items such as a small screwdriver or stainless steel multi-tool, or some chocolate, Kendal Mint Cake or sweets in a waterproof package.

Once you have closed the pack up tightly, attach it to the back of your harness.

Attaching Your Pack

With so many different styles of harness on the market it is impossible to give instructions as to exactly how to attach the pack in every instance, but we have not as yet found any harness that we have not been able to attach the pack to. You may be able to attach it simply using the existing straps and buckles on your harness. Alternatively, utilising the webbing straps and/or up to two of the cable ties, you should be able to achieve some sort of fixing that doesn't interfere with the normal donning/doffing/adjusting of the harness.

We welcome any feedback or suggestions as to how the pack can be improved, and we would also like to hear from you if the pack did prove useful in a sticky situation! Please email info@aquaprouk.com

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Congratulations on your very wise purchase of an Aqua Pro safety pack!

While it is impossible to predict every single emergency situation, the contents of this pack, along with the instructions on the safety cards, will help you get back to shore should any of the most common kit breakage scenarios occur, or will help you get rescued faster should you need it. Obviously, we hope that such a situation will never arise. But if it does, then - better safe than sorry!

Please check the contents of your pack are all present and in working order. The contents should be as follows:

Pro Pack:

- Aqua Pro Bag
- Aqua Pro Buoy
- Safety advice cards
- Emergency sail head turban

Pro Plus Pack also includes:

- Heliograph
- Howler Whistle
- Light stick
- 4 Releasable cable ties (2 for putting in the pack, 2 for attaching it if necessary)
- 2 Elastic sail wraps
- 3 Metres 4mm safety rope
- 1 Metre of 2mm lanyard
- 2 webbing straps for attaching the pack, if necessary

About the Contents

Before assembling the pack, familiarise yourself with the contents, and read the safety cards through a couple of times.

If you have not used a Heliograph before, have a play with it on the next sunny day - it is a spectacularly efficient signalling device once you have the hang of it, but it does take a little bit of practise. The easiest way is to hold your hand up close to the sun, and then use the mirror to reflect the sun dot onto your hand. Then, when you look through the hole in the mirror while doing this, you should see a bright white dot at the edge of the hole. This dot is your 'sight' - by moving the mirror around you can move the dot around (you may need to move your head back from the mirror a few inches to keep the dot in view). Simply move the dot to where you want the sun's rays to be reflected. When testing this device we were able to signal yachts up to 30 miles away with great ease. If the sun is shining, then this is an amazingly powerful device!

Important: The lightstick **MUST** be kept in its sealed container - the chemicals are photo-sensitive and will degrade completely in a few days if exposed to sunlight! Only open in an emergency. To activate the lightstick, simply snap it in half. If your pack is subject to any sort of crushing force or an extreme impact, there is a very slight risk that the lightstick may be activated. To be on the safe side, it would be worth replacing it should you be unsure. Replacements are very cheap!

Preparing Your Pack

The pack can either be attached to your harness and forgotten about until an emergency situation arises, or used more generally as a daybag, for carrying mobile phone, car keys etc. Whichever option you choose, take care when initially packing the items, to prevent the pack becoming too bulky.

Remove the bag and metal ring from the whistle eyelet. Thread the lanyard through the whistle eyelet, then tie it to the heliograph at one end, and the fixing point inside the top pocket at the other. This is to stop these important items being lost if the pack is opened at sea. You can also use the eyelet for attaching your keys or phone bag.

Loop the cable ties - make a big loop with one, a small loop with the other, and place the small loop inside the big loop. This makes them much more manageable!

Thread the loose end of each elastic sail wrap line through the orange cleat, and tie a figure-of-eight knot at the end, so that the line is ready to be used.

The Buoy and Safety Cards should be slotted into the bottom pocket of your safety pack. Carefully pack the rest of the contents into the top pocket - do this on a flat surface, placing everything into the pocket neatly so that when the pack is closed, it lays as flat as possible.

(If you wish to use the bag on a regular basis for carrying phone, keys etc, then pack more items into the bottom pocket - place the lightstick at the very bottom, and add the adjustable head and emergency rope once the buoy and safety cards are in too.)

DIY Repair kits

Check out the complete range of instant (at the beach) repair solutions for your boards and sails. www.aquaprouk.com