

SEAGO RESCUE PLATFORM

Model:	RP500 & RP500+
Type:	Rescue platform
Capacity options:	2 Person
Specification:	Valise

OWNERS OPERATING HANDBOOK & SERVICE LOG

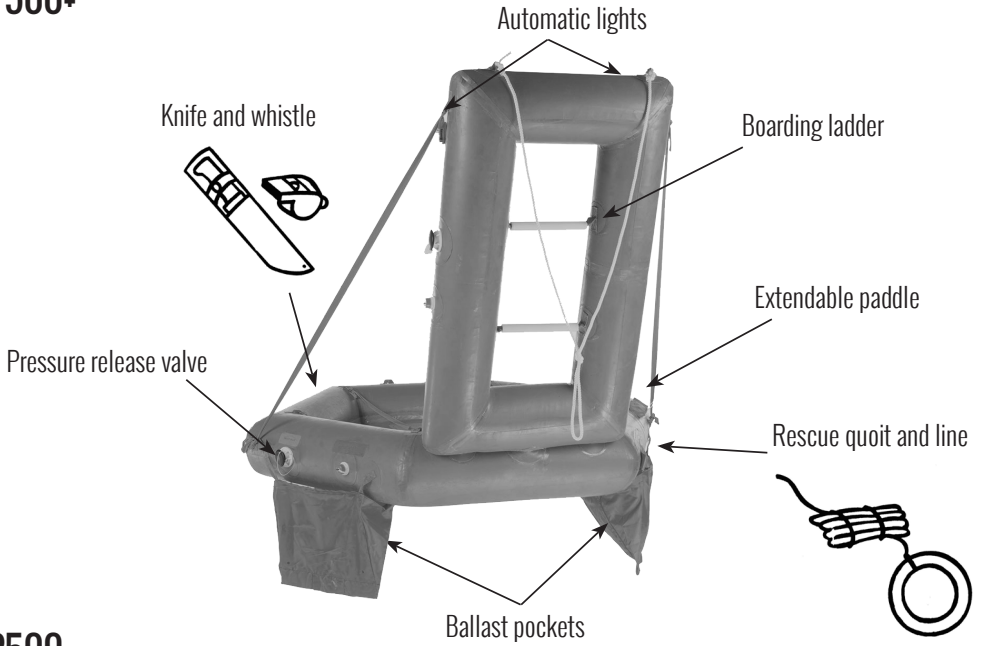
First steps

1. Register the rescue platform to activate warranty at:
www.seagoyachting.co.uk/register
or post the registration form provided.
2. Affix service due date using stickers provided
(1st service due 3 years from purchase date)
3. Familiarise yourself with the rescue platform before stowing.
4. Read owners manual and operating handbook.

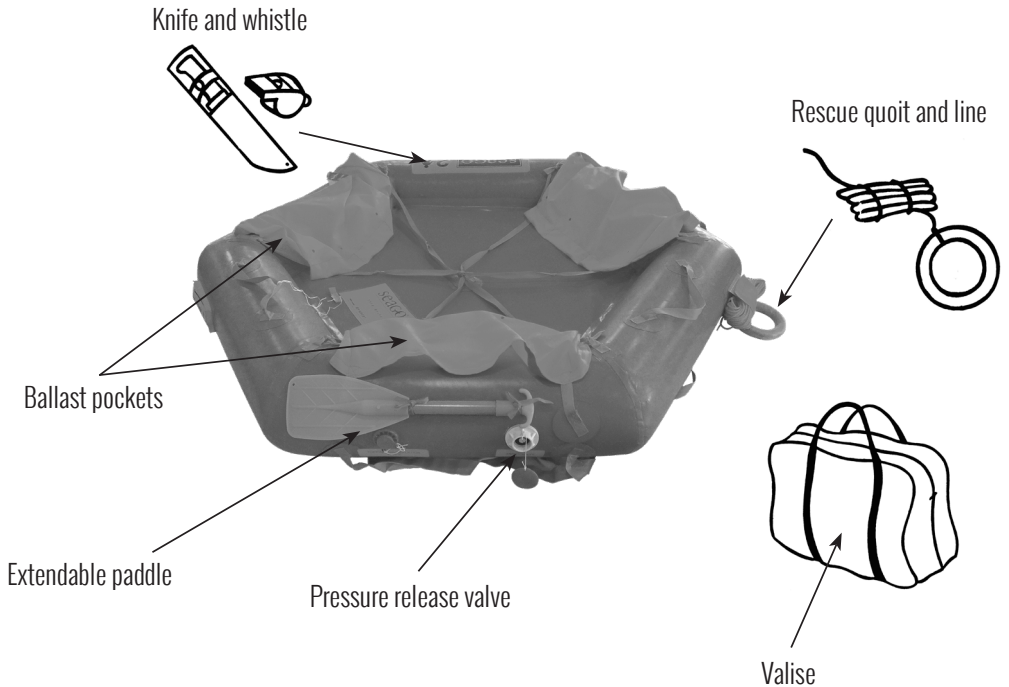
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Equip for *Adventure*

RP500+



RP500



OWNERS MANUAL

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE USE

Thank you for choosing a SEAGO rescue platform- it is important that you familiarise yourself with these instructions in order to ensure correct deployment and maximum safety in the event of abandon ship becoming necessary. You must register your product with Seago to activate the 12 year warranty.
Register at: www.seagoyachting.co.uk/register

You must strictly follow the 3 year servicing intervals as specified by Seago yachting.
Note: if you are sailing outside of UK controlled waters you should check with the appropriate authorities to ensure compliance with local laws and regulations.

Important

This RP500/RP500+ must be serviced and used in strict accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Failure to follow the user instructions may result in serious injury or failure of the equipment to operate correctly.

Failure to have your RP500/RP500+ serviced at an approved Seago service station and at the correct service intervals may result in failure of the equipment to operate correctly and will invalidate your warranty.

Servicing schedule

From Date of purchase	(at new)
1st service after year 3	(validity 3 years)
2nd service after year 6	(validity 3 years)
3rd service after year 9	(validity 3 years)
4th service after year 12	(validity 1 year)
5th service after year 13	(validity 1 year)
6th service after year 14	(validity 1 year)

At the end of year 14 the raft must be decommissioned and taken out of service. NO EXCEPTIONS

Installation on Board

If you have any doubts as to the correct fitting or stowage of this RP500/RP500+ you should seek professional advice or installation from a qualified person.

Note: Incorrect installation may result in a critical failure of the RP500/RP500+ to operate correctly. Never tie any cord, rope or webbing around the valise as this will restrict or prevent the RP500/RP500+ from inflating correctly.

Valise type: Painter line must be attached to a strong point before deployment.

Valise

The Valise RP500/RP500+ should be stowed in such a place clearly marked so it can be accessed quickly and easily in an emergency. If you stow in a locker the valise must have sufficient space around it to allow for any loss of vacuum to the packed RP500/RP500+, if a loss of vacuum occurs the packed RP500/RP500+ will expand considerably from the original packed dimensions. Additionally, the RP500/RP500+ should be suitably stowed within the locker so as to prevent any movement of the RP500/RP500+ caused by wave motion. Failure to prevent this movement may over time cause abrasion to the valise and possible damage to the RP500/RP500+.

- Do not store the valise raft near any hot pipes or allow the raft to come into contact with any chemicals such as petrol, diesel, oil or other.
- Do not stow in a locker where it might become inaccessible.
- Do not stow the valise in sunlight.

The valise is security sealed at the zipper and should never be opened by any person other than a trained / approved Seago service technician. If the security seal is not present or damaged when you purchase the raft you should not use the raft and immediately inform the retailer.

If the security seal is removed or missing between servicing intervals the warranty will be void, and you should immediately stop using the RP500/RP500+ and return it to a qualified Seago service centre for checking.

Deployment for valise (IMPORTANT)

Do not unzip or remove from the valise bag prior to deployment. Attach the painter to a secure strong point on the boat. The total overall length of the painter is 14 meters, however the RP500/RP500+ will activate when approximately 10 meters is pulled from the valise. When you have reached the end of the painter line give a sharp tug to start inflation.

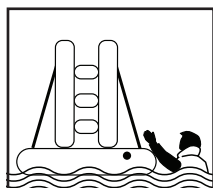
Your SEAGO RP500/RP500+ will inflate fully within approximately 2 minutes depending on conditions and temperature.

RP500+

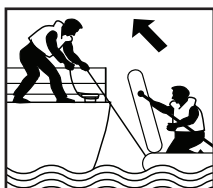
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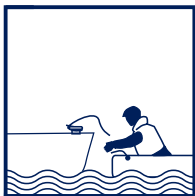
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1. Ensure painter is secured to a strong fixed point i.e. a cleat. Throw the complete raft whether in Valise or Canister into water.
2. Give the painter a sharp firm tug to inflate.
3. Board RP500/RP500+.
4. Cut painter if connected to vessel.
5. Paddle away from vessel or board vessel.

Deployment and Boarding directly from the vessel

If possible, try and avoid getting wet by getting directly on to the RP500/RP500+ from the vessel.

The RP500/RP500+ is an open reversible rescue platform and therefore will always open the correct way up with the water pockets deployed.

If you are already in the water you can board by sliding directly onto the platform by pulling yourself up using the orange webbing straps provided, you can also use the orange water pockets as steps to aid boarding.

We recommend deployment from the vessel if possible, however the RP500/RP500+ can be deployed by the person in the water.

Deployment and boarding from the water

If any crew member falls into the water, you can either secure the painter line to a strong point before throwing the RP500/RP500+ overboard, this method will keep the RP500/RP500+ connected to the vessel until the painter line is cut. You can also immediately throw the RP500/RP500+ directly into the water without securing the painter line to a strong point and it can be deployed by the person in the water, they will need to pull the painter line out themselves to activate inflation. NOTE: The RP500/RP500+ can only be activated by pulling the painter line, throwing the RP500/RP500+ into the water will NOT activate the firing mechanism.

This method should only be used if you are confident the person in the water can swim to the undeployed RP500/RP500+ and they have been made aware of how the RP500/RP500+ is deployed from the water.

If the vessel is moving during a man overboard incident you may consider the time it will take to return to the person in the water and therefore decide to immediately deploy the RP500/RP500+ if you think the person in the water can swim to the RP500/RP500+ and pull the painter line.

Manoeuvring the RP500/RP500+

The paddles supplied in your RP500/RP500+ kit are only suitable for small manoeuvres; this is due to the water ballast pockets causing essential drag.

Important tips

- Always ensure your RP500 servicing is up to date
- Stow your RP500 in an easily accessible position
- If possible, prepare a waterproof grab bag with additional survival equipment, which should be stowed in a position close to the RP500. Some items that could be considered:

Spare spectacles

Spare water sachets

Spare lifejacket

Additional flares

Additional seasickness tablets

EPIRB

Biscuit rations

Comprehensive survival manual

First Aid Kit

SERVICE LOG

Instructions on how to keep servicing records

1. The service log booklets of RP500/RP500+ always stay with the liferaft to which they were issued.
2. The periodic service schedule operations to be carried out are laid down in the corresponding notes for RP500/RP500+. They must be completed only by an authorised Seago service stations, the list of which may be obtained by request to *Seago Yachting Ltd.* or at www.seagoyachting.co.uk
Seago Yachting is not liable for any servicing operation carried out by an unauthorised service station.
5. In case of loss, theft, or ownership a copy of the booklet (in duplicate) must be requested from *Seago Yachting Ltd.* who will send a new copy (this will be chargeable).

Specification

Type	
Class	
Serial number	
Packing capacity /valise or canister	
Approval by notified body	
Date	

Inflation system

Test certificate number	
Cylinder serial number	
Net weight	
Weight of CO2 or N2 Pressure	
Gross weight without operating head	
Type of operating head	

Service schedule and record

In addition to filling in your service log below, a separate certificate of service will be issued by your Seago approved service agent.

1st Service (3 years from first owner purchase)

Service date	
Service station number	
Service engineer number	
Service station stamp	

2nd Service (6 years)

Service date	
Service station number	
Service engineer number	
Service station stamp	

3rd Service (9 years)

Service date	
Service station number	
Service engineer number	
Service station stamp	

4th Service (12 years annual approval only)

Service date	
Service station number	
Service engineer number	
Service station stamp	

5th Service (13 years annual approval only)

Service date	
Service station number	
Service engineer number	
Service station stamp	

6th Service (14 years annual approval only/end of service life)

Service date	
Service station number	
Service engineer number	
Service station stamp	

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