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How's it hanging? –

Dry Bag

Review: Anne Egan

Soggy, heavy, possibly smelly wetsuits. After your session what do you do with your wetty to preserve and protect it? After all it may have cost you a pretty penny and you want it to last.

That is where Dry Bag offers you a great fix. Simple in concept, yes it is a bag that you hang your wetsuit in, but it is so much more than that.

Dry Bag's design allows your wetsuit to dry more quickly whilst on the move, or in a static location. The wetsuit is folded from the waist over the specially designed heavy-duty hanger, which will take up to XXL size wetsuits and up to 25 kgs in weight. Hanging in this fashion avoids creases and from here the excess water may drip away to the reservoir in the bottom of the bag collecting away from the garment. This water may later be drained away at a convenient opportunity, via the plug. Simple and ingenious.

The system comprising the bag and hanger is designed to be used in a vertical position and to facilitate this in different environments the hanger is finished with an adjustable length cord and padded lanyard, very easy to handle.

But that's not the full story. The Dry Bag protects your wetty from harmful UV rays but the clever construction of mesh vents allow air flow to facilitate drying, the heat can reach the wetsuit but not the UV rays. The bag itself is so lightweight and looks rather sophisticated. The opening is via a zip, running top to bottom on the front and is very easy to use even if you hands are numb with cold.

CONCLUSION

It really is a very useful item to protect your wetsuit on the move as it will hang in your car or van. In winter it is ideal for storing your wetsuits in such a way that it is ventilated and protected. Displayed at a SUP event in the summer the feedback from those who owned a Dry Bag was positive and there was a lot interest in this product. The Dry Bag is available direct from Dry Bag in two different styles, the Pro and the Elite both retailing at £60. The Elite may be more suitable for those of you who spend more time in the water than on dry land, you will definitely find your Dry Bag invaluable.

Price: £60

Info: <https://thedrybag.co.uk>



Bag it up –

LOMO drybag



Review: Jo Jordan

Whether you are cruising in the summer or surfing in the winter a waterproof bag can be an important bit of kit. Car keys, mobile phones, drinks, lunch, all the essentials if you are spending a period of time out on the water or needing a dry stash back on land.

LOMO pride themselves on selling quality equipment at affordable prices and sent me their KAYAK/SUP deck dry bag to test run. The bag is striking yellow for visibility purposes, is a good size with plenty of space, and offers additional storage with mesh pockets and bungee cord on the outside. It has four d-rings to easily secure to your kayak or SUP.

The big test is obviously is the bag waterproof? I loaded it with a roll of tissue, figuring this would show any leakage no matter how small. Four rolls of the top of the bag, secure with the clip and the bag should be watertight. It fitted nicely on to the back of my sit on top kayak and after an hour of paddling along the shore in fairly choppy conditions passed the test with my roll of tissue I carried remaining dry.

Time for a paddle on my SUP. Onboard the bag would be much closer to the water and come into contact with the wet stuff more than a few splashes over the back of a sit-on-top. I had the added movement in the water of my dog swimming alongside but am pleased to say again, my roll of tissue remained dry. Confidence is a big thing with a waterproof bag, especially if carrying expensive mobile phones, or the remote/digital key of your car, so for one final test I completely submerged the bag and held under water. This would not happen for "real" as the bag has an element of buoyancy with trapped air. Once again my trusted roll of tissue remained dry!



CONCLUSION

Overall, LOMO live up to the promise of providing quality equipment. The bag has practical uses with its high visibility and additional storage, all with a cool design and at an affordable £23.

Price: £23.00

Info: <http://www.lomo.co.uk/acatalog/Dry-Boxes-dry-bags-uk.html>