Sprucing Up Your Older Paddleboat

- Refer to Owner's Manual for instructions on cleaning different surfaces of your boat.
- 2. Oil the drive chain, bearings, and pedals with a good-quality white lithium spray grease or WD-40. If drive chain is rusty, consider replacing it with a new one (call our factory to order at the number below. Someone who is experienced in bicycle chain replacement will have to remove and replace your chain.
- 3. If you have only one steering rudder (under your boat), you could convert it to the newer two-rudder system by ordering the following parts (the numbers refer to the part numbers on the front and rear rudder diagrams, under the "Service" page): #2 steering handle w/grip and collar, #3 collar, #4 solid shaft, #7 front rudder. This will help the boat to be more responsive to steering.
- 4. If you have wood seats, you can re-finish them, paint them, or replace them with the white P.V.C. seats and seat backs that are used now. Please measure the wood part of the seats that are on the boat and call us to order at the number below. The price of the seat back boards is on the "Parts/Accessories" page, under the "Service" tab.
- 5. You could add our snap-on seat cushions, which add a lot of comfort and can be left on the boat. The width of the top (back) seat cushions is 45", and the bottom seat cushion measures 42" across. The cushions come with self-tapping screws that are easy to install. The price of our cushions can be found on the "Parts/Accessories" page, under the "Service" tab.
- 6. You could remove the old carpet and replace it with new. Please call to order—the carpet will come cut to fit, however, small adjustments may be necessary. You will have to remove the seat base and some edge trim in order to replace the carpet. Carpet can be applied to the deck with a good-quality, marine adhesive. The adhesive cannot be shipped, but can be purchased at our factory or ordered through www.westmarine.com.
- 7. You could add a fold-up bimini top, which can be ordered directly from our factory.
- 8. The aluminum pontoon tubes could be brightened up by using a product called "Toon Bright" or another product made especially to clean and brighten pontoon tubes. These products can be ordered through www.westmarine.com, or other marine retail stores.

Your boat can be brought directly to our factory for any of the above replacements done for a very reasonable charge. In most cases, the repair or replacements can be done while you wait. Please call ahead for appointment at (989) 235-6776.

We hope we have provided some ways in which you can spruce up your old boat. There is an endless array of products on the market that can be used to clean every surface imaginable of any boat. West Marine is just one of the marine retail stores, www.overtons.com, and www.boatersworld are two more sites available.

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (989) 235-6776, or at ronda@paddleking.com. We are happy to help. Good luck with your project!