



***SLBBFL6***

**6-Person Recreational Inflatable Banana Boat**

with Storage Bag, Foot Pump, and Repair Kit

**User Guide**

# BEFORE YOU BEGIN USING YOUR TUBE, READ THE REST OF THIS MANUAL CAREFULLY.

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Water Sports can be safe and fun. This operators manual is designed to increase your knowledge of the banana boat/water sled product. It should also make you aware of the potentially dangerous conditions that can be found with any water sports.

## SAFETY WARNINGS



### WARNINGS

**WATERSPORTS INVOLVES RISKS OF SEVERE INJURY OR DEATH. Follow all instructions and safety information below and read owner's manual to reduce risks: USE COMMON SENSE WHEN OPERATING AND USING THE BANANA BOAT WATER SLED.**

1. Capitan or boat drivers is responsible for the banana boat riders since the tube cannot be steered or operated by the riders of the banana boat. Capitan or boat drivers should NEVER TRY TO DUMP RIDERS or tip over the banana boat water sled. Use experienced boat drivers. NEVER MAKE SHARP TURNS which may cause the banana boat to accelerate.
2. Tube cannot be controlled by rider! Signal boat driver to stop or slow down if you are not comfortable. Agree on signals in advance.
3. Always have a person other than the driver as an observer of riders. Be sure to use a flag to notify if any riders are in the water.
4. STAY SEATED AND HOLD ON TO HANDLES! No more than one rider per handle. Do not exceed recommended number of riders for your banana boat.
5. ALWAYS WEAR A PROPERLY FITTED LIFE JACKET (PDF) U.S. Coast Guard Type III, ISO APPROVED. This towable is not a personal floatation device. Banana boat water sleds should NOT be used by non-swimmers.
6. Driver towing banana boat should not exceed speed of 15mph.
7. Never exceed skill level of riders and use experienced boat drivers.
8. Never tow in shallow water or near shore, docks, pilings, swimmers, watercraft or other obstacles.
9. Never tow more than one tube at a time, or use tube as a personal flotation device.
10. ALWAYS BE SURE TOW ROPE IS CLEAR OF ALL BODY PARTS prior to and during use.
11. Do not use while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
12. All children riding on banana boat must be under adult supervision at all times.
13. Do not attach a rider to a sled. Never place any body part through handles, under cover, bladder, towing harness or tie rider to tube.
14. With multiple passengers never allow riders' bodies to collide. Towing at slower speeds, in calm water, and cautious driving will reduce injuries.
15. Do not attempt dangerous tricks or stunts while riding the banana boat water sled. NO HORSE PLAY — NO PUSHING OR SHOVING
16. Check your equipment before use. Check connectors and rope for frays, cuts, sharp edges, knots or wear. Replace rope if it shows any sign of wear (i.e.) discoloration, fraying, or unraveling.
17. Do NOT use any tow rope with bungee or elastic to pull riders.
18. The rope will experience different stress depending on weight of the riders, design of the boat, and size of the banana boat. Check owner's manual for correct rope strength for this size banana boat.



**WARNING: USE OF THIS PRODUCT AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS SPORT INVOLVES INHERENT RISKS OF INJURY OR DEATH.**

MODEL	Number of Riders	Combined Maximum Weight of Riders lb (kg)	Minimum Rope Tensile Strength lb (kg)
SLBBFL2	2	340 lb (154 kg)	2,375 lb (1,077 kg)
SLBBFL3	3	510 lb (231 kg)	3,350 lb (1,520 kg)
SLBBFL4	4	680 lb (308 kg)	4,100 lb (1,860 kg)
SLBBFL5	5	850 lb (385 kg)	6,000 lb (2,722 kg)
SLBBFL6	6	1,020 lb (463 kg)	6,000 lb (2,722 kg)

**Maximum Boat Speed: Adults and Children: 15 mph (24 km/h)**

**Length of tow rope: 50 ft. (15.25 m) - 65 ft. (19.80 m)**

## ***INSTRUCTIONS AND SAFETY WARNINGS***

**ANYONE PLANNING TO TOW THE BANANA BOAT MUST REVIEW OWNER'S MANUAL BEFORE USE**

### **WATERSPORTS RESPONSIBILITY CODE**

Be aware that there are risks in boating and Watersports that good judgment and personal awareness can help reduce. To increase your enjoyment of Watersports, follow the ten elements of the Code.

### **IN WATERSPORTS IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO:**

- **ALWAYS** familiarize yourself with applicable laws, waterways, and inherent risks.
- **ALWAYS** have a capable observer in addition to driver, and agreed on hand signals.
- **ALWAYS** wear a properly fitted life jacket approved by your country's agency.
- **ALWAYS** read user's manual and inspect equipment before use.
- **ALWAYS** ride under control, at proper speeds, and within your limits.
- **ALWAYS** turn ignition off when anyone is near watercraft power drive unit.
- **ALWAYS** stay clear of engine exhaust to avoid Carbon Monoxide poisoning.
- **NEVER** "Platform Drag" or touch swim platform while the engine is running.
- **NEVER** ride near swimmers, shallow water, other boats, or obstacles.
- **NEVER** operate watercraft or ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

### **WATERSPORTS SAFETY CODE**

**BEFORE YOU GET IN THE WATER:** Riding instruction is recommended before use. Instruction will teach general safety guidelines and proper riding techniques, which may reduce your risk of injury.

- Know the federal, state and local laws that apply to your area.
- If you are not familiar with a waterway, ask someone who is, to tell you about any hidden dangers or things to avoid.
- Whether you plan to be in a watercraft, or riding behind one it is important you are wearing a properly fitted life jacket (PFD) approved by your country's agency, USCG Type III, ISO, etc.
- Inspect all equipment prior to each use, check bindings, fins, tube, attachment, tow rope and flotation device. Do not use if damaged.

**WATERCRAFT SAFETY: A knowledgeable and responsible driver is the most important safety device on any watercraft.**

- Never operate a watercraft or ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Only use water ballast and people for additional weight.
- Never exceed the passenger or weight limitations of the watercraft.
- Never allow passengers to hang outside the watercraft or towed device or sit on the gunwales or anywhere outside of the normal seating area.
- Never allow water to overflow the bow or gunwales of the watercraft.
- Uneven weight distribution or additional weight may affect the handling of the watercraft.

**CARBON MONOXIDE: The exhaust from the engine on a watercraft contains Carbon Monoxide (CO) which is a colorless, odorless and poisonous gas. Excessive exposure to CO can cause severe injury or death. Follow this advice to avoid injury.**

- Never "Platform Drag" by holding onto the boarding platform or be dragged directly behind the watercraft. This is where CO will be.
- Do not sit on the watercraft transom or boarding platform while the engine is running.
- Make sure the engine is properly tuned and running well. An improperly tuned engine produces excessive exhaust and CO.
- If you smell engine exhaust do not stay in that position.
- Go to the United States Coast Guard's website: [www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org) for more information on how to help protect yourself and others from the dangers of CO.

**TOW ROPES: Tow ropes come in different lengths and strengths for different activities.**

**Make sure any rope you are using is suited for riding and that it is in good condition.**

- Never use a rope that is frayed, knotted, unraveling or discolored from use or being left in the sun. If a rope breaks while in use it can recoil at the rider being towed or into the watercraft where it might strike passengers. Replace tow ropes with any sign of damage.
- Never use a tow rope with elastic or bungee material to pull riders.
- Rope should be attached to the watercraft in an approved fashion with hardware designed for towing. Refer to your Boat User's manual for instructions on proper tow rope attachment for each watersports activity.
- Always keep people and tow ropes away from the propeller, even when idling.
- If a tow rope should become entangled in a propeller, shut off engine, remove the key and put it in your pocket before retrieving the rope.
- Tow ropes should be neatly stowed in the boat when not in use.

**PREPARING TO RIDE: Always have a person other than the driver as an observer to look out for the rider.**

- Be sure the driver is aware of the experience and ability level of the rider.
- The driver, observer and rider need to agree on hand signals before riding. Signals should include READY, STOP, SPEED UP, and SLOW DOWN.
- Start the engine only after making sure that no one in the water is near the propeller.
- **Turn the engine off when people are getting into or out of the watercraft, or in the water near the watercraft.**
- Always make sure the tow rope is not wrapped around anyone's hands, arms, legs, or other parts of the body.

- Start the watercraft and move slowly to remove slack until the tow rope is tight.
- When the rider signals READY and there is no traffic ahead, take off in a straight line.  
Adjust the speed according to the signals given by the rider.

**RIDING:** The watercraft and rider should always maintain a sufficient distance from obstacles so a rider falling or coasting and/or watercraft will not encounter any obstacle.

- Do not use in shallow water or near shore, docks, pilings, swimmers, other watercraft, or any other obstacles.
- Use only on water.
- Never attempt land or dock starts. This will increase your risk of injury or death.
- Always wear a properly fitted life jacket (PFD) approved by your country's agency, USCG Type III, ISO, etc.
- The faster you ride, the greater your risk of injury.
- Never make sharp turns that may cause a slingshot effect on the tube's speed.
- Rider should be towed at an appropriate speed for their ability level.

**FALLEN RIDER:** Falling and injuries are common in riding.

- Circle a fallen rider slowly to pick up the fallen rider.
- Put the watercraft in neutral when near a fallen rider.
- Always keep the fallen rider in view and on the driver's side of the watercraft.
- Display a red or orange-down flag to alert other vessels that a rider is down.

**The Warnings and practices in the Watersports Safety Code represent common risks encountered by users. The code does not cover all instances of risk or danger. Please use common sense and good judgment.**

## **BANANA BOAT INFLATION**

### **Inflating your banana boat**

To open the valve, simply push down the yellow-topped needle spring and turn to the right while in the down position. The needle spring will **stay down** and the valve will be open. You can then simply put any inflator to this opening and fill the banana until firm. Once it is firm, quickly remove the inflator and push down the needle spring and turn to the left - it will pop back up to the closed position.



#### **Two-part Valve**

Top screws into bottom half that is inside tube



#### **Needle Spring**



#### **Valve Adapter**

You can also use the valve adapter to help secure the inflator to the opening

### ***How much air is the right amount?***

In general, the banana boat is full when it is very firm. An adult should be able to sit on the tube and only sink a couple of inches. Banana boats need to be full of air and properly maintained for long product life.

## **BANANA BOAT REPAIRS**

Before you begin, make sure you are working in a well-ventilated area, climate controlled to at least 70 degrees. It is advised that you wear protective gloves when working with chemicals.

After you have done the repair to the tube, it must sit undisturbed for at least 24 hours.

When making a repair, do not inflate tube to maximum capacity. It is recommended that the tube be semi-soft for all repairs.

### **Repairing Holes in the Tube:**

1. Cut the patch larger than the area to be repaired. Be sure to round the corners of the patch.  
Use the patches enclosed with your banana boat.
2. Place the patch over the area to be repaired, outline with a pen.
3. Wipe patch with clean towel. Using a clean towel, wipe area on the tube to be repaired.
4. Place one thin coat of glue on the patch and one thin coat of glue on the tube.  
WAIT 5 minutes.
5. Place patch on glued area
6. With dull instrument, starting at the center of the patch, gently smooth the patch in place, paying attention to all corners and sides of the patch.
7. Use repair adhesive to outline patch to assure patch is sealed.
8. Remove any glue residue. Allow boat to sit for 24 hours. Don't rush the drying.
9. Air up the tube and check for leaks.

### **Repairing Leaks in Seam Area:**

If a seam is leaking, it is strongly suggested that you send your tube to a professional inflatable boat repair company for repairs. You can look online by using Google searching "inflatable boat repair" in your city or state to find a boat repair company.

**TIP:** *If you try to repair a small break in the seam, use the repair instructions above.*

## **BANANA BOAT STORAGE**

### **Storing the banana boat after use:**

1. Wipe down banana boat. If banana boat is dirty, clean with mild soap and water first then dry completely.  
**DO NOT USE ARMORAL OR PRODUCTS CONTAINING PETROLEUM DISTILLATES.**
2. Be sure the boat is dry before storing.
3. Fold pontoons in toward seated area on banana boat. Then fold banana boat in small squares.  
Place in a sealable plastic bin.
4. **Store in a dry covered cool area.** Note- storing in damp or humid areas area can cause glued areas to separate. Avoid areas that have mice or rodents.

**USER ASSUMES ALL RISKS AND LIABILITY FOR LOSS, DAMAGE, OR INJURY TO YOU OR YOUR PROPERTY, AND TO OTHERS AND THEIR PROPERTY, ARISING OUT OF USE, MISUSE, OR INABILITY TO USE THE WATER SLED BANANA BOAT.**

## **FEATURES:**

- With 6 Separate Seats
- Thick and Tough
- Welded Seams and Commercial Boat Air Valves for Inflation and Deflation
- With Reinforced Seats and Foot Areas
- Durable Banana Boat
- 3 Valve & Air Chamber Construction
- Stainless-Steel D-Rings

## **WHAT'S IN THE BOX:**

- (1) Inflatable Banana boat
- (6) PVC Tubing Handles
- (3) Quick Release Valves
- (1) Foot Pump
- (1) Valve Adapter
- (1) Repair Kit
- (1) Storage bag

## **TECHNICAL SPECS:**

- Construction Materials: 0.9mm mesh reinforced PVC
- Occupancy: Accommodates up to 6 Adults
- Maximum Weight Capacity: 1020 lbs. (463 kg)
- Inflated Product Dimensions: 216.5" x 49.2" x 35.4" -inches

### **California Prop 65 Warning**

 **WARNING:**

This product contains Vinyl Chloride which is known to the state of California to cause cancer birth defects and other reproductive harm. Do not ingest.

For more info go to: [www.P65warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65warnings.ca.gov)



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