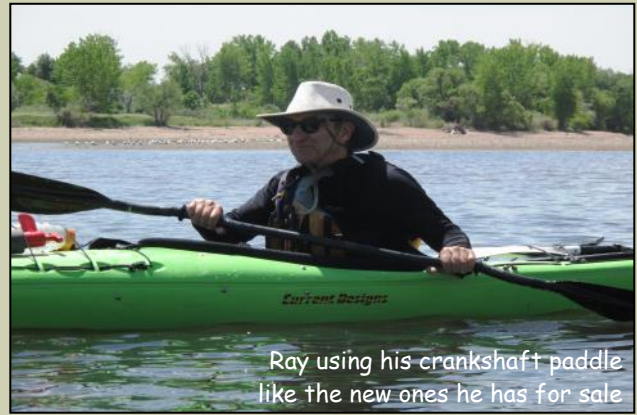


RAY VAN DUSEN'S PADDLE AND KAYAK SALE



PADDLES: Ray has three brand-new crankshaft carbon fiber paddles left. They are like the 215mm paddles that he has used and sold since 1997.

Assembled by Ray, they have narrow blades made by Nimbus and shafts by Lindal. One has a Zephyr blade (5" x 18") and two have Kiska blades (6" x 18"). These are the low-angle blades that so many paddlers use on long trips when the miles start to add up. \$350 each. Email Ray: vandusen_r@yahoo.com



Ray says, "I had wrist troubles in 1997. Both of them hurt so much I had to find a paddle that I could use or stop paddling. I talked to the Lindal paddle rep. who said try a crankshaft.

I did and my wrists stopped hurting. As long as I used that paddle I was fine, but up to three years later I could go back to a straight-shaft paddle and my wrists would start hurting again, but if I went back to the crankshaft they would stop."

KAYAKS: Several of Ray's boats have been snapped up, but the Seda *Impulse* is still available, for \$1100. This is the kayak Ray has chosen for his Green River trips and his go-to boat on the Missouri River in Montana. It is a great kayak for a multi-day trip where you need to carry food and gear, and water for a hundred miles or more.

It has had the seat lowered and has been retrofitted with aggressive thigh braces to help hold the paddler in the boat making it easier to do a roll and very easy to do a reentry and roll. [Check the enthusiastic on-line reviews for Seda's *Impulse*.]

