

Types of Human-powered Boats

There are many types of boats that are to be powered by humans. Most of them are small, less than 12 feet in length. Some of the common types of human-powered boats are shown below.



- **Rowboats** have two oars. Pulling the oars through the water moves the boat. These boats are very stable but can be challenging to row.
- **Canoes** are paddled using a single bladed paddle. Canoes are open and have space for you, a friend and your gear. If they aren't loaded evenly, canoes can be unstable.
- **Kayaks** are made for one or two people and use a paddle with two blades, one on each end.
- **Pedal boats** are pedaled like a bike. The pedals move a paddle that propels the boat. These boats are best on a lake. Pedal boats are better for cruising and exercise than for fishing.