

# Bankes Pumpkin Seed Lay-Out Boat

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Here it is, the lay-out boat that started it all, the Bankes 10' Pumpkinseed Lay-Out. We have been manufacturing this boat for over 20 years now and have literally sold hundreds and hundreds of them, and with good reason. They are deadly on the birds, and the best value on the market! They have been tried, tested and are in use all across North America, with great success. Their low profile and unique design ensure that the ducks will never know what hit them! We have spent years perfecting the color so that you will blend right into the water. With its 56" beam and exclusive "suction cup" hull design, you can be assured of a stable shooting platform, in all kinds of conditions. The boat comes standard with our exclusive



Battleship Grey Camo Gelcoat pattern, a stainless steel bow eyes through bolted at each end for anchoring. These are accessible from the top side. It has a molded fiberglass backrest and spray shield for maximum comfort and durability. There are shelves on each side of you for shells, radio, lunch, and whatever else you may need. Along with the comfortable back rest, our pumpkinseed design provides maximum foot and boot room for your comfort. The boat is US COAST GUARD rated for 300lbs person and gear weight, which is the highest capacity rating of any boat in its class. Safety is priority #1, which is why we not only put foam in the bow and stern of the boat, but also down the sides of the boat, to give you the maximum amount of floatation that can be put

in. All this comes standard. This boat has it all. A great price, the highest capacity rating in its class, lots of boot room, and most importantly an invisible profile on the water. If you are in the market for a small, light weight layout boat then this should be your next purchase.



Price : \$ 1695.00 All Prices FOB Our Factory

## Specifications :

Length : 10'  
Beam : 56"  
Depth : Water Line to Top of Spray Shield : 12 ½"  
Weight : 100 lbs  
Max. Capacity: 300lbs

## Options :

Polyester Tonneau Cover Made from Durable "Top Gun" Material  
\$ 85.00

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# Testimonials

Here's what actual customers had to say after purchasing one of our 10' One Man Layout boats;

Dear Mike,

I had made my decision after much consideration last summer to buy a Bankes One Man. The primary factors in deciding to purchase your boat were stability, comfort, construction, the ability to use a tonneau cover and the smooth lines that covered my substantial shape when I lay down in the boat. I felt as if I were encapsulated, rather than laying on top of it. In addition, when the spray skirts are up on the other boats, they appear to have a larger profile than the one-man.

This past weekend was my first layout hunt up in Mitchell's Bay on Lake St. Clair. A friend of mine and I set up, I in my Bankes and he in one of the "other" layouts. The conditions were not ideal - a strong Northeast wind and bright skies. The bay was at quite a chop by the time the birds started rolling in.

I witnessed birds decoying in a way I had never seen before - almost as if they were above me. In your boat, I am able to brace my feet against the bottom and use my legs to push me into an upright position, rather than doing a true sit-up.

Many times the birds were close enough that I could see their eyes open wide with surprise. We hunted in shallow water, and I was able to jump in and out of the layout to pick up the birds myself. Most were floating within twenty yards of the boat.

My partners that hunted in the other layout found themselves laying in 3 inches of water and getting wet. The only water in my boat was from me hoping in and out to retrieve my birds. My partners shot birds as well, but they are not as young as they used to be and had trouble sitting up as they were laying flat on their backs and not slightly inclined as I was. Of course, a cold, wet back makes it tough to spring into action as well.

Later in the week we hunted here in Ohio in an area with fewer, more educated birds. I watched as two of my buddies took their first layout birds, 6 nice bluebills, in two hours. An outfitter 1,000 yds away that had been out all day using three layouts of other manufacture only scored eight all day. For anyone thinking that the higher profile scares birds, see the attached pictures...these birds never knew what hit them!

I would encourage anyone shopping around to put the Bankes next to the other one-man layouts in the water (With their skirts up, as they are usually going to be needed) and see which one hides you better, in better comfort, and keeps you dry.

Thanks for the great product. If anyone in my area ever needs to look at a layout, send them my email address, I will hook them up!

Kevin

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Good morning Michael,

The duck hunting season down here will close on Friday and I wanted to take this opportunity once again to thank you for the great service and more importantly a great product. As you know one year ago I was considering either a Bankes or a xxxxxxxx boat and although I have never seen a xxxxxxxx boat other than on the internet it cannot be better than your product. To be honest we never bagged our daily limit until I received the Banks boat. Now we bag the limit everyday we hunt in record time. We speak of the boat with pride everyday we hunt and thanks to the boat we now have mastered this type of hunting.

Ed