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NRS Awarded a Gear of the Year Award from Outside Magazine

Moscow, ID – NRS was recently awarded a Gear of the Year Award from *Outside Magazine* for the Expedition E-132D inflatable raft. The award appears in the upcoming 2009 *Outside Buyer's Guide* issue on newsstands April 29.

The NRS E-132D's tubes diminish towards the bow and stern of the boat. This creates large front and rear compartments, giving significantly more cargo space than a traditional round tube design. It's built with less kick, or rise, in the bow and stern than other NRS designs. The E-132D is an ideal paddle raft - the guide can dig off the stern easier, the paddlers at the bow get a much wetter ride and the boat itself cuts through waves with ease. Bill Parks, Founder and Owner of NRS, added "We've had a lot of success with this design, notably with Southeastern US outfitters running narrow rivers. The kick is reduced but not enough that the boat won't drop off ledges with ease."

The "E" Series Rafts are built for those who habitually venture out to battle the sharpest rocks, swiftest currents and generally ugliest conditions. NRS offers a 10-year limited warranty on these tough boats. The features of the "E" Series include extra heavy-duty floor and tubes constructed with 1670 denier/48 oz Hypalon®, an additional wide swath of commercial-grade HD-40 floor armor and a four-chamber tube construction. All NRS inflatables use trouble-free Leaffield™ valves. NRS assembles the "E" Series, Otter Series and Sport Series Cataracts in an NRS-owned factory in Tecate, Mexico.

NRS is a leading manufacturer and distributor of innovative, rugged boating apparel, accessories and inflatable boats. Started in a home garage in 1972, the company has grown to be a major force in the paddlesports industry, satisfying customers in the U.S. and over 40 other countries worldwide.

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