

# **ERECTION INSTRUCTIONS**

## **HARVARD DE LUXE**

### **BEFORE USE**

**PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ERECTION INSTRUCTIONS. FAILURE TO ERECT THE TENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN DAMAGE TO BOTH FABRIC AND POLE SYSTEMS. SUCH DAMAGE CANNOT BE COVERED BY THE WARRANTY.**

### **WARNING!!**

**DO NOT PUSH TENT PEGS IN BY HAND, ALL TENT PEGS SHOULD BE DRIVEN HOME USING A WOODEN OR RUBBER FACED Mallet OR SIMILAR TOOL.**

TO ENSURE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE WATERPROOFING THE MAIN FLY SHEET SEAMS HAVE BEEN TAPED. SHOULD THE TAPE BE DAMAGED AND PEEL AWAY YOU CAN EFFECT A REPAIR BY USING SEAM SEALER AROUND THE PROBLEM AREA.

WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT SEAM SEALER IS APPLIED TO UNTAPED SEAMS TO PREVENT LEAKAGE.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU DO NOT ALLOW SEAM SEALER TO CONTAMINATE THE TEETH OF ANY ZIPS AS THIS WILL PREVENT THE ZIP FROM FUNCTIONING CORRECTLY.

IF YOU DO USE SEAM SEALER IT IS BEST APPLIED WHEN THE TENT IS DRY. PICK A DRY WARM DAY TO CARRY OUT ANY SEALING AND PLEASE ALLOW 48 HOURS FOR THE SEALANT TO CURE PRIOR TO RE-PACKAGING THE TENT.

FAILURE TO ALLOW THE SEALANT TO DRY FULLY PRIOR TO PACKING THE TENT UP WILL STICK THE FABRIC TOGETHER POSSIBLY CAUSING IRREPARABLE DAMAGE.

### **DURING USE**

TENTS CONTAINING A HIGH PROPORTION OF SYNTHETIC MATERIALS ARE SOMETIMES AFFECTED BY CONDENSATION, THIS SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH LEAKAGE AND CAN USUALLY BE CURED BY ENSURING THAT ADEQUATE VENTILATION IS AVAILABLE BY LEAVING DOORWAYS SLIGHTLY UNZIPPED WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

DO NOT PITCH UNDER TREES, MAKE USE OF NATURAL WIND BREAKS LIKE HEDGES OR WALLS, FACE THE TENT DOOR AWAY FROM THE PREVAILING WIND. USE TWO HANDS WHEN OPENING AND CLOSING ZIPS, THIS WILL HELP PREVENT PREMATURE ZIP FAILURE.

READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FIRE PRECAUTIONS INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THE INSIDE OF THE TENT.

### **CARE OF YOUR TENT *WARNING!!***

TENT FABRICS CAN BE WEAKENED BY PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO SUNLIGHT, UNDER NORMAL HOLIDAY USE YOUR TENT WILL GIVE YOU LONG SERVICE BUT ERECTION FOR EXTENDED PERIODS IN STRONG SUNLIGHT WILL CAUSE DETERIORATION.

IF YOU ARE LIKELY TO USE YOUR TENT FOR PROLONGED PERIODS IT WOULD BE WISE TO USE A SITE WHICH IS A SHADED AS POSSIBLE.

TENTS ARE BEST STORED OPENED OUT, IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE AIR FULLY AND ENSURE IT IS TOTALLY DRY BEFORE PACKING IT AWAY AT THE END OF YOUR HOLIDAY.

STORE YOUR TENT IN A WELL VENTILATED DRY PLACE. LOOK AFTER YOUR TENT AND IT WILL LOOK AFTER YOU.

HAVE ANY DAMAGE TO YOUR TENT REPAIRED AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY.

FAILURES IN FIBERGLASS POLES NORMALLY OCCUR THROUGH INCORRECT USE, MAKE SURE THE POLE SECTIONS ARE FULLY INSERTED INTO THEIR ADJOINING FERULES AND DO NOT OVER STRESS THE POLE BEYOND IT'S DESIGNED CURVED. ZIPS SHOULD BE TREATED WITH CARE TO PREVENT PREMATURE FAILURE AND THE TENT SHOULD BE KEPT CLEAN AND DRY AFTER USE.

## **INSURANCE**

WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOUR TENT BE INSURED AGAINST THEFT AND STORM OR ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE. STORM OR ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE IS NOT COVERED BY THE WARRANTY.

CHECK YOUR EQUIPMENT BEFORE GOING AWAY WITH YOUR TENT. ENSURE THAT YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE PITCHING OF THE TENT AND THAT ALL PARTS ARE PRESENT.

YOU SHOULD FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE TENT, INCLUDING ANY LIMITATIONS THAT IT MAY HAVE FOR YOUR PARTICULAR USE.

DOMES ARE PORTABLE STRUCTURES WHICH UNDER MOST CIRCUMSTANCES WILL PROVIDE COMFORTABLE SHELTER AGAINST THE ELEMENTS. THERE ARE HOWEVER EXTREMES OF WEATHER FOR WHICH ALLOWANCES SHOULD BE MADE.

**DO NOT BLAME THE TENT !**

## **ERECTING YOUR TENT**

1: REMOVE THE CONTENTS OF THE CARRY BAG AND IDENTIFY ALL THE COMPONENT PARTS.

- INNER TENT (MAIN INNER TENT AND PORCH INNER TENT).
- FLYSHEET
- POLE BAG AND CONTENTS
- PEG BAG AND CONTENTS

2: SELECT A SITE THAT IS CLEAR OF ANY SHARP OBJECTS, STICKS AND STONES E.T.C

3: IN THE POLE BAG SHOULD BE FOUR SETS OF SHOCKCORDED FIBERGLASS POLES ( FIVE SETS FOR THE HARVARD DE LUXE ) ASSEMBLE ALL THE SHOCKCORDED POLES.

ALL POLES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CANOPY POLES WILL BE MARKED WITH A COLOURED STICKER, THIS WILL CORRESPOND TO A COLOURED TRIM ON THE EDGE OF THE SLEEVE THAT THE POLE IS INTENDED TO FIT THROUGH.

THREAD THE TWO RELEVANT SHOCKCORDED POLES THROUGH THE SLEEVES ON THE INNER TENT IN A DIAGONAL FASHION. FROM ONE CORNER TO THE OPPOSITE CORNER  
*ENSURE CARE IS TAKEN DURING THIS PROCEDURE, NOT TO ALLOW THE ENDS OF THE SHOCKCORDED POLES TO DAMAGE SLEEVES OR INNER TENT MATERIAL.*

4: ONCE THE TWO POLES ARE THREADED INTO PLACE; CHOOSE ONE OF THE TWO POLES AND ENGAGE THE END FERRULE INTO THE POLE RETAINING FIXTURE LOCATED ON THAT CORNER OF THE INNER TENT GROUND SHEET SECTION. EACH POLE RETAINING FIXTURE WILL HAVE A METAL RING WITH ONE OR MORE RETAINING PINS ATTACHED TO IT (DEPENDANT UPON MODEL) THE RETAINING PIN IS DESIGNED TO SLIDE UP INSIDE THE POLE ENDS THUS SECURING THE POLE INTO PLACE.

FROM THE OPPOSITE END OF THE SAME POLE CAREFULLY PUSH THE REMAINING POLE THROUGH THE SLEEVES SO IT ASSUMES A SEMI-CIRCULAR SHAPE. WHEN THE END FERRULE IS LEVEL TO THE POLE RETAINING FIXTURE ON THIS SIDE, ENGAGE IT INTO PLACE AS BEFORE.

5: TAKING THE SECOND POLE REPEAT POINT 4.

*DURING BOTH POINTS 4 & 5 ENSURE THAT THE POLE JOINING FERRULES DO NOT CATCH ON THE INSIDE OR EDGE OF THE MATERIAL SLEEVES. SHOULD THIS HAPPEN CAREFULLY FREE THE SLEEVE BEFORE CONTINUING. FAILURE TO FREE THE SLEEVE MAY CAUSE THE MATERIAL TO TEAR AND OR STITCHED SEAMS TO BURST.*

IF THE INNER TENT POLE SLEEVES DO NOT CONTINUE MOST OF THE WAY DOWN TO THE GROUND SHEET SECTION, THEN YOU SHOULD ATTACH THE INNER TENT WEBBING TO POLE CLIPS. THESE ARE FOUND DOWN THE CORNER SEAMS OF THE INNER TENT AND SIMPLY CLIP DIRECTLY ONTO THE SHOCKCORDED POLES.

TIE THE TWO POLES TOGETHER WHERE THEY CROSS EACH OTHER WITH THE TWO TIE TAPES SITUATED ON THE CENTER ROOF OF THE INNER TENT.

6: THE INNER TENT SHOULD NOW BE FREE STANDING AND CAN BE POSITIONED READY FOR PEGGING.

PLACE THE FRONT DOOR SO IT IS FACING AWAY FROM PREVAILING WIND.  
USING THE PEGS PROVIDED PEG ALL THE INNER TENT PEGGING LOOPS TO THE GROUND.

7: UNFOLD THE FLYSHEET OF THE TENT AND PLACE OVER THE INNER TENT. ENSURE THAT THE DOORWAY OF THE FLYSHEET IS PLACED ON THE SAME SIDE AS THE DOORWAY ON THE INNER TENT.

YOU WILL NOTICE THAT THERE ARE TRIANGULAR GUY POINTS ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE FLYSHEET THESE MATCH WITH TIE TAPES AT THE SAME POSITION BUT ON THE INSIDE OF THE FLYSHEET FOR THE MAIN DOME SECTION.

TIE THE TAPES AROUND THE MAIN POLES OF THE INNER TENT SECURELY. ( IF, YOU HAVE TEMPORALLY PEGGED THE FLYSHEET YOU SHOULD REMOVE THE PEGS ) MAKE SURE THAT THE HEIGHT YOU HAVE TIED THEM AT WILL ALLOW BOTH THE BASE OF THE FLYSHEET TO BE PEGGED AND THE OVERALL LAY OF THE FLYSHEET OVER THE TENT TO BE SMOOTH AND WITHOUT WRINKLES OR FOLDS IN THE MATERIAL.

TAKE EACH OF THE REMAINING SHOCKCORDED FIBERGLASS POLES AND MATCH THE POLE STICKER ON THE END OF EACH POLE TO THE RELEVANT TRIM ON EACH SLEEVE END SECTION ON THE FLYSHEET FRONT PORCH. CAREFULLY THREAD EACH POLE THROUGH EACH OF THE SLEEVE SECTIONS FOUND ON THE FRONT PORCH OF YOUR TENT.

CHOOSE ONE END OF EACH OF THESE POLES IN TURN AND ENGAGE THE END FERRULE INTO THE POLE RETAINING FIXTURE FOUND AT THE BASE OF THE PORCH SECTION ON ONE SIDE. FROM THE OPPOSITE END OF THE POLE CAREFULLY PUSH THE POLE THROUGH THE SLEEVES SO THEY ASSUME A SEMI-CIRCULAR SHAPE. WHEN THE END FERRULE IS LEVEL TO THE POLE RETAINING FIXTURES ON THIS SIDE, ENGAGE THEM INTO PLACE AS BEFORE.

*AGAIN IT IS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT THE POLE JOINING FERRULES DO NOT CATCH ON THE INSIDE OR EDGE OF THE MATERIAL SLEEVES. SHOULD THIS HAPPEN CAREFULLY FREE THE SLEEVE BEFORE CONTINUING. FAILURE TO FREE THE SLEEVE MAY CAUSE THE MATERIAL TO TEAR AND OR STITCHED SEAMS TO BURST.*

IF IT IS WINDY YOU MAY FIND IT HELPFUL TO TEMPORALLY PEG THE FLYSHEET INTO POSITION WHILST THREADING AND FIXING THE PORCH POLES INTO PLACE.

8: CLOSE ALL ZIPS ON THE FLYSHEET AND USING THE PEGS PROVIDED PEG ALL THE FLYSHEET PEGGING POINTS TO THE GROUND. AGAIN ENSURE THAT THE OVERALL LAY OF THE FLYSHEET IS SMOOTH WHEN PEGGED.

THE FLYSHEET SHOULD BE TAUGHT, BUT NOT OVER-TENSIONED, AS THIS WILL ONLY DISTORT THE FIBERGLASS POLES AND SUBSEQUENTLY AFFECT STABILITY.

*THE PEGS PROVIDED WITH THIS TENT ARE STANDARD PEGS, SUITABLE FOR MOST TERRAIN'S. HOWEVER THERE WILL BE OCCASIONS WHEN THE GROUND MAY BE FAR TOO HARD OR ROCKY AND EQUALLY TOO BOGGY OR SANDY. IN THIS INSTANCE SPECIALIST PEGS CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH YOUR LOCAL RETAILER AND **SHOULD** BE USED*

9: FINALLY ATTACH ALL THE GUY ROPES TO ALL THE GUYING POINTS AND PEG SECURELY, AT A SUITABLE DISTANCE FROM THE TENT. TRY NOT TO PEG TOO CLOSE TO THE TENT AS THIS WILL NOT GIVE ADEQUATE SUPPORT AND MAY CAUSE THE FABRIC UNDER THE GUY POINT ITSELF TO BECOME BAGGY OR LOOSE THUS ALLOWING INNER AND OUTER TO TOUCH.

YOUR TENT IS NOW READY FOR USE, ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY.

*AS WEATHER CONDITIONS CAN CHANGE BOTH DRAMATICALLY AND QUICKLY WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU PITCH YOUR TENT READY TO ACCEPT ANY INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS. GUY LINES ARE ATTACHED TO YOUR TENT AND SHOULD BE USED AT ALL TIMES.*

10. IF THE FRONT PORCH INNER TENT IS TO BE USED, IT CAN NOW BE FITTED.

UNFOLD THE INNER TENT AND PLACE IT INSIDE THE FLYSHEET PORCH AREA. IF 'D' RINGS ARE PROVIDED ON THE INSIDE BASE OF THE MAIN POLE WEBBING STRAPS SIMPLY CLIP THE INNER TO THE WITH THE "DOG LEAD" TYPE CLIPS ON THE CORNERS OF THE INNER TENT. IF THE INNER TENT HAS PEGGING LOOPS SIMPLY PEG THE INNER TENT INTO POSITION.

AN ELASTIC TOGGLE AND RING SYSTEM SUSPEND THE INNER TENTS FROM THE INSIDE OF THE FLYSHEET. THE ELASTIC LOOPS AND TOGGLES ARE FOUND ON THE INNER TENT WHILE THE SUSPENSION LOOPS AND RINGS ARE FOUND ON THE FLYSHEET.

THE ELASTIC LOOPS AND TOGGLES SHOULD SIMPLY BE FED THROUGH THE CORRESPONDING LOOPS AND RINGS ON THE FLYSHEET. OPEN THE DOOR OF THE INNER TENT KNEEL OR CAREFULLY STAND ON THE GROUND SHEET. STARTING AT THE BACK CONNECT ALL THE LOOPS AND RINGS ON THE REAR POLE SECTION WORK FORWARD UNTIL THE INNER IS COMPLETELY SUSPENDED.

### **TAKING YOUR TENT DOWN**

STRIKING CAMP IS BASICALLY A COMPLETE REVERSAL OF THE ERECTION PROCEDURE. CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN RELEASING SHOCKCORDED POLES FROM THEIR MOUNTINGS AS THE TENSION IN THE POLE CAN CAUSE DAMAGE OR INJURY IF THE POLE IS NOT DISMANTLED IN A CONTROLLED MANNER.

IT IS ALWAYS EASIER TO PUSH SHOCKCORDED POLES THROUGH AND OUT OF THE SLEEVES RATHER THAN TO TRY AND PULL THEM THROUGH. AGAIN TAKE CARE NOT TO DAMAGE THE SLEEVES WITH THE POLE ENDS OR FERRULES WHILST REMOVING THEM FROM THE FLYSHEET.

IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO STRIKE CAMP WHEN YOUR TENT IS COMPLETELY DRY, HOWEVER THIS IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE.

SHOULD YOU HAVE TO TAKE YOUR TENT DOWN WET, THEN IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT IT IS DRIED OUT COMPLETELY WITHIN 24 HOURS. ***A WET TENT WILL GO MOULDY CAUSING IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO COTTON COMPONENTS.***

### **FOLDING YOUR TENT**

1: IN ORDER TO MAKE A NEAT AND TIDY PACKAGE, THAT WILL FIT EASILY INTO THE OUTER BAG, ALWAYS HAVE THE OUTER BAG CLOSE AT HAND WHILST YOU ARE FOLDING THE TENT UP.

2: IT IS BETTER TO FOLD THE FLYSHEET UP FIRST, INTO A LONG RECTANGLE. MAKE THE RECTANGLE APPROXIMATELY 10 CMS SHORTER IN WIDTH THAN THE OUTER BAG.

3: AFTER BRUSHING OR WIPING THE INNER TENT GROUND SHEET TO ENSURE IT IS CLEAN AND DRY, PLACE THE FLYSHEET ON TOP OF THE INNER TENT.

4: FOLD THE EDGES OF THE GROUND SHEET IN SO TO COVER THE FLYSHEET IN THE MIDDLE, MAKE SURE THAT THE OVERALL PACKAGE IS AGAIN ABOUT 10 CMS SHORTER IN WIDTH THAN THE OUTER BAG.

5: ROLL THE PACKAGE UP, ROLLING TOWARDS THE DOOR END OF THE INNER TENT IN ORDER TO ALLOW TRAPPED AIR TO ESCAPE.

WHEN YOU HAVE ROLLED THE PACKAGE UP SECURE IT WITH THE ORIGINAL TIE TAPES SUPPLIED.