

SAND STAKE USE AND CARE

When used correctly sand stakes are a great way to anchor your boat or shelter.

Sand Stakes are designed to be used in sand and other loose, not too densely packed, soil. They are not designed to be used on rocky shores or gravel bars. If you hit something hard while hammering in your stake, try a different spot.

Speaking of hammering, use a dead blow hammer or rubber mallet. Please do not use metal hammers, rocks, logs, etc. Hard items such as these may damage your stake.

Stakes work best under static loads, when they are fully driven in, tilted at a 15° - 25° angle, back away from the direction of pull. Changing water levels, wind conditions, and other factors can affect the load on the stake and may cause it to fail. When leaving your boat unattended or anchored overnight, back up your stake. Regularly monitoring, as well only having one boat per stake, is also advised.

Over time both aluminum and stainless stakes may get sharp burrs on them. If this happens, you can use a rock to file the burrs off. Be careful of these burrs. They can cut you, your raft, and other gear.

Safety is no accident. Stakes placed in the beach may be trip hazards. It's good practice to put a few coils of rope around the head of the stake to make them easier to see and to soften the stubbed toe potential.

Driving a sand stake in when dehydrated, intoxicated, or just not paying attention could damage yourself or your reputation. You assume all risks associated with the hazards which are a part of boating. Please enjoy your new gear responsibly.

Thanks, SYOTR!