

## Whistles for Sea Kayakers

During a recently coaching session, I used a Perry whistle to signal to a forward paddler who was approximately 60-70m ahead and into the wind (f3-4), facing away from me. He didn't respond and, when I checked later, he said he might have heard something but thought it was a seabird and said it was very faint. At 60 metres that's a fail.

I have since tested six whistles and found a huge variation in performance; I can recommend the Acme Tornado as an ear splitting two-tone marine-friendly species with an immense range.

My conclusions:

Acme Tornado 2000 Whistle	£3.55	Hurts	Exceptionally effective
Acme Thunderer 660 Yellow Whistle	£2.29	Good	Not as good as the Tornado
L-FENG-UK Emergency Whistle	£0.69	OK	Good value
TOOGOO(R) Emergency Whistle	£0.85	OK	Good value
Two fingers	Free	OK	Unreliable.
Perry Whistle	£2.95	Fail	Not loud enough for Subbuteo