

1.05 Forum Surveys

Networking with online knowledge base

A survey with the following questions were taken from Kayak Fishing Down Under (KFDU) and Australian Kayak Fishing Forum (AKFF) websites to gauge user experiences:

- > What usability issues do you have with your current fishing rig? What annoys you?
- > In the future, if you could have your own personalized fishing craft what features or technologies can you imagine it having?
- > What DIY modifications have you made to give yourself more comfort/performance/standing and storage space or other attributes?
- > What type of fishing do you do and what kayak/ watercraft do use for that?
- > Any other suggestions?



"...it would have to be reasonably light but spacious... would have to have low hydrodynamic drag and good fuel efficiency."

- matto (KFDU member)³

"Every boat is a compromise, and you will never please everybody. Most extras on boats wear out/break/rust or get in the way so a clean skin hull that has options that I can customize per trip (crabbing, fishing, diving, camping), or more importantly leave at home when I don't want/need them is more important..."

- gbc (AKFF member)⁴

"I'm still waiting for somebody to bring out a properly modular fishing specific yak (i.e something with a number of fishing based features already, not a yak that has it as a secondary concern ."

- theGT58 (AKFF member)⁵

"Longer, wider. Tackle trays. Rod holders. Bells, whistles. Rudder. Potential option for stand-up casting (outrigger, wide wide boat, or other options). Nice big rear storage area..."

- RedPhoenix (AKFF member)¹

"I'd like to see something like the Finn spindrift (or one of the other 'lightweight' poly-boats) but slightly longer (say 3.5-4.0m) and lighter (40kg?). I'd love to be able to haul it down to the beach without the need for a trailer."

- mingle (AKFF member)²

"Resting rods safely when in between fish/removing tangles can be an issue. Some items are hard to reach due to lack of space and design i.e centre hull is too small for decent lures boxes/easy access. Anchor/drogue system is not integrated into the yak..."

- theGT58 (AKFF member)⁶

1. Australian Kayak Fishing Forum, New high-end fishing craft design, <http://akff.net/forum/viewtopic.php?p=381=59953&hlit=ultimate+fishing+craft>, viewed 22/02/13
2. Australian Kayak Fishing Forum, New high-end fishing craft design, <http://akff.net/forum/viewtopic.php?p=381=59953&hlit=ultimate+fishing+craft>, viewed 24/02/13
3. Kayak Fishing Down Under, What would be your 'ultimate lightweight fishing craft'? <http://www.kfdu.com.au/forum/viewtopic.php?p=181=30232>, 04/03/13

4. Australian Kayak Fishing Forum, New high-end fishing craft design, <http://akff.net/forum/viewtopic.php?p=381=59953&hlit=ultimate+fishing+craft>, viewed 22/02/13
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Figure 1. <http://www.kfdu.com.au/forum/index.php>
Figure 2. <http://akff.net/forum/index.php>



"I hurt my back pretty badly lifting my kayak onto the roof of my car....I had to call someone to drive me home"

ABOUT:

/ Harry lives a long distance from his preferred fishing... the travel time restrictive, It is however... grown up in this area and...

WORD CLOUD: Most discussed features/improvements



(-) = Number of appearances within responses

User surveys undertaken on Australian Kayak Fishing Forums revealed anglers are looking for a more lightweight and modular fishing kayak