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:

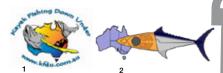
- > What usability issues do you have with your current fishing rig? What annoys you?
- > In the future, if you could have your own personalized fishing craft what features or technologies can you imagine it having?
- > What DIY modifications have you made to give yourself more comfort/performance/standing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

"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



"...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

"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

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



"I hurt my back pretty badly lifting my kayak onto the roof of my car....I had

ABOUT:

/ Harry lives a long distance from his preferred fishing the travel time restrictive, It is however.

WORD CLOUD: Most discussed features/improvements

Efficient hull design (3) Customisation/Modularity (8)

Standing platform (3) Performance (4) Electric motor (4) Launching (4) Small outboard motor (5)

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Multi hull design (5) Performance (4) Electric motor (4) Launching (4) Small outboard motor (2) Rod holders (2)

Lasers (1) Lightweight (13)

(-) = Number of appearances within responses