

# What Kayak is Best for Fishing?

Among options for water transport while fishing, kayaks are quickly gaining popularity. It's easy to see why: kayaks are the superior recreational fishing vessel, thanks to their agility, speed, and lack of noise as they cut swiftly through the water. But which one should you pick?

What kayak is best for fishing? **The best kayak for fishing should offer top-notch stability and comfort. We recommend the Bonafide SS127, but your choice could vary depending on the type of fishing, desired distance and speed of travel, and storage needs.**

Next we'll go over exactly why we picked that kayak. However, your preferences might call for something different, so we'll go over each factor in choosing a fishing kayak and offer several other quality options as well.

## Why We Recommend the Bonafide SS127

The best overall kayak for fishing is going to offer the best in comfort, stability, and adaptability, and we saw all of this in the [Bonafide SS127](#).

The Bonafide SS127 has a special design modification that makes it unique among most fishing kayaks: the high-back seat. Sitting in this chair keeps your knees bent and reduces the pressure on your lower back, so you can keep your mind off your aches and on the fish.

As for stability and adaptability, the Bonafide SS127 is designed to be useful in any kind of fishing posture. Whether you're standing, sitting, or moving around, the smart folks at Bonafide want you to feel sturdy and confident as you reel in your catch.

Additionally, there's nooks and crannies all over the kayak to keep your gear at a convenient distance, but still keep them from getting in your way.

## Where are you fishing with your kayak?

Regardless of our feelings on the Bonafide SS127, if you know what kind of fishing you'll be doing, you'll want a kayak that's specially made for that environment.

Below we identify what characteristics you want in a kayak for different types of water, and some high-quality options.

### Ocean and Open-Water Fishing

For your oceanic excursion, you want plenty of storage, comfort, and no need for a paddle (I don't need to tell you what a bummer it would be to get out to open water and lose one of your paddles).

Exhaustion at sea can be deadly, so with pedal systems, you want one that's proven to be fast and gets the most out of your pedalling.

### Ocean Environment Kayaks:

- [Hobie Mirage Pro Angler 14](#): The pedal system generates power with both the push and pull stroke, so you get double the speed and distance from every rotation.
- [Jackson Cuda 14](#): This kayak is built for speed to get you out past the breakers fast, and it's stable enough for you to stand and fish out on the water. Great combination of speed and stability for ocean trips.

### Inland Fishing

If you're fishing on a smaller body of water, your main concerns are a balance of smooth tracking, speed, and stability.

### Inland Water Environment Kayaks:

- [Feel Free Lure 13.5](#): This kayak gets top marks for tracking and speed, although to stand and fish you'll need a little practice. Sitting stability is great, though.
- [Jackson Coosa HD](#): This kayak can handle river water, flat water, and inshore saltwater, whether you want to fish standing or sitting down. A very versatile option for inland fishing.

## What's most important for your fishing trip?

Your priorities for your kayak will change based on your goals for the trip. Is it a pleasant family outing? Are you fishing competitively? Is the water smooth or choppy? All sorts of factors could contribute to your choice, and you need to decide on what's most important.

Check out the decision-making priorities below to find out what kind of kayak you need for each and see some options.

### Need for Speed

If you're looking to increase your nautical miles per hour, look for narrow and long kayaks. You'll also want to keep your load light, so having storage space isn't as much of a concern.

### Speedy Kayak:

- [Hobie Mirage Revolution 16](#): This model combines speed and durability, an uncommon combination.

### Agility

If you're in rapid water that requires you to react quickly, or maybe you fish on a smaller lake with tighter spaces to fit into, you want a shorter kayak with a flatter bottom. Often you sacrifice a little in speed, but that will help you respond more safely to your turns.

### Highly Maneuverable Kayak:

- [Hobie Mirage Sport](#): This kayak is nine feet long and durable, making it perfect for whatever twists and turns you need.

## Spending All Day On The Water

Whether you're making your way away from shore to do some sea fishing or planning to relax out on the lake, when you're planning a day-long or days-long trip, your first concern should be comfort.

Don't try to be tough- getting a cramp or an ache out on the water could be life-threatening if it means you can't steer or paddle as quickly or responsively as you need to. Get yourself a comfortable kayak that fits you.

Most Comfortable Kayak:

- [Hobie Mirage Outback](#): This kayak is great for open water fishing thanks to its extra-wide standing deck and other stability-enhancing features, but the extra wide seat and storage compartments will help you stay comfortable on your long-haul trips.

## Family Outings

There's nothing quite like sharing the thrill of the water with your family. When your kid is ready, you'll want to put them in the safest, most stable kayak that's easily steered and propelled.

If they're not quite there yet (or you're not ready to let them go on their own), or if you're looking for some one-on-one teamwork and bonding time, you should select a tandem kayak. The two seats take up some room you could otherwise use for storage, but what you lack in space you make up for in good memories shared, and speed.

Good Kayak for Beginners:

- [Bonafide SS107](#): This 10' kayak is smaller and built for ultimate stability, while providing a seat with great back support to keep you from getting wet and sore.

Room for Two:

- [Feelfree Lure Tandem](#): Brings all of Lure's usual quality to a two-seater. Also has the neat feature of removing the front seat and riding solo if you want.
- [Hobie Mirage Oasis](#): This kayak makes a point of still including lots of storage space, despite being a two-seater..

## Ease of Transport

If you don't have the space at home for a full-length kayak, consider an inflatable one. Many come with easy travel cases, so you won't need a trailer rig like for the heavier kayaks.

If you have the space but don't want a trailer, you can go for a less heavy kayak that fits easily on top of your car.

Inflatable or Lightweight Kayaks:

- [Hobie Mirage i9S](#): Set-up time for this inflatable kayak is around ten minutes, making it one of the most convenient out there. It even has an attachment for a sail.

## Do I Need a Fishing Kayak to Fish From a Kayak?

Our recommendations here are all kayaks specifically designed for fishing, but they're not necessarily your only options. So long as you feel comfortable fishing from your kayak, you could use it.

However, a non-fishing kayak won't come with the necessary accessories, and might be less concerned with stability and more concerned with speed and handling. You can purchase a fishing set-up to modify your current kayak, but make sure you're comfortable with its stability.