

## Over 400 Registered For 2010 Columbia Sportswear Jacksonville Kayak Fishing Classic



**JACKSONVILLE, FL – April 19, 2010** – The [Columbia Sportswear Jacksonville Kayak Fishing Classic](#) on May 7-8 is poised to be the **world's largest kayak fishing tournament** once again with over **400** anglers already registered for the May 7-8 event. The Classic, run by [JaxKayakFishing.com](#), offers over **\$85,000** in prizes and gifts from 90 sponsors in a fun, conservation-oriented recreational format. Proceeds from **Jacksonville's premier eco-tourism event** benefit children's programs at [Down Syndrome Association of Jacksonville](#), [Daniel Memorial](#), and the [Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation](#).

Pre-tournament festivities are happening now with in-store raffles for fishing kayaks at [Black Creek Outfitters](#), tournament coupons from [Polar Bear Coolers](#), [All Wet Sports](#), [Skwoosh](#), and [Otterbox](#), and contingency prizes from [Qualia Fishing](#), [All Wet Sports](#), and [Tsunami Fishing](#). The Classic is being covered by The Outdoors Show, Florida Sportfishing Magazine, Florida Sportsman, Kayak Fisherman Magazine, Kayak Fishing Magazine, Kayak Angler Magazine, Coastal Angler Magazine, Florida Times-Union, Fishing Connection, Canoe&Kayak Magazine, local TV, radio, and on the internet.

Capt Kirk Waltz of the Outdoors Show and two-time winner Capt. Roger Bump will be emceeding the captain's meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Ephrem Syriac Catholic Church. Tournament festivities will also feature honorary captains Jim Sammons of La Jolla Kayak Fishing Adventures, Tom Stubblefield of Texas Kayak Fisherman, and Ron Littlepage of the Florida Times Union. There will be over \$20,000 in raffles and auctions of kayaks and equipment at the captains meeting and the general public is encouraged to come and see what kayak fishing in Jacksonville is all about.

Anglers will launch at first light Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> at any inshore location in Duval, St. Johns, Nassau, Flagler, Glynn, or Camden counties and seek redfish, trout, and flounder in a conservation-oriented catch-photo-release format. After fishing there are check-in, raffles, banquet, and awards ceremonies at St. Ephrem Syriac Catholic Church. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy the kayak fishing camaraderie and festivities.

Kayak anglers can register online at [www.JacksonvilleKayakFishingClassic.com](#) or pick up an entry form at Strike-Zone Fishing, Black Creek Outfitters, All Wet Sports, or B&M Bait and Tackle. More information, complete rules, and prize details are available online.

Sponsors for the 2010 Jacksonville Kayak Fishing Classic include: Columbia Sportswear, Strike Zone Fishing, BlackCreek Outfitters, Accent Paddles, Hobie Kayaks, Cobra Kayaks, Costa Del Mar, Malibu Kayaks, Emotion Kayaks, Advanced Elements, Wilderness Systems Kayaks, Ocean Kayaks, Native Watercraft, Dick's Sporting Goods, Black Fly Outfitter, All Wet Sports, Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation, Purefishing, Great Atlantic Outfitters, Slayer Lures, Bending Branches, FishingNosara.Com, Creative Feathers Studio, Outdoors Show, Florida Sportfishing Magazine, BullFrog, Mirrolure, Daiwa, DOA Lures, Calcutta, Crack of Dawn, MTL, Surf To Summit, Malone Auto Racks, KayakFishingSupplies.Com, Kayak Amelia, Florida Sportsman, Kayak Fisherman Magazine, B&M Bait&Tackle, Talic, RAM, Polar Bear Coolers, Otter Box, Scotty Rod Holders, Daiichi Hooks, Hook1 Kayak Fishing Gear, GearKeeper, Slayer Lures, Fishbites, ThermaCELL, Penn Fishing, Exude Mister Twister, Kayak Angler Magazine, Stohlquist, AquaEast, Bite-A-Bait, Wheeleez, White Shell Bait&Tackle, Arlington Bait&Tackle, Extrasport, Carlisle, Tilley Hats, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grip CrateMate, Precision Pak, 321Fish.Com, Fisherman's Seafood & Bait, YakLife.Com, TTI-Blakemore Fishing Group, AT Paddles, Wang Anchors, Yak-Gear.Com, Skwoosh, Helter Skeletons, Florida Sportfishing, IrishWaterDogs.com, Aquabound, Bluestorm, Stowmaster Nets, St. Croix Rods, Heddon, StandNFish.Com, FlyFishingJax.Com, QuickSlide Stringers, Qualia Fishing, ZackTack, RodWrap.Com, Irish Waterdogs, Coastal Angler Magazine, Kayak Fishing Magazine, Emmrod, Spot, IFA Kayak Fishing Tour.

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