

CONGER FISHING WITH OCEAN KAYAK

A flotilla of colourful kayaks lined the shore at Mudeford Spit, Dorset on September 1st for the latest kayak fishing demonstration day supported by Johnson Outdoors UK. Following the day there was also going to be some serious kayak fishing because Richi Oliver of Extreme Kayak Fishing had organised a week long conger hunt. "People are coming from all over the country to take part," said Richi. "The event was promoted by the website Anglers Afloat and has proved so popular that next year we'll have to book double the accommodation!"



Angling advice or paddling for fun

For the demonstration day, which was also supported by Crazywater, the watersports specialist retailer based in Highcliffe, a wide range of the latest Ocean Kayak models were on display. Fully rigged fishing kayaks were on show and there was plenty of advice for anyone who wanted to get started in the sport. "This sort of event allows us to bring the sport to the general public and it's been unbelievably successful," added Richi. "There's been lots of interest from people watching, plus the opportunity for anybody to take up a paddle and have a go."

The idea for the conger hunt came to Richi following the success he had catching them in the area last year. Other kayak fishermen were keen to have a go and he saw it as a great way to promote a sport he's passionate about. "The appeal of kayak fishing to me is the tranquility and freedom it gives you," said Richi. "You can usually launch your boat free of charge and car-top it without the need for trailers. It can be a one-man operation – or you can go out fishing with a load of buddies." During this hunt the congers will be released back into the sea after being caught.

The Prowler 13, the Capar, the Drifter, the Yak Sport, the Malibu Two and the Scupper Pro were just some of the Ocean Kayak sit-on-tops available. One new fishing kayak in particular was attracting a lot of attention - the new and very fast Prowler Trident™ 15. It has a roomy cockpit, excellent stowage facilities and is packed with features including the first ever Sonar Shield™. This provides storage for a fishfinder in an enclosed pod and the cover then acts as shield to protect the fishfinder when it is operational.

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