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Over 340 Registered For 2009 Jacksonville Kayak Fishing Classic

JACKSONVILLE, FL - April 2, 2009 – The Columbia Sportswear Jacksonville Kayak Fishing Classic is shaping up to be the **world's largest kayak fishing tournament** once again with over **340** anglers already registered for the May 1-2 event. The Classic, run by JaxKayakFishing.com, is the world's largest kayak fishing tournament with over **\$80,000** in prizes and gifts from 100 sponsors. Proceeds from **Jacksonville's premier eco-tourism event** benefit children's programs for abused and neglected kids at **Daniel Memorial**, Florida's oldest children's services agency, and **Guy Harvey's Ocean Foundation**.

Capt. Kevin Faver and Capt Kirk Waltz of the Outdoors Show will be emceeding the captain's meeting on May 1st at the **Ramallah Club**. Tournament festivities will also feature honorary captains Jacksonville Mayor John Peyton, Ron Littlepage of the Florida Times Union, and NFL Hall-Of-Famer Jackie Smith. 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 2nd 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 the **Ramallah Club**. 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, and Gander Mountain, or B&M Bait and Tackle. More information, complete rules, and prize details are also available online.

Sponsors for the 2009 Jacksonville Kayak Fishing Classic include: Columbia Sportswear, Strike Zone Fishing, BlackCreek Outfitters, Gander Mountain, Accent Paddles, Hobie Kayaks, Costa Del Mar, Malibu Kayaks, West Marine, Viking Kayaks, Emotion Kayaks, Advanced Elements, FreedomHawk Kayaks, Wilderness Systems Kayaks, Ocean Kayaks, Native Watercraft, Dick's Sporting Goods, Black Fly Outfitter, All Wet Sports, XTOOLS, Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation, Berkley, Costa Del Mar, Great Atlantic Outfitters, Slayer Lures, Thule, Bending Branches, Florida Kayak Fishing, Outdoors Show, Florida Fishing Weekly, BullFrog, Mirrolure, Daiwa, DOA Lures, Calcutta, Crack of Dawn, MTI, Surf To Summit, Malone Auto Racks, Shimano, Lowrance, 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, GearKeeper, Pier 17, Slayer Lures, Fishbites, ThermaCELL, Penn Fishing, Exude Mister Twister, Kayak Angler Magazine, Stohlquist, Fish-N-Drinks.Com, AquaEast, Bite-A-Bait, Wheeliez, White Shell Bait&Tackle, Arlington Bait&Tackle, EvergladesKayakFishing.Com, Extrasport, Carlisle, Ugly Braid, Tilley Hats, 3rd Grip CrateMate, Precision Pak, Spot Personal Locator, 321Fish.Com, Dri-Grip Sunscreen, Fisherman's Seafood & Bait, YakLife.Com, TTI-Blakemore Fishing Group, AT Paddles, Wang Anchors, Yak-Gear.Com, Skwoosh, R.L. Haines Roofing, Helter Skeletons, Polar Bear Coolers, Florida Sportfishing, IrishWaterDogs.com, ARC Dehookers, Heddon, and St. Croix.

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