

## Changing to a New Ride... The Hobie Oasis

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### Salvage of the Hobie Revolution



I've been kayak fishing for just over four years now and I remember each of my kayak purchases...

My first kayak purchase was a Malibu Kayak "Extreme" model. Not knowing much about kayaks when I started, this kayak was setup for fishing with all the hatches, rod holders and reinforced

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with extra plastic which nearly made it puncture proof from the bottom of the hull. Unfortunately, it was a slow moving vessel. Every time I went out fishing with my friends that owned Ocean Kayak's, they out performed me in speed and effort.



My second kayak purchase was a recreational kayak. I chose the Ocean Kayak "Malibu 2 XL" tandem so that I could get my family involved. I used both the Extreme and the Malibu 2XL for fishing taking friends with me that wanted to go. The 2XL was a better ride than the Malibu Extreme and I outfitted it with rod holders and a portable Humminbird 343c fishfinder. When I

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started catching a few fish here and there, the open hull was a plus when it came to fish storage. It also had a weight capacity of 500 pounds which was a plus. Then I was lucky enough to win the June 1998 "YakAttack" fishing tournament using the Malibu 2XL. First prize was a new Ocean Kayak "Prowler 15." So now I had three kayaks.



Then I got this brilliant idea... maybe Kelly at P&P Kayaks would let me trade in the Prowler 15 and I would pay the difference to upgrade to a Hobie kayak. I always hated paddling and after 10 to 15 miles, my shoulders always ached. So I asked Kelly before I used the kayak and he agreed. That's when I chose the Hobie Revolution. I had a yard sale the following weekend after purchasing the Revo and sold both my Malibu Extreme and Ocean Kayak Malibu 2XL to compensate for the money I spent on the kayak upgrade.

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What a difference pedaling made in comparison to paddling. I now out performed or stayed even with my friends who had Prowler 15's. My shoulders became pain free after kayaking. I could travel farther with the strength of my legs using the mirage drive. Kayaking and fishing were now being fully integrated and having the Revo was a value-added plus kayak. I carefully thought out all modifications that I wanted after I started to boat 20 to 50 pound pelagic fish. However using the Revo, storage of fish is a big problem here in Hawaii and especially the balancing of the kayak when one 50 pounder is on board. That's when I decided to add the amas and the trampoline to the Revo. Then I discovered the YakAbout website... now called YakAss.net featuring Josh Holmes. Following his site, I thought it would be incredible to incorporate sailing with fishing. So I gave it a try and outfitted my Revo into a sail-fishing kayak.

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