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UKFC/SAKFA General Rules:

To fish from a Kayak in South Africa you must adhere to the following SAMSA minimum requirements:

- Purchase a fishing license from the Post Office or KZN wildlife office
- Pay for the angling and skipper of a vessel on your license
- Kayak must be over 3 meters in length to go to sea (beyond the backline)
- Kayak must have minimum 30% buoyancy
- You must wear an approved PFD (personal flotation device)
- Carry a 10 meter rope. (tow rope)
- Pencil flares (not out of date)
- Bailing device (bucket or collapsible bucket) You can use your tackle box or a sponge
- You must have 750ml drinking water.
- You must not exceed 1.85km from land (1nautical mile)
- You can launch anywhere except if the launch site is restricted by Port Authority, Private owner, Parks Board, or Municipality for which you may be asked to pay a fee

SAKFA also recommend the following:

- Paddle leash.
- Attach your paddle to your ski via a leash (some like to detach during launching and beaching)
- Kayak should display approved SAKFA identification number something like KFUG69 which means Kayak Fishing (KF) Umgeni (UG) and allocated number. So if your Kayak is found out at sea NSRI or anyone who finds it can phone SAKFA or the club which issued the number and get your details
- Carry a cell phone in a waterproof pouch programme in 082 911 SEA RESCUE
- SMS your launch and return time or leave a float plan with someone

- SAKFA recommend you join a local Kayak club
- Always check the weather forecast before you leave and keep checking when you are out at sea
- Make sure you are able to turn over and climb on your Kayak should it capsize
- Never paddle alone always paddle with at least one person
- If your Kayak capsizes stay with it and phone for help
- Tell someone where you are going and estimated time due back
- Complete a launch register at your launch site if applicable
- Check your Kayak before leaving for cracks and leaks. Make sure the bungs are in!
- Remember - know your own personal paddling and swimming capabilities and do not exceed them
- Don't forget your fishing license and vessel license (both on the same license)
- Obey any Parks board or municipality launch site rules and pay fees if applicable
- A plastic whistle is also handy to have to attract attention
- A mirror to use for attracting attention (using suns reflection)
- Write your SAKFA number and cell number on your paddle and equipment