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I've got the Fish Cat 9' by Outcast sporting gear. This pontoon is used mostly on a 256 acre lake but has been floated down the Clarion River and similar rivers in WV. The boat is stable in the wake of passing 10hp boats. It does blow around in the wind but rowing is manageable even in 15mph winds. The major advantage is hands free boat control. This allows more time fishing and less time playing with the oars.

Three things can be helpful for fishing in the wind: kick fins, anchor, and drift sock. The drift sock and fins are my solution to the wind. The drift sock with a dump cord is easier to pull in than the anchor. I got a 26" drift sock and would recommend for a canoe or kayak also.

These are my opinions of the pros and cons of the Fish Cat 9'.

Pros: 1) Can be transported in any vehicle, I load mine on the roof of my Jeep Cherokee fully assembled. 2) The fins provide hands free boat control. 3) Easy to get in and out of. 4) Doesn't take up much storage space at home. 5) Plenty of storage on the boat. 6) Easy to row.

Cons: 1) Takes 1/2 hour to assemble. 2) Need to carry pump and patching supplies for the bladder in case of a puncture.