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I've fished from both and own a Scanoe, but have been eye-balling kayaks for several years.
The kayaks I used to fish were a friend's and we fished with them on the Juniata.
For me, I found the kayak to be a limited, but excellent craft for this more specialized fishing, i.e., moving quickly and quietly through shallow water and minimized waking and spooking fish, one rod, very limited tackle and alternating with wet wading.
Anchoring the kayak was essentially grounding it lightly along the edge, or nosing it up on the backside of grass islands to approach water on the upside.

The Scanoe, as mentioned above is a car-topper with some heft, and while I have a 3.3 Mercury for it, other than the rivers and a few large impoundments (Blue Marsh for example) there are few places remaining where gas engines can be used in PA. However, electric motors do well, even on the smaller rivers.
I can carry several rigged rods, cooler (use cooler surface for work/equipment surface when necessary) and with a couple of pulleys and carabiner-like pieces easily purchased from a farm supply or hardware store, I have a quick and dependable front anchor I can release from the rear, and a rear anchor to hold position.

It doesn't do well on large lakes with large waves, but for most of PA water bodies, it is more than sufficient, quick to take down and put up (have a system). But I wouldn't use it for only a couple of hours. If for quick in and out, one rod, and not covering much water or distance I'd fish with the kayak.

I praise kayaks however. Kayaks may help establish navigable waters in the future!