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I own a native watercraft ultimate angler tandem 14.5 feet. It's a great boat. If you plan to fish with a partner most of the time, the 16 footer is the better model. I fish alone most of the time, occasionally bringing my wife or a friend. I stand up and fish from it routinely when floating rivers for trout and smallmouth. It's extremely stable.

The big advantage to a kayak is that you can put it in almost anywhere. You need to be able to access a ramp to put a drift boat on the water, and that will limit the stretches of water that you can fish. With a canoe or yak you can go just about anywhere.

The times I wish I had a drift boat are when I'm throwing streamers in big water. This was never much of a problem in PA, but I live in the south now and the rivers tend to be quite a bit more brawling down here. You don't really want to run through 4-foot standing waves in what I have, let alone try to fish.