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Re: To kayak, or not to kayak in the surf?

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I can't help with the fishing advice. I'm with ya though as I've often thought about taking the kayak past the breakers to try and get to the feeding fish ya can't cast to. Still haven't tried it though. Kinda afraid of hooking a large fish and going on a nantucket sleigh ride ha.

Where I can help is with the dangerous landing of the boat after fishing. I'm sure it would be a pain to dump a boat full of gear.

I've surfed a lot in the waves with little and big boats. You gotta apply a little whitewater knowledge. If your in a bigger boat, and I'm guessing you are if you fish out of it. The waves will catch the back of the boat and turn you sideways, I'm sure you know this already. If that happens, the trick is to not let the wave roll you or the outgoing water catch the side of your boat and flip you.

Here's the tip. once your sideways, lean out to sea and place your paddle perpendicular to the boat on the out to sea side in a brace type of position. Kind of dragging the paddle if you will. You'd be surprised how much you can lean without tipping. This will stop the side of your boat from catching the outgoing water and flipping you onto the sand. Try it a few times maybe before you load the boat and head out. I'll guarantee if you do it right you will just be pushed onto shore sideways rather than flipping. Also lean back when the wave first catches you to keep the front end from submarining.

Hope this helps. Good luck.