

{ FISHING KAYAK }

AIRIS ANGLER

\$1,699 in PVC layers,

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L: 12'; W: 33"; 38 lbs.

New inflatable contender Airis Kayaks entered the paddlesports ring just last year as parent company Walker Bay—known for its injection-molded dinghies—released a pair of inflatable kayak models. This year the Yakima, Wash.-based company adds four more models, including the versatile Angler, a stable, wider-bodied ride for kayak fishermen. Butter-fingered anglers rest easy—the hull and floor are made of seven layers of bomber polymer-coated fabric, which will stand up to all but the most blatant fishhook fumbles and gaff gaffes. The patent-pending, award-winning AirWeb construction is reinforced with thousands of polyester drop-stitch threads, which allows the hull to be inflated to more than 6 psi. That provides plenty of rigidity to get you to the double-secret skinny water of your choice. Not to mention plenty of gear-packing potential with cockpit D-rings galore and integrated bow and stern storage compartments. Standard extras include an aluminum gear mounting platform (with a pair of 360-degree rodholders) that slides into position on convenient accessory mounting rails that run atop the tubes. The whole backpacked version—gear platform, pump, seat and all—weighs in at a mere 38 pounds, and is capable of floating a combined 300 pounds of man, tackle and fish.

