

## FAVORITE KAYAK

HOBIE PROANGLER 17

**45.8%**

“The Hobie ProAngler is stable, has a nice drive system, and is a two-seater so I can take my fishing buddy — my wife — out, too. It’s a bit pricey, but you get what you pay for.” **JOHN KOZIOL**



OLDTOWN PREDATOR XL **26.4%**

ASCEND FS128T SIT-ON-TOP ANGLER **22.7%**

## FAVORITE STAND-UP PADDLEBOARD

CREEK COMPANY OSPREY INFLATABLE

**42.1%**

“The Osprey is very easy to store and transport. It can handle an acceptable amount of equipment and has room for a small cooler.” **LAURENCE LEIDNER**



HOBIE 10.9 SPORTSMAN **37.3%**

JACKSON KAYAK SUPERFISHAL **20.7%**

## FAVORITE BASS BOAT

RANGER 621FS

**31.1%**

“For me, its size is perfect. It gets me in the tight spaces and handles wide-open water.” **BYRON HANKINS**



ALUMACRAFT TOURNAMENT PRO 185 **25.3%**

STRATOS 186 VLO **13.2%**

## HARDCORE FOR SURE

**T**HE WORD “hardcore” often comes to mind when we think of our typical *Game & Fish/Sportsman* reader. You take your sport seriously, and you put in the time to stay at the top of your craft, whether you’re a local tournament angler or just like to catch the biggest fish you can. Bottom line: You fish a lot!

In the last 12 months, more than a third of you fished between 21 and 45 days. Who has time to do that? A dedicated angler, that’s who. Don’t worry, we won’t tell your wives.

You’ve also been fishing a long time. More than half of you have been fishing for more than 41 years. Wouldn’t you like to know

how many fish were caught by about 1,000 hardcore anglers in 41 years of fishing? Well, you probably wouldn’t get a straight answer. And that’s not because they are fishermen and all fishermen are said to be liars. Nope. You wouldn’t get a straight answer because our anglers are modest.

Of these guys/gals, only 5 percent consider themselves “expert” anglers! You’d think more would put themselves at the top of the heap if experience means anything. But, in fact, just 48 percent call themselves “advanced” and 44 percent say they’re “intermediate.” And 3 percent said they were “beginners.”

Dedicated, experienced and modest. That’s the kind of guy or gal you’d like to spend a day in the cockpit with. —**JG** ■