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Newly Patented Kayak Paddle Opens Up Kayaking to People with Disabilities or Injuries, Older Adults

San Luis Obispo, CA – The company behind the newly patented paddle for recreational kayakers, kayak anglers and paddlers with strength or endurance limitations has announced the official launch of its flagship product, the [Angle Oar](#).

The Angle Oar paddle system consists of a mount that can be attached to most sit-in and some sit-on-top kayaks, a short post that supports the paddle, and the kayak paddle itself. The mount and post carry the weight of the paddle, resulting in less joint stress on the shoulders, elbows and wrists. The paddle pivots in all directions on top of the post and can be used like a traditional straight paddle, or angled downward on both sides. In either position, the range of motion and torso rotation required to propel the kayak are significantly decreased, making the system ideal for people with shoulder injuries, partial paralysis or other health conditions that limit their endurance. The paddle can also be use by a person with only one upper limb or limited hand flexion. (See [video](#))

“As a physical therapist working with physically challenged clients in an adaptive kayaking program, I am looking forward to the freedom and independence that the Angle Oar paddle will allow my clients to have on the waters of Vermont's Lake Champlain. Excellent design and versatility,” said Cathy Webster, Physical Therapist.

The Angle Oar shaft and blades are made of fiberglass. A locking pin on the center of the shaft is used to adjust the paddle to either the straight or angled position. Each shaft also features three push buttons so that the shafts can be independently lengthened or shortened depending on the width of the kayak or, for example, to compensate for windy conditions. The paddle length ranges from 205 to 240 centimeters, making it a perfect starter paddle for kids or one that can be used by different members in a rental group or family. The mount is compatible with RAM Mounts, Scotty and YakAttack components and can be easily removed when not in use.

“It’s been a journey to get to this point where we can finally offer our paddle to the public,” said Meg McCall, founder of Angle Oar, “but we really wanted to get the mounting system just right. Now that

we've accomplished that goal, we'll soon be releasing a few related products that will broaden the kayaking market even further."

Several adaptive paddling programs and parks and recreation departments across the country have been eagerly awaiting the release of Angle Oar and plan to use the system in their programs. Kayak anglers have also expressed keen interest, as they recognize the potential for simultaneously casting with one hand and paddling with the other. Rather than use a paddle leash or refasten the paddle each time they need to move to a new location, they simply "let go" of the Angle Oar and it stays in place.

Angle Oar is participating at the Outdoor Retailer Summer show in Salt Lake City, Utah from August 2 – 5, 2016, including the Open Air Demo on August 2 in Booth D245. www.angleoar.com

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