



FLORIDA REDFISH SERIES

2027 Kayak Division Motor Rule Announcement

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Florida Redfish Series Announces Kayak Motor Change for 2027 Season

The Florida Redfish Series (FRS) is announcing an important change to the kayak division for the **2027 season**: kayak motors will be permitted, subject to specific limitations and requirements.

At the FRS, we don't make changes just to make changes. We research, evaluate the evidence, listen to our anglers, and let the data help drive our decisions.

After discussions with our committee, which includes FRS anglers, we believe it is time to **test the waters** and allow kayak motors under a carefully defined set of rules.

One of the primary factors in this decision is the FRS format. **FRS events are not shotgun starts**, meaning anglers are not all leaving the launch at the same time and racing to their fishing areas. Additionally, the top two anglers in the **2025 Hobie Saltwater Series Championship** accomplished that without using a motor.

We recognize that this change will have supporters and those who may not agree with it—and that's okay.

Our goal isn't to assume that motors are either an advantage or a disadvantage. Our goal is to **test, evaluate, and let the results speak for themselves**.

A motor may provide an angler with an efficiency advantage, allowing them to cover water, reposition, or navigate conditions more easily. However, in a **non-shotgun-start format**, that advantage does not necessarily translate into a decisive competitive advantage.

The FRS believes the best way to determine the impact is to put reasonable limitations in place, allow the anglers to compete, and evaluate the results.

Detailed Rule Information

The detailed **FRS Kayak Motor Rule**, including all limitations and requirements, is available on our website: www.FIRedfishSeries.com

Our Commitment

We will continue to monitor the 2027 season, listen to our anglers, evaluate the data, and make adjustments if the results show that changes are necessary.

We're not afraid to test something new. We're not afraid to evaluate the results. And we're not afraid to make adjustments when the evidence tells us to.

That's how the Florida Redfish Series continues to evolve while keeping our focus where it belongs: **our anglers, a fair playing field, and the future of the sport.**

Florida Redfish Series
Real Anglers. Real Competition. Real Results.