



## **NECKY ELIZA ULTRALITE HONORED BY PADDLER MAGAZINE**

### **INNOVATE KAYAK FOR WOMEN NAMED TO PRESTIGIOUS 2008 PADDLER'S PICK LIST**

**RACINE, WISCONSIN, January 25, 2008 JOHNSON OUTDOORS INC. (Nasdaq: JOUT)**, a global leader in outdoor recreational products, today announced that the Company's **NECKY® ELIZA™** ULTRALITE kayak was honored by PADDLER® MAGAZINE with a 2008 Paddler's Pick Award. The award recognizes the top kayaks and paddling accessories from the world's leading outdoor manufacturers and gives the nod to the **NECKY® ELIZA™** ULTRALITE's innovative, women specific female friendly design.

Engineered by and for women – the Eliza's™ wider cockpit is shaped for a woman's curves and its shorter length simplifies spray skirt installation and removal. One of the lightest women's kayaks on the market, the 40 pound Eliza's™ continuous cored construction creates a stiff and light hull to maximize speed and reduce drag – making it easy to maneuver on and off the water.

"The **NECKY® ELIZA™** sets a new standard in touring kayaks for women who love to paddle," said Sara Knies, Director of Paddle Sports Marketing for Johnson Outdoors. "We're thrilled that the editors of PADDLER® MAGAZINE recognized the Eliza™ as the right fit for women who are serious about their time on the water. And we are equally proud to donate one percent of gross sales from all our **NECKY®** and **OCEAN KAYAK™** women specific kayaks to the Breast Cancer Fund."

#### **ABOUT NECKY® ELIZA™ ULTRALITE**

Johnson Outdoors' **NECKY® ELIZA™ ULTRALITE's** innovative design and cutting-edge materials optimize hull speed and reduce drag for an amazing on-water experience. The fiberglass lay-up creates one of the lightest women's kayaks on the market and the shallow V-shaped hull provides outstanding balance between tracking and maneuverability.

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#### **ABOUT PADDLER® MAGAZINE**

PADDLER magazine's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Buyer's Guide for paddling enthusiasts includes editor's top picks for recreational boats and accessories. Published six times a year, with a circulation of 44,000 and 3.5 readers per copy, PADDLER® MAGAZINE features stories on paddling skills, locations, gear reviews, environmental issues, industry updates and profiles of leading paddlers.

#### **ABOUT JOHNSON OUTDOORS INC.**

Johnson Outdoors is a leading global outdoor recreation company that turns ideas into adventure with innovative, top-quality products. The company designs, manufactures and markets a portfolio of winning, consumer-preferred brands for paddling, fishing, boating, diving and camping. Johnson Outdoors' familiar brands include, among others: Old Town® canoes and kayaks; Ocean Kayak™ and Necky® kayaks; Lendal® paddles; Carlisle® and Extrasport® paddling accessories;; Minn Kota® motors; Cannon® downriggers; Humminbird® fishfinders; GeoNav® chartplotters; SCUBAPRO® UWATEC® and Seemann® dive equipment; Silva® compasses; Tech<sup>4</sup>O® digital instruments; and Eureka!® tents. The Company has more than 1,400 passionate employees across its 23 locations around the world.

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