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Jeff Herman and Fillip Spencer spent April 3rd through the 5th at Austin Canoe and Kayak in San Marcos, TX. Captain Filip presented an informative seminar on kayak fishing Friday night for local paddlers and members of Texas Kayak Fisherman. Hosted by the great staff of ACK, participants were treated to pizza, sodas, and great instructional training on kayak fishing by Filip.

On Saturday and Sunday ACK hosted a paddle demo and kayak sale at the Texas Ski Ranch. Customers came out braving the high winds and low water levels to test drive many kayaks. Jeff and Fil worked hard promoting the quality and design of the Ocean brand, and ACK offered great in-store rebates and well trained staff to help sell boats. Multiple Ocean Kayak's were sold and, and customers were well serviced by the support of Team Ocean Kayak.

- Jeff Herman



Promotional Events

May 2, 2009 Mud Outdoors Demo Days Marble Falls, Texas

May 15-17, 2009 Bass Pro Shop Classic Pool Demo Katy, Texas

May 15-17, 2009 Bass Pro Shop Classic Pearland, Texas

May 31, 2009 Texas Kayak Series Matagorda, Texas



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Team Ocean Kayak helped out with this year's TG Canoe and Kayak paddle demo held on the San Marcos River. San Marcos is home to Texas State University and this event is held in City Park and attracts students and tourists alike. City Park is also home to the Texas whitewater championships and has a whitewater slalom course. This year Sam Rinando and Cameron Barghi took the drive over to San Marcos, and were rewarded with beautiful weather and stellar crowds. The people of this community fully embrace their water sports and it's an integral part of their weekend activities. Team Ocean Kayak members Vincent and Sam Rinando both attended Texas State University and Clint and Cameron Barghi are from the San Antonio area so we are very familiar with area. Most of the local residents have some experience either in a canoe or a kayak along the San Marcos, Blanco, and Guadalupe rivers and are knowledgeable of the sport





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Team Ocean Kayak with Game On II Fishing Movie Galveston, TX

Team Ocean Kayak participates in the kayak fishing movie Game On II. Jim Sammons and Ken Whiting asked Team Ocean Kayak to participate in the filming of Game On II. Jeff Herman represented the Team for the Texas segment of the film. Jeff worked hard taking Jim, and the crew fishing under blustery conditions on the upper Texas Coast. They caught a fair amount of fish in less than ideal winds, and captured some great Texas marsh fishing for the project. Game On II is scheduled to be released by Heliconia Press in February 2010.

Jeff will be traveling in August to film a segment in Montana, kayak fly fishing for trout.



Jeff with the crew from Game On II.

Team Ocean Kayak at Austin Canoe and Kayak paddle demo Houston, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Clint Barghi was on hand at this year's Austin Canoe and Kayak paddle demo. The weather Saturday was windy and wet, but Sunday was much better and crowds were in excess of 300 people.

Seems the warmer temperatures are starting to focus everyone's attention back to the water and everyone was eager to get out and paddle their favorite kayak.



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Team Ocean Kayak fishes Third Coast Kayak Series Freeport, TX

Team Ocean Kayak fished in the Third Coast Kayak Series in Freeport, Texas. The weather forecast for Saturday called for winds at 36mph sustained with gusts as strong as 45mph with rain, lightning, and tornados.

Team Ocean Kayak relied on it's combined experience on the water to execute a safe game plan for tournament morning. Unfortunately the team had little fish to show for a very difficult fishing experience.

Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer seemed to be the only one able to catch fish and secured a redfish and a couple trout landing him 1st place in the trout division. The team maintained it's lead for Team of the Year and Captain Filip Spencer is currently in 1st place for Angler of the Year, while Vincent Rinando is in 3rd place.



Captain Filip Spencer 1st Place trout trophy



The weather could not have been worse





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Team Ocean Kayak fishes Texas Kayak Series Rockport, TX

Team Ocean Kayak fished in the televised Texas Kayak Series held in Rockport, Texas.

Unfortunately all of the tournaments that were held in April were done on days in which the weather could not have been worse. This was the case again for this tournament, with winds Southeast at over 35 mph sustained and gusts in the 40s, this was probably a tournament that should have been cancelled.

Captain Filip Spencer was the only team member able to locate a slot redfish on tournament day, keeping him in the top 4 for Angler of the Year. The redfish also kept Captain Filip Spencer and team mate Vincent Rinando in the top 3 for Team of the Year.

The tournament wasn't without mishap, the increasing winds and waves forced team members Sam Rinando and Jeff Herman to opt for a wade back to the truck rather than paddle against the winds. Deep mud and shell can be dangerous as team member Jeff Herman sustained a laceration just below the knee cap that required surgery at a local hospital. Jeff is alright, and is already on the mend. Fast action and experience on the water from Jeff and Sam prevented this accident from being more serious.

Team mates Clint and Cameron Barghi chose a long paddle in the marsh and like many other competitors the fish were not cooperating under harsh conditions.



Captain Filip Spencer with his redfish



Crowd at the Captain's Meeting



Team strategy Session



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Team Ocean Kayak with Wind and Wave paddle demo Corpus Christi, TX

Frank Floyd owner of Wind and Wave promoted this event with ads in two magazines, including The Saltwater Angler and The Islander. He also advertised on TKF website. It should be noted that Wind and Wave is an Exclusive Ocean Kayak dealer. He does not carry any other brands of kayaks in his store. Wind and Wave's Demo event began with a Friday 7pm seminar by Captain Fil Spencer, Pro Staff. There were over 20 attendees who hung on Fil's every word about kayak rigging, kayak safety, kayak fishing. He had a wealth of information to share and there were a lot of questions during and after this presentation. Captain Fil also covered Carlisle Paddles and Extrasport PFD's.

After the Seminar, several attendees stayed to look at and ask questions about the kayaks that Capt. Fil had talked about. Sales staff from Wind and Wave, Capt. Fil, and myself stayed around till 9 pm to help the customers.

The next morning, the weather didn't cooperate and the winds were blowing at 25-35 mph with occasional rain and drizzle. Temps held in the high 60's and low 70's, so a steady stream of people braved the elements and tried out a number of boats during the Demo.

Frank supported the Demo fully by signing the entire store with the Bonus Days promotion. Pictures attached. While attendance was down from the lousy weather and the timing (Easter Saturday) there were 6 boats sold and several solid possibilities for future Sales. Frank has another demo scheduled for early June. You can bet the turnout and the sales will be much better.

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