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Team Ocean Kayak at IFA Kayak Tournament Series Port O'Connor, Texas

Team Ocean Kayak's Clint Barghi placed 3rd, Captain Filip Spencer placed 4th and Cameron Barghi placed 7th in the first IFA Kayak tournament event held in Rockport, Texas. This tournament series was originally planned to be held in Port O'Connor, Texas which is located almost 90 miles further north up the Texas coastline. Our team spent the prior week locating some good fish in Port O'Connor, only to have the tournament directors relocate the weigh in to Fulton Beach Texas to accommodate the Hobie dealer in the area. This information was given at 8pm the night before the tournament. With accommodations in Port O'Connor, the team decided to split up. The team staying behind at our original location would have to be off the water much earlier than the team that decided to travel to Port Aransas. Weather called for a strong front to move into the area at launch time, and we decided to send one team directly at the approaching storm. It rained very hard just before daylight in Port Aransas, but cleared before launch time. The team that stayed in Port O'Connor was going to get hit hard on the water and it pretty much shut down their bite after the front passed.

The fish we located a week earlier were just where we left them and Clint's big trout secured him 3rd place and a new Hobie kayak. The remaining two events in this series are to be held at the same venue. Hopefully there will be no more surprises in this series or rule changes. It's difficult enough to locate tournament winning fish, but having to create a new game plan the night before the event is even more difficult.



Clint's 3rd place kayak

Upcoming Events

May 2-9, 2010 Jacksonville Kayak Tournament Florida

May 21-23 Bass Pro Shop Pearland

May 21-23 Bass Pro Shop Katy



Captain Filip Spencer's 4th Place Check

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Team Ocean Kayak at ACK Kayak Demo San Marcos, Texas [More](#)

Team Ocean Kayak Cameron Barghi helped out at the ACK kayak demo in San Marcos at the ski ranch. The weather cooperated and the crowds were great as everyone had the opportunity to paddle their favorite kayak.



Team Ocean Kayak at TG Canoe and Kayak Springfest San Marcos, Texas

Team Ocean Kayak's Jeff Herman participated in one of our favorite events. Springfest on the campus of Texas State University. Unfortunately this year's event fell on tournament weekend and Jeff was kind enough to cover the event and have an alternate fish in his place. The event was a success, great weather and the start of spring brought out the college students to the river. Generally we get lots of pictures for this event, I'm sure Jeff has plenty...but on tournament day these are the ones he choose to send us to let us know what we were missing. Good job Jeff you really know how to pick a guy's spirit up. The San Marcos river is home to the Texas Whitewater championships and is a spring fed river that maintains a 72 degree temperature year round.



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Team Ocean Kayak at Wind and Wave Kayak Demo Corpus Christi, Texas

Team Ocean Kayak Captain Filip Spencer helped out with the latest kayak demo for Wind and Wave of Corpus Christi that was held near Packery Channel in Corpus Christi. Captain Spencer setup the tent along with a rigged Ocean Kayak Torque. The weather was beautiful and the crowds strong. The Packery Channel park is located on South Padre Island Drive, the main highway to the beach from Corpus Christi.



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Team Ocean Kayak on their way to Jacksonville Florida

Team Ocean Kayak has been trying to make this event for a couple years now. Thanks to an opening in our schedule and the support of some of our sponsors, this year will be the year we go. The Jacksonville tournament is a once a year event that brings together over 300 kayakers to the Florida coast for a kayak fishing tournament and event benefiting Down Syndrome Association of Jacksonville.

Captain Filip Spencer, Clint Barghi and Rick Spillman will be driving from Texas to Jacksonville on Saturday Night May 1st and bring our tournament trailer with our kayaks and gear. Jeff is flying into Jacksonville on Sunday and Vincent and Sam Rinando are flying into Jacksonville and will meet up with the team on Tuesday.

The film crew with The Kayak Fishing Show with Jim Sammons will be fishing and filming with the team on Thursday, Friday, and possibly tournament day on Saturday. Team Ocean Kayak started talking about this event early in the year and so far close to 25 anglers from Texas that will be making the journey to Florida. This should make a bit of a splash at the event and I'm sure the anglers from Florida are an anxious for this event and the anglers from Texas.

This isn't the first tournament in Florida for Team Ocean Kayak, Jeff, Vincent and Filip have prior experience fishing the EEF series in Florida back in 2005. This will be a great opportunity for us to meet new people, introduce ourselves, and put a Texan twist on event. The Team has rented a beach house in St. Augustine for the week of May 1-9, 2010.

Team Ocean Kayak will be promoting at this event. We should get some good publicity, some face time on film, and make an impact.

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