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Team Ocean Kayak at Galveston Trophy Trout

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando, Sam Rinando, and Clint Barghi placed 7th overall in the last Galveston Trophy Trout Series. The team weighed in 16lbs 4oz, our heaviest stringer of the season. This weight would have won 3 of the 4 events this year, but as luck would have it the other teams found their fish also. Team Ocean Kayak's goal in this event was to consistently compete, against professional guides in power boats, on a regular basis. This year we accomplished our goal. This year we had two 3rd place, one 4th, and one 7th place finish. Considering the competition level, this is even better than we could have hoped for. The relationships we have built and the respect we have earned in our community, will prove invaluable in the future. We are already seeing a cross over effect. Several powerboat guides have purchased kayaks in the past month, and a few have borrowed kayaks from the team to participate in kayak events and experience kayaking first hand.

We are now connected through social media with many of these anglers, receive good fishing information from them, and have a better feel for what is going on in our home waters. We will continue to participate in tournaments that are dominated by some of the best anglers in the country. Competition at this level only improves the overall quality of the team and our contacts.

Upcoming Events

May 12, 2013 Galveston Redfish Series



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Team Ocean Kayak places 3rd in Galveston Spectacular 2 day Trout Championship

Team Ocean Kayak's Clint Barghi fished with Aaron Stillwagon in the latest Gulf Coast Trout Series two day championship. Clint's invitation to fish as a hired gun is a direct result of our participation in professional tournaments in the Galveston bay complex and the results we have produced.

This is a professional two man powerboat trout series that encompasses most of the Texas coast from Sabine to Matagorda. Clint and Aaron had a great first day with a weight of 17lbs 9oz, with two trout over 7lbs.

Day two had similar results and the team weighed in 17lbs 2oz, for a two day total near 35lbs for 6 trout.

The team finished 3rd overall. This is the second year in a row that Team Ocean Kayak has finished in the top 3 of a two day trout championship tournament in the Galveston bay complex.

It's taken a lot of hard work to be able to compete in speckled trout tournaments. Our redfish pursuits have taken a back seat for the past couple of years, but we will start to target them more as summer arrives.



Aaron's son and Clint's son (Andrew) left hold up the trophies.

Team Ocean Kayak's Cameron Barghi placed 5th overall, and Fil Spencer placed 19th in the first IFA kayak series held in Port Aransas, Texas.

With a busy schedule in April and the IFA not coming back around Texas again until September, and the travel expense involved, many of the team decided to sit out the IFA this year.

When the series comes back around to Texas in September we will evaluate the timing and finances and make a decision on fishing that event when the time comes.

Team Ocean Kayak at IFA Port Aransas

IFA Hobie Kayak Fishing Tour, Port Aransas, Texas

April 14th, 2013

Place #	Angler LN	Angler FN	Red-Length	Tr-Length	R+T=Score
1	Henson	Clayton	26.00	25.75	51.75
2	Juarez	James	24.50	27.00	51.50
3	Martinez	Paul	29.13	21.75	50.88
4	Okrashinski	Shane	27.25	20.50	47.75
5	Barghi	Cameron	27.00	20.50	47.50
6	Phillips	Cody	23.25	22.00	45.25
7	Carson	Jeremy	25.75	18.75	44.50
8	Newell	Alexander	20.25	23.75	44.00
9	Tesch	James	22.75	21.00	43.75
10	Paul	Jason	28.25	15.25	43.50
11	Rawowitz	Melissa	23.75	19.75	43.50
12	Guerra	Robert	23.00	20.25	43.25
13	Carter	Jason	25.00	18.25	43.25
14	Fisher	Cody	27.13	16.00	43.13
15	MacNaughton	Josh	23.50	16.25	39.75
16	Lopez	Rene	22.00	17.50	39.50
17	Spry	Aaron	23.50	15.50	39.00
18	Strother	John Ben	21.75	17.00	38.75
19	Spencer	Fil	28.25		28.25
20	Viteritto	Daniel	25.75		25.75

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Team Ocean Kayak at Lonestar Kayak Series

Team Ocean Kayak's Clint Barghi served as weigh master for the first event of the Lonestar Kayak Series. This is the second year that the team has served on the tournament staff. There was an awesome turnout with 83 kayakers entered in the tournament. Of the 81 kayakers 73 kayakers weighed in fish, 69 of those redfish were ALIVE.

This is just another example, that in Texas we can and do have successful LIVE weigh ins.

We had a great first event of the year with anglers registered from all over the state ... Local Areas, Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Austin & Dallas . They fought brutal winds & low tides to bring in redfish from as far away as Sabine & Matagorda.



Southern Star provide billboard advertisement along I-45

Team Ocean Kayak at ACK Paddle Demos

Team Ocean Kayak's participated in the early spring demo days in San Marcos and Austin Texas. It was difficult in April to coordinate all the planned events. We had 6 tournaments and 5 paddle demos scheduled in April in 8 different cities. We were not able to make all the events this year, but we made as many of them as time and money would allow.

It always a great time to get out and introduce new people to the sport of kayaking. The staff at ACK always make us feel at home while at these events.

The weather was a bit overcast for the San Marcos event, but sunny for the Austin event. Both were well attended.



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Team Ocean Kayak at Galveston Redfish Series

Team Ocean Kayak's Sam Rinando and Rick Spillman fished in the first Galveston Redfish Series of the year. As is typical with April, a cold front hit the coast just a couple days prior to the tournament making fishing conditions and scouting tough. Sam and Rick finished just out of the money at the first event of the 2013 Galveston Redfish Series. They ended up with 13.72 pounds, but Sam had to release a heartbreaking 28 1/16 inch Red that would've put us in the top 5.

The Galveston Redfish Series is a professional power boat tournament. Our team has been fishing this series for several years, and is usually the only kayak team entered in the tournament series.



Sam and Rick at the Galveston Redfish Series

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