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Team Ocean Kayak travels to the Outdoor Retailer's Expo in Salt Lake City Utah

On August 10, 2006 Team Ocean Kayak traveled to Salt Lake City as guests of Johnson Outdoors and Ocean Kayak to promote the sport of kayak fishing at this year's event. Team Ocean Kayak was fortunate enough to be given paddle tank time demonstrating Ocean Kayak's new Prowler Big Game kayak.

The Prowler Big Game is Ocean Kayak's newest model, designed for the larger angler. This kayak has some innovative features, not found in any other kayak. This kayak is outfitted with a depth/fish finder specifically designed by Humminbird for this kayak. Other features include, a storage shelf inside the front hatch to store the power supply for marine electronics. This kayak also borrows elements from the surfing world to create a wide kayak that has surprising glide. The step down design in the stern of the kayak, adds lift which helps propel the kayak. Stable enough to stand and fish, this kayak drew a lot of attention at this year's show.

This was a great opportunity for our team and our sponsors to gain visibility and recognition at this years show.

Team Ocean Kayak had time to meet with many of Johnson Outdoor's manufacturers, to provide feedback and learn about this year's newest products. Team Ocean Kayak also met with various outdoor clothing manufacturers to give information and opinions about the needs of the paddle sport industry, among these vendors were leaders in the industry Columbia Sportswear, Chota Outdoor-wear, and Injini.

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Team Ocean Kayak demonstrates Scotty's new kayak stabilizer system in Utah

Team Ocean Kayak was invited to demonstrate the newest product from our sponsor Scotty Marine, their kayak stabilizer system. Team Ocean Kayak was given the opportunity each day at the Outdoor Retailer's Expo in Salt Lake City to talk about the new kayak stabilizer system, and all of the great products that Scotty offers. The Scotty stabilizers were mounted onto the Ocean Kayak Scrambler kayak, Ocean Kayak's narrowest model. The Scotty stabilizer system adds an additional thirty pounds of stability to any kayak or canoe. The stabilizers are made with an inflatable inner bladder, and a tough PVC vinyl outer shell. Light weight, adjustable and rugged, this stabilizer system allows any angler to stand and sight cast from their kayak.

During the demonstration Team Ocean Kayak was able to talk about our own personal experiences with the all the great products that Scotty offers and the ways in which we use them in tournament fishing. Scotty has always been a tremendous supporter of Team Ocean Kayak and we were honored to be able to help them out at this year's show.



Scotty's kayak stabilizers



Demonstrating the Big Game



Demonstrating Scotty's kayak stabilizers

Promotional Events

[Wind and Wave Kayak Demo Corpus Christi](#)

[August 30, 2006 Coastal Kayak Anglers night at the Astros Game](#)

[September 16, 2006 Arabia Shrine Sportsmen Tournament](#)

[October 14, 2006 Spectacular Championship](#)

October 28, 2006 Fly Casting lessons and get together

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Team Ocean Kayak at Stars and Stripes West Bay Tournament

August 25, 2006 Team Ocean Kayak's Robert Harvey and partner Tim Lures represented Team Ocean Kayak in the Stars and Stripes West Bay tournament. The tournament had over 95 kayak anglers participating in adverse weather. Rain and Wind plagued tournament day, making fishing difficult for all involved.

Robert and Tim positioned themselves within a protected marsh cove during the heavy rains and wind and located many trout during the tournament unfortunately the larger fish were scare in the rainy conditions.

Robert switched to the fly rod in hopes of getting a larger redfish, but only managed fish under the slot limit.

This tournament boasted a first in kayak tournaments, live fish weigh in and release. Four anglers were able to weigh their redfish in at the scales, and then return the fish unharmed to the Gulf afterwards. This is a great step creating the excitement of a weigh in with the conservation of a live release. Let's hope this continues.

Anglers spread out into West Galveston Bay under rainy and windy conditions then returned later to the beach for the weigh in and get together. Only one of the teams finished the day with a complete slam stringer, further proof of the difficult fishing conditions.



Weigh in at Stars and Stripes Tournament



Over 95 kayak anglers competed in this years West Bay



Crowd gathers for the live release

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Team Ocean Kayak in HookNLine Maps again

Team Ocean Kayak has completed work with HookNLine Maps for their Upper Laguna Madre Map. This map is labeled with kayak launch spots and has the Team Ocean Kayak Pro Staff logo printed on the map. This map includes Corpus Christi, Port Aransas, Rockport, and Aransas Pass. Currently Team Ocean Kayak Appears on the Galveston Bay, Matagorda Bay, Upper Laguna Madre, and Lower Laguna Madre maps. If you purchase a kayak fishing map for the coastal waters of Texas you will see the Team Ocean Kayak logo on all of them from Louisiana to Mexico. Team Ocean Kayak would like to thank HookNLine maps for their continued support.



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Team Ocean Kayak at the Redfish Rodeo Fly fishing tournament Rockport Texas

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando and Jeff Herman fished in the Texas Fly Fisher, Coastal Conservation Association's 25th annual Redfish Rodeo. This tournament was Team Ocean Kayak's first fly fishing only tournament to participate in this year. Windy conditions made fly casting difficult, however, Vincent and Jeff managed to catch a few trout, a small redfish, and a jack crevale. Not enough to win the event, but it was a great opportunity for Team Ocean Kayak to make new contacts in both the fly fishing and power boat community. Vincent and Jeff were the only kayak entrants in this years event, but look for that to grow over the next few years. This tournament was a catch and release, conservation minded event. Kayak fishing is a great way to pursue redfish, with little or no impact on the environment. Being the only kayak fishing team entered in this event, made Team Ocean Kayak a very visible part of this year's tournament. Teammate Captain Filip Spencer was able to fish with Jeff and myself on two of the three days we were in town. Captain Filip Spencer was unable to fish with us on tournament day, but he was able to show Jeff and myself numerous new fishing locations. This tournament was a lot of fun, the group of guys that fly fish are a very laid back, and always willing to help each other to improve at the sport that they love. It was interesting to see each contestant brag about a fly they had invented and planned to use on tournament day. Fly fishing, unlike conventional fishing tournaments, have contestants fishing with flies that they have tied themselves. Most anglers are guaranteed to have a fly in their box that no other fisherman can claim to have. Team Ocean Kayak plans to take additional fly casting lessons this year in October, and we will be back at this event again in 2007.



Vincent with a nice Redfish



Jeff hooked up on a fish



Underwater trout picture using Pentax Optio Wpi

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