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Team Ocean Kayak at Cabelas Fall Great Outdoors Days Austin, Texas

Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer was on hand at the most recent Cabelas hunting event held in Buda near Austin, Texas. Captain Filip Spencer assisted customers at the hunting counter with all their Swarovski Optik questions.

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Customers were gearing up for the upcoming hunting season and the store was very busy. In the Texas Hill country near Austin, deer hunting rules. Some of the best white tail deer hunting in the country is less than a 30 minute drive from downtown Austin.



Happy Swarovski Optik customers



The gun counter was packed

Promotional Events

September 12, 2009 Third Coast Kayak Series Corpus Christi, Texas

September 19, 2009 Galveston Redfish Series Galveston, Texas

September 26-27, 2009 Austin Canoe and Kayak paddle demo Austin, Texas



Checking out the Swarovski



The Gun counter



Fish Lover

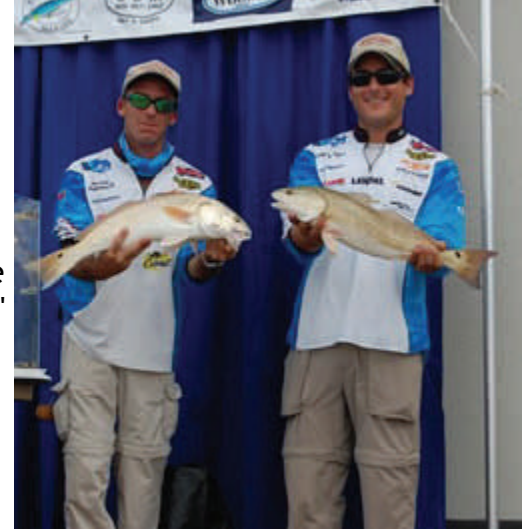
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Team Ocean Kayak at Galveston Redfish Series Galveston, Texas

Some days you win, some days you get beat, some days the fish win. We get loaded up, as we looked towards the Gulf, it looked very scary. There was lightning everywhere and big thunder clouds brewing. We look at the radar image and although it was getting bigger, it wasn't moving onshore. We get the rain gear and launch into the dark. We got to the point of no return, and although it was pretty scary, it never came over us. I knew it was going to be a good day fishing, on the way out Clint told me, "when we get to this point there is always a fish hanging out there so I want to stop and make a cast..." It's pitch dark so I'm thinking if she is there hanging out and has any brains she'll be sleeping. Well we get to that spot, first cast of the morning and Clint gets bit. Wasn't the one we were looking for but it was a good sign. The tide was up pretty big and slack. Our strategy was to hit the grass lines early, then fish our way through any fish we spook out of the grass. We threw topwaters all day long. My first blowup of the morning came as Clint and I were drifting next to some flooded grass. I threw it way back in the weeds and it looked and sounded like an alligator ate my lure. Clint and I jumped at the same time, startled both of us. I heard Clint tell someone it was the only time a blowup has ever scared him. It had to be a bull red, just from the sheer size of the explosion. It tore off thru the weeds and hung me up on a branch and came off. We drift up into a pocket and start blind casting when Clint hooks up a good fish. As he's bringing it to the net the hook pulls. It was a nice 27" 8lb red, oh well fish 2 fishermen 0. Not 5 minutes later Clint sees a wake coming his way and gets a hookup on a gulp. Pulling the fish into the net it unhooks, another lost 7-8lb red. Fish 3, fishermen 0. We made another drift and I was able to string two 4-5lb fish. So the pressure was off on keepers. We consistently had 3-5 blowup on each drift all the way until 1:15pm when we had to leave. I think personally I've never had that many quality fish blowups on topwaters during a tournament and I've never had that many missed hooks, or pulled hooks on a tournament day. Between Clint and I, we had over 50 blowups easily. Some were monster and were probably over slot, but we had our chances. We brought in 10.6lbs. The winning weight was 15.6, 15.2, 15.17, 14.9, so it would take 15lbs to break the top 4. So this tournament could have been won. We took our shot, this time the fish won. But overcast skies all day, slight breeze, mall rain shower around 11am, and a killer day fishing.

Vincent and Clint are currently in 5th Place for Team of the Year, which is a great achievement. The Galveston Redfish Series brings together some of the top professional guides in the Galveston area which compete in power boats. It's nice to be known as the guys in the kayaks, we kind of stand out if you know what I mean.



Vincent and Clint's redfish



Large weigh in crowds at Academy are the norm

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Team Ocean Kayak at Shamrock Cove campout Port Aransas, TX

Some of the greatest thing in life are helping others and sharing stories about fishing and life experiences. This is one of those stories. We decided to put out an invitation on the (TKF) Texas kayak fisherman web site inviting anyone and everyone who would like to come down for the weekend to fish and meet some new people. Maybe, even learn some new fishing spots as well as techniques and just have a good time. I was fortunate enough to help lead the group of twenty eight individuals from (TKF) on a trip to Yarborough pass. Most of the Individuals came in from all over the state of Texas. Like Dallas, Houston, Austin, San Antonio, Round Rock and some of the other surrounding areas closer to home. Our game plan was to meet up at JerryB's shop on Friday afternoon. There were going to be two different groups heading down. The first group would be leaving at 4:00 pm and the second group would be leaving at 6:00 pm. Those individuals that did not have a four wheel drive truck were able to leave their vehicle at the shop (Thank's Jerry and Debi). We made our way to Yarborough but, as we arrived one of the kayakers we were meeting tried to go up through the pass and got stuck at the very top. Luckily, there was another truck at the top who helped pull him out. With several of the vehicles towing trailers we knew that we were not going to be able to make it through the pass. So, we came up with a plan-B. Then we called the others to let them know about the situation and tell them about the plan-B we came up with. We've decided to meet up with the second group on the island. Plan-B was to go to a spot I knew of on the north side of Shamrock. It was great to get to see a group of individuals that we just barely met help one another unload kayaks and get things set up. Well as we set up camp and got ready to cook some steak, sausage, and fajitas for our dinner. It was a really good dinner, let me tell you we had enough food to feed a small army (which we had). As the food was cooking we pulled our chairs together and started talking about fishing. I decided to talk about my fishing trip earlier that day. I did a nine mile paddle pulling a young child around but, It didn't feel like It. His excitement and enthusiasm about catching fish kept me going all day long. Well as we sat and talked the night a-way most of the questions were directed towards me. I could have seen that coming. One of the things that I enjoy is helping others with their fishing and kayaking needs. Some of the individual in the group got a couple of hours of sleep but, the majority of us stayed up all night sharing stories and talking about fishing. Well about 3:30 am I decided to go ahead and get my stuff ready to go. I got on the water about 4:00 am starting paddling south I could see lots of lights on the water. Well, it didn't take long before the first fish was on. With 28 individuals on the water you think we would have been in each others way but, that was not the case. Everyone caught fish that day. But, the best part of the adventure was meeting new people and sharing some wonderful stories.



Bas Camp



Forming Plan B



The Pass looks kind of rough

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