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Team Ocean Kayak at Outdoor Retailer's Conference Salt Lake City, UT

Team Ocean Kayak was thrilled to participate in the Outdoor Retailer Convention on behalf on Johnson Outdoors. Jeff Herman helped run the outdoor demo at Jordanell State Park. Manufacturers from all over North America participated bringing out their best kayaks, paddle boards, and pro staff. Surf Tech even had Laird Hamilton on hand to demo their wares. Ocean Kayak stole the show however when Jeff persuaded Betty from BettyHoops.com to do her thing on the new Ocean Kayak Nalu 12.5. Indoors, the Johnson booth at Salt Palace Convention Center displayed the top the Ocean Kayak line, and Jeff helped promote the brand by doing two seminars on Kayak Rigging for Rapid Media. Following one of the seminars Jeff was interviewed for Kayak Angler's weekly email, again promoting the Ocean Kayak Modular Rod Pod and the new Necky Vector 13.

Jeff was lucky enough to meet Tim Niemier at OR on Monday. For the newer kayaking folks, Tim's roto-molding and SOT kayak designs (Scupper, Scupper Pro, Scrambler) ended up shaping the kayak fishing landscape we have today.



Upcoming Events

Sept 12 IFA Kayak Tour
Rockport, TX

Sept 18 Specktakular Redfish Series Galveston, TX

Sept 18-19 Austin Canoe and Kayak Paddle Demo
Austin, TX

Sept 25-26 Austin Canoe and Kayak Paddle Demo
Houston, TX

Sept 25-26 Austin Canoe and Kayak Paddle Demo
San Marcos, TX



Big Crowds at this years Outdoor Retailers Conference



Tim Niemier and Jeff Herman



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Vincent S. Rinando, Editor

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Team Ocean Kayak in Kayak Angler Online Magazine

Texas pro Jeff Herman talks stand-up fishing, OK's latest, Necky's sexy new sit-on-top, and the Outdoor Retailer Summer Market trade show.

I'm a pro staffer for Ocean Kayak. I started kayak fishing in 99. Galveston is my home water. This year its been mostly redfish, trout and flounder.

The sport sure has grown. I thought it would peak. We're still seeing new buyers in the family class, mom, dad and the kids.

I've been standing up to fish for five or six years. To me it's not new. To make it possible for the average angler, the manufacturers have to make the boats wider. For a guy my size (Herman weighs 150 soaking wet), I'd like to see a more performance oriented boat.

The Necky Vector is killer. The hull design combines speed and stability. They hit it out of the park. Its the fastest 13 footer on the market.

I'm genuinely stoked about OK's new Modular Rod Pod. It's a vast improvement (over the Trident's standard rod pod hatch). Plug and play, that's huge. Drop your Scotty wherever you want it.

The Trident Ultra 4.7 is a great offshore boat. With that flip-top rod pod hatch, it's a genuinely innovative design.

Outdoor Retailer? It's always interesting. There are more products, more crazy products... Such as the kayaks that look like Legos. Mix and match the parts...

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Team Ocean Kayak at XRT Redfish Series Freeport, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando and Captain Filip Spencer placed 7th and Sam Rinando and Rick Spillman placed 9th at the XRT Redfish Series held in Freeport. Turned out to be a calm, very hot day with weak tides, making fishing difficult. Sam and Rick were on some nice fish and Sam landed what turned out to be the biggest redfish of the weekend, powerboat or kayak. Unfortunately, they were not able to land a second slot fish. Vincent and Fil opted to go for broke. Behind in the Team of the Year standing, and needing some large weights to make up some ground, they decided to fish some unfamiliar areas where they had located some large fish the week prior. As luck would have it, those fish moved on, as they often do and the team was left scrambling to locate two slot redfish.

The team finally relocated found two fish, but had some chances at some winning fish that just weren't meant to be.



Vincent and Fil with some nice redfish



Sam and Rick's monster redfish



Talking about a tough day on the water



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Team Ocean Kayak at Artist Boat Trash Pickup Galveston, TX

Clean Up Paddle Out! 17 kayak newbies ages 11 to 50 something. We picked up 2 trucks worth of beach/bay trash. Then we took the newbies for their first paddle. Event was run by Artist Boat (ArtistBoat.org). I am always thrilled when they ask me to help with their trips. A privilege to partner with such a worthy group



Jeff Herman Prepares for Launch



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Team Ocean Kayak at Specktacular Redfish Series Galveston, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Clint and Cameron Barghi competed in the second Specktacular Galveston Redfish Series. This event is participated in by some of Galveston Bay's leading professional guides. Traditionally a power boat tournament,

Team Ocean Kayak is typically the only kayakers competing. True to form Clint and Cameron weighed in some nice fish and placed 23rd. More importantly the team advanced in the tournament series bracket to the final round. Team are paired up in a March Madness college basketball style tournament bracket where they compete head to head against another team in the series. For the second time Clint and Cameron defeated their competition and advance.

Galveston Redfish Series

8/28/2010



Clint and Cameron with some nice redfish

20	mike	douglas	10.86
20	rhett	holloway	10.86
21	chip	reeder	10.19
21	albert	rathmell	10.19
22	mark	wimberley	9.32
22	joshua	gregory	9.32
23	clint	barghi	9.17
23	cameron	barghi	9.17

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