

## Pro Staff News

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### Team Ocean Kayak takes 5th at Galveston Redfish Series Tournament

Team Ocean Kayak's Sam Rinando and Rick Spillman placed 14th out of 65 teams in this month's Galveston Redfish Series. Clint and Cameron Barghi continued on the same pace with a 19th place finish after suffering a one pound penalty for not being able to keep their two redfish alive for the weigh in. With temperatures over 100 degrees and water temperatures in the high 90s, it has been difficult to keep our fish alive in the shallow Texas marsh and travel with them to the weigh in. Clint and Cameron had their two fish by 7:30am, but opted to stay and grind it out hoping to upgrade their fish, 6 hours in the Texas sun proved too much for the fish and they didn't survive to the weigh in. Sam and Rick's fish did better and they were able to keep them alive until they were weighed in. Vincent Rinando opted to fish in a third location, but was unable to locate fish large enough to compete in this talented field of competitors. The Thursday before this tournament we received a call from the tournament director telling us that he had received a complaint from a power boat team that maybe us kayakers had an unfair advantage over the power boaters, being able to go shallower and fish for redfish that power boats were unable to reach. A GIANT smile came over all of our faces, as we realized that we are finally getting the message across and that perhaps some of these professional anglers in their \$50,000.00 power boats are beginning to realize that those little plastic boats can catch fish. The director told the person that if he felt that there was a distinct advantage, then he should go out and buy one of those kayaks and fish out of it for the next tournament. Then explained to him that he would however have to paddle that kayak 8-12 miles in 100 degree weather, drag around live redfish, and probably only be able to fish one location, and there would be no cooling off by starting the engine and running around, sounds easy doesn't it. Sorry, it's not the arrows, it's the Indians.

Both Sam and Rick, and Clint and Cameron advanced in the Championship Bracket to the Sweet Sixteen finals held on September 24th. The Championship Bracket was won in 2010 by Team Ocean Kayak's Clint and Cameron Barghi, and with 160 anglers entered, having two teams in the Sweet Sixteen is an awesome accomplishment. **Team Ocean Kayak's Clint and Cameron continue in the hunt for Team of the Year, currently in 4th place overall and Sam Rinando and Rick Spillman are currently in 13th place.** With a chance to have two teams finish in the top 10 for Team of the Year in a series which hosts some of the best professional tournament anglers and guides on the Gulf Coast is an amazing accomplishment.

### Upcoming Events

- Sept 6, 2011 IFA Redfish Series Rockport
- Sept 10, 2011 Texas Redfish Series Port Aransas
- Sept 17, 2011 Xtreme Redfish Series Freeport
- Sept 17-18, 2011 Austin Canoe and Kayak paddle demo Austin, TX
- Sept 24, 2011 Galveston Redfish Series Champ.
- Sept 24-25, 2011 Austin Canoe and Kayak paddle demo Houston
- Sept 24-25, 2011 Austin Canoe and Kayak paddle demo San Marcos



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### Team Ocean Kayak Wins Xtreme Redfish Series Galveston, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Sam Rinando and Rick Spillman took 1st place in the Xtreme Redfish Series in Galveston. Sam and Rick extended their lead by 3.5lbs for Team of the Year winning their 3rd consecutive Xtreme tournament in a row. Their 15.18lbs was one of the heaviest stringers brought to the weigh table including the boat division. Vincent Rinando and Clint Barghi placed 6th with 11.05 lbs. It was a tough day for most competitors with high temperatures near 107 degrees. This combined with stiff west winds and low tides made for a tough day of fishing. Sam and Rick connected on their fish around 10:45am in a single drift, landing two nice 27.5 inch redfish. Clint and Vincent released many redfish early in the day that would have placed them in 2nd place, counting on heavy weights and bigger fish later in the day that just never materialized. With time running down, they decided to string the next two fish they landed and call it a day. With temperatures that hot and low tides it's often difficult to keep your fish alive. All four redfish weighed in by Team Ocean Kayak were alive and swam away healthy. Team Ocean Kayak remains in 1st and 3rd place for Team of the Year with two events left.



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### Team Ocean Kayak with Artist Boats outing Galveston, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Rick Spillman pitched in to help out the non profit group Artist Boats on August 6, 2011 lead a group of kayakers into the marsh for a day of science and art. This is a great charity and it's always nice to help out.



### Team Ocean Kayak with Artist Boats outing Galveston, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Rick Spillman on August 14th again helped out Artist Boats on a charity paddle. Rick is gaining valuable experience in leading paddling groups on his way to obtaining his kayak guides license, as well as helping out a great non profit organization.



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### Team Ocean Kayak with Artist Boats Float the Boat 2011 Galveston, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Jeff Herman and Rick Spillman were in Galveston at the Float the Boat 2011 fund raiser. Jeff received help from Necky Kayaks and Johnson Outdoors with a beautiful storm colored Necky Manitou kayak. The kayak is hung at Mod Coffee Shop in Strand section of Galveston Island and will get plenty of attention of the next several weeks leading up to the raffle. Artist Boats is a non profit organization that brings school children in the marsh in kayaks to teach them about art and science. Necky Kayaks and Johnson outdoors has stepped up in the past to help out this worthy cause.

Team Ocean Kayak helps out Artist boats with leading paddle eco tours, paddle safety classes and fund raisers throughout the year.

If you are in the Galveston area, stop by Mod coffee shop and buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win this great kayak.





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### Team Ocean Kayak's Rick Spillman the latest ACA Certified Kayak Instructor

Team Ocean Kayak's Rick Spillman completed his level 1 and level 2 ACA instructor's certification in August on his way to obtaining his kayak guides license from Texas Parks and Wildlife. TPW requires kayak guides to have certification in three ACA instructor's courses, Red Cross 1st Aid and CPR training, and a mandatory Boaters education class. Rick becomes the fourth member of Team Ocean Kayak to obtain their ACA instructor's certification, and has been gaining group trip leading experience helping out with Artist Boats this summer in Galveston. Rick joined Team Ocean Kayak in 2009 as an alternate and has quickly become an integral member of our team. With fishing, kayaking, and tournament angling experience Rick has participated in kayaking events from Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Alabama, and Baja and is quickly becoming a recognizable figure in the kayaking industry. Experienced inshore and offshore angler, Rick has been a great addition to the Team Ocean Kayak family.



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