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Team Ocean Kayak places 3rd at Galveston Trophy Trout Series

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando and Clint Barghi placed 3rd in the Galveston Trophy Trout Series held on February 9, 2013. Vincent and Clint were the only kayakers entered in tournament which consists mainly of professional fishing guides and anglers in the Galveston Bay Complex. This event had 58 anglers competing with a three live speckled trout weigh in.



Vincent Rinando and Clint Barghi place 3rd in the Galveston Trophy Trout

The day started out nice and Clint was able to land a nice 6lb trout on a top water. Soon after that the winds picked up to around 20 mph and the bite shut down. After going more than 5 hours without a bite, Vincent rallied with 4 bites in a 20 minute span and was able to put two nice fish in the cooler. Our combined weight of 14lbs 14 oz was a respectable weight under any conditions and good enough for 3rd place overall. In this tournament we used a canoe to store a 90qt cooler in with our live fish. This method worked great and our fish were alive and well when released. Improvements need to be made in that area and further development, but the hard work we have done over the past three years in an effort to consistently compete against this level of competition in winter trout tournaments is beginning to pay off.

Upcoming Events

March 8-10, 2013 Houston Fishing Show

March 9, 2013 Galveston Trophy Trout Series Tournament

March 16, 2013 Spectacular Trout Series Tournament

March 19, 2013 Paddlers in Canoe and Kayak Monthly Meeting Guest Speaker.



Some of the competition





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Team Ocean Kayak in Kayak Angler Magazine

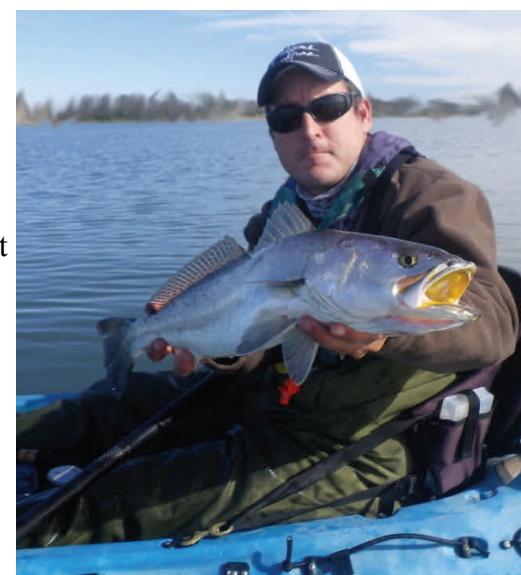
Team Ocean Kayak's Jeff Herman had two full page articles published in the recent Spring 2013 edition of Kayak Angler Magazine. One article featured our friends at Austin Canoe and Kayak showing how to install accessory rails on your kayak using blind rivets. The second article featured an ongoing feature about paddling. This one was about the forward stroke, using one of our coastal paddling friends and member of Paddlers in Canoes and Kayak. Upcoming article will be on the draw stroke, and feature team mate Vincent Rinando.

This is a great opportunity for Team Ocean Kayak to feature it's members and great sponsors in this publication. We really appreciate the opportunity that the great people over at Kayak Angler magazine offer our team.



Team Ocean Kayak Places 2nd at Charizzo Trout Tournament

Team Ocean Kayak's Clint Barghi and team mate Aaron Stillwagon placed 2nd in the big trout event at the annual Charizzo Trout tournament. Full moon, variable winds and weak tides made for a difficult bite overall. But for the 3rd consecutive weekend Team Ocean Kayak has placed in a tournament in Galveston. I slight miscalculation in how the stringer was submitted prevented the team from placing 2nd overall in the stringer division. The team thought that once they broke up their overall stringer to enter their biggest trout in the big trout division, that they were unable to weigh in their remaining fish in the stringer division. Had they weighed in their remaining fish, they would have placed 2nd overall and 2nd in the big trout division. Oh well, live and learn. Congratulation to Clint and Aaron on a job well done.



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Team Ocean Kayak places 3rd at Spectacular Trout Series Galveston

Team Ocean Kayak's Clint Barghi and team mate Aaron Stillwagon placed 3rd in the Galveston Spectacular Trout Series. For the third consecutive week, Team Ocean Kayak places in a professional tournament in Galveston. This event had over 54 anglers from across the area competing with three live speckled trout.

Feb 16, 2013						
Main Division						
Team Name	Captain	Angler #2	Big Fish	Live	Penalty	Total Toy Points
1 HAVENS/RENTERIA	John Havens	Erik Renteria	6.89	3		17.7 200
2 QUICKSWIRL	Joe Friedrichs	Roger Friedrichs	8.11	3		17.65 199
3 BARGHI/STILLWAGON	Aaron Stillwagon	Clint Barghi	3		15.97	198
4 LIKE IT ON TOP	Blake Sullivan	Bennie Mickell	3		12.77	197
5 SALWATER ASSAULT	Greg Francis	Daniel Popovich	7.47	2		12.45 196
6 BAKER/MCRAE	Kevin Baker	Jason Mcrae	3			12.01 195
7 GRIND	Chris Calhoun	Brandon Modisette	3			11.84 194
8 JUST ONE BITE	Ben Sinclair	Josh Gravely	3			11.28 193
9 TEAM PIER PRESSURE	Chandler Faickney	Mikie Sedillo	3			10.14 192
10 TEAM ANDCO	Andrew Dykes	Josh Cambron	5.83	2		9.29 191



Aaron Stillwagon and Clint Barghi place 3rd in Spec-

Team Ocean Kayak's continuous Search

Team Ocean Kayak members spend a couple days each week in search of prospective fishing spots and attempt to pattern fish for upcoming tournament events. Unfortunately it is difficult to combine the search for Redfish and Trout, as they tend to inhabit different areas of the bays and marshes.

Our focus for the past four or five months has been on winter speckled trout. Soon our focus will return to the shallow muddy marshes along the Texas and Louisiana coast. We are beginning to poke our heads back in to the marshes to see what is going on back there. So far the big redfish are right where they should be, it won't be long before our focus shifts to the brute force of the redfish instead of the cunning wit of the speckled trout. Cold windy winter fishing days will be replaced with 100 degree heat and waist deep mud.





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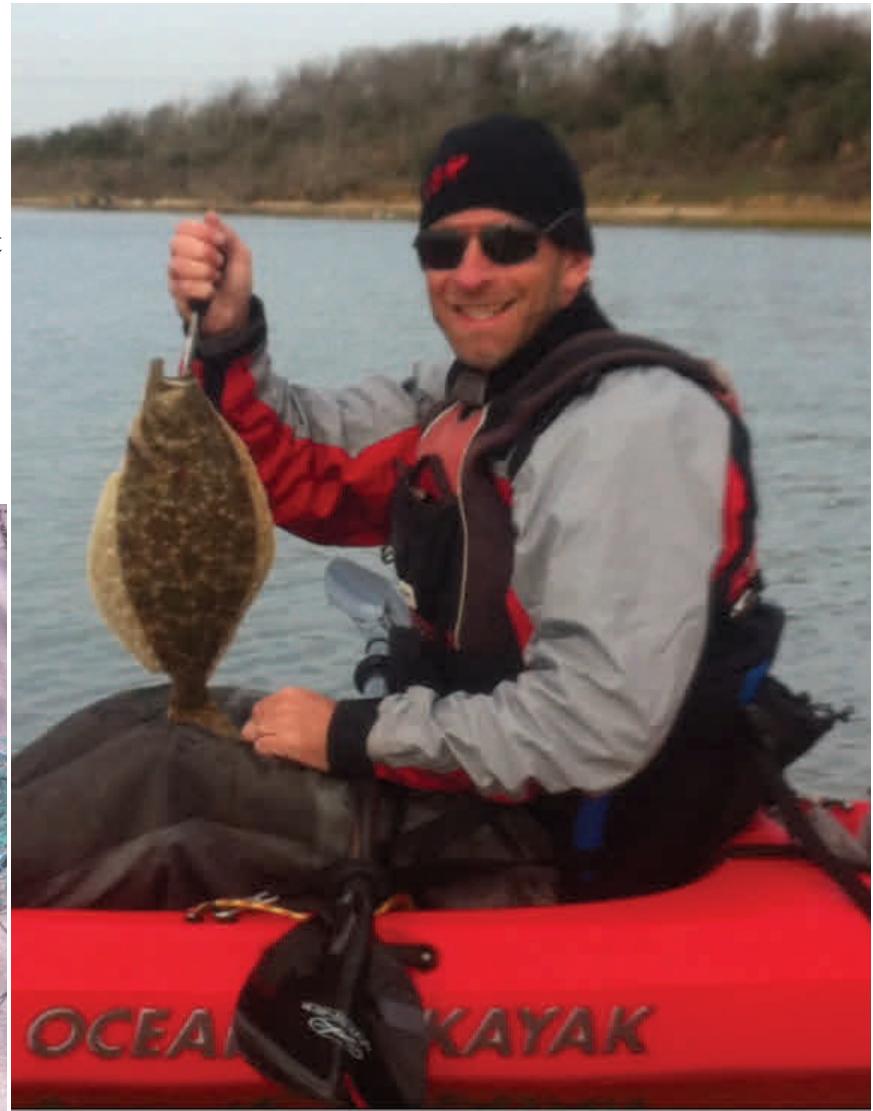
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Team Ocean Kayak photo shoot for Kayak Angler Magazine

Team Ocean Kayak's Jeff Herman and Vincent Rinando setup a photo shoot for an upcoming full page article in Kayak Angler magazine on the draw stroke. We too the time before hand to do a little fishing. The fish didn't cooperate, a passing cold front and full moon led to a difficult day. With the sun peaking in and out of the clouds, we got the shots we needed for the article and got some quality time on the water together. We didn't catch many fish, but mission accomplished.



The not so glamorous side of kayaking the Texas coast. Every trip requires a lengthy cleanup time. Leave that salt on your gear and it won't last two trips, this doesn't include kayak, trailer and truck. If you want to know how long something will last in a non coastal environment. Give to us for a week. If it survives the salt and mud, it will survive any non costal environment for at least 20 years.

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