

## Pro Staff News

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### Team Ocean Kayak Clean Sweep at Third Coast Kayak Tournament Corpus Christi

Team Ocean Kayak pulled off a clean sweep in competition at the Third Coast Kayak fishing tournament held in Corpus Christi, Texas. The team competed against 45 kayak anglers in the first of a five tournament series held in venues in south Texas. Team Ocean Kayak members placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the overall slam division and placed first in the Team Competition. The win has left Team Ocean Kayak with a large lead in Angler of the Year and Team of the Year competitions. The standings for the tournament were Sam Rinando in 1st place, Capt. Filip Spencer 2nd place, Clint Barghi 3rd place and Vincent Rinando 4th place. In the team competition, Team Ocean Kayak came away with 90pts out of a 95pts possible and are more than 40 points ahead of the nearest team in the competition.

Bill Emile with Scotty rod holders was on hand from British Columbia and has been a staunch supporter of Team Ocean Kayak over the years. It was great to get some face time with Bill, visit with him and catch up with things going on with the team and the new products Scotty has on the market. Team Ocean Kayak would like to thank Bill and Scotty for their support and for taking the time to stop by and visit while he was in Texas. Team Ocean Kayak also had a nice visit and dinner with Frank Floyd with Wind and Wave the Corpus Christi Ocean Kayak dealer. Frank has also been a great supporter of the team over the years and it was nice to sit down with Frank and share a few laughs before the tournament. We would also like to thank Kistler Rods for donating a rod as a prize for the tournament and Riptide Lures for donating lures for the captain's bag. The Kistler rod was given away for the smallest trout caught. There was fierce competition for this rod, with the winning angler commenting that his tiny trout was the only fish for the day that he felt strongly enough about landing that he actually used a net to land his catch.

### Promotional Events

March 1, 2008 Redfish Roadhouse Tournament

March 1-2, 2008 Bass Pro Shop Spring Fishing Classic Katy

March 1-2, 2008 Bass Pro Shop Spring Fishing Classic Pearland

March 7-9, 2008 Bass Pro Shop Spring Fishing Classic Katy

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March 15-16, 2008 Bass Pro Shop Spring Fishing Classic Katy

March 15-16, 2008 Bass Pro Shop Spring Fishing Classic Pearland

March 29, 2008 Spectacular Trout Tournament Galveston

March 28-29, 2008 Austin Canoe and Kayak Demo



Clint, Sam and Filip accept 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place



Happy winner of the Kistler rod



Team Ocean Kayak with Frank Floyd at Wind and Wave



Filip showing Bill some fish pictures



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### Team Ocean Kayak at Texas Parks and Wildlife Flat Out Fishing Expo Corpus Christi and Lake Jackson

Team Ocean Kayak's Jeff Herman was again invited as a guest speaker for Texas Parks and Wildlife's Flat Out Fishing Expo held in Corpus Christi and Lake Jackson, Texas. This is a great honor for Jeff to be invited to speak to the crowds about kayak fishing, safety and rigging.

This event always draws big crowds and this year was no exception. Jeff provided the class with a American Canoe Association quick start kayak safety class as part of his presentation. Jeff's presentation is first class, complete with computerized coursework that is much more effective when combined with distributed written material.

During the kayak rigging and safety portions of Jeff's demonstration, he was able to demonstrate many of the fine products our sponsors provide the team.

We received some great feedback from those in attendance who valued Jeff's experience and insight into the world of kayak fishing.



Jeff providing Kayak Safety Instruction



Jeff always has a full house for his presentations



Jeff's safety class complete with power point slides

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### Team Ocean Kayak at the Stars and Stripes Deuces Tournament Galveston Texas

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando and Clint Barghi fished in this year's Stars and Stripes Deuces Tournament held in Galveston. The Deuces tournament is a tournament for the largest redfish and largest speckled trout in combined weight. Clint and Vincent put together a game plan to find a quality redfish early and then change locations to get their speckled trout to complete the two fish stringer. Clint had been on some quality redfish for most of the week, while Vincent had located some really good trout. Clint and Vincent arrived at their destination and split up to cover the area. Vincent was first to locate the redfish, but as luck would have it, most were too large. Redfish must be in the slot of 20" - 28" and most of these were 29 or more inches. After landing six of these beasts, Clint and Vincent decided to scatter out and fish the surrounding areas looking for redfish in the slot. Clint was first to locate a quality slot redfish and quickly packed up to find his trout. Vincent's redfish came an hour later, unfortunately too late to relocate and had to weigh in just one fish. Clint relocated to a different area and quickly scored a decent trout to fill out his stringer.

It was great to get out and knock the rust off and get ready for a busy tournament season. There were many of the regular tournament anglers on hand for this event, which also included a beach campout. The stringer weights were bunched up very close at the top as Clint was tied for 2nd and Vincent was tied for 3rd place. When the final tally was in Clint placed 3rd and Vincent placed 4th in total weight for the tournament.



Vincent with his redfish



Anglers at the weigh in



Clint weighing in his fish

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