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Team Ocean Kayak takes 1st place Team at Third Coast Kayak Series Riviera, TX

Team Ocean Kayak placed 1st overall as a team in the first tournament of the season. Team Ocean Kayak picked up where it left off last year with Vincent Rinando placing 2nd and Captain Filip Spencer placing 3rd overall in the stringer division. Team Ocean Kayak had to fish this event a few teammates short. Sam Rinando and Jeff Herman were helping out with the Heroes on the Water event for wounded soldiers and Clint Barghi and his wife had their first baby boy this past weekend. Shorthanded the team called on longtime friend and fishing buddy Rick Spillman to fill in as an alternate.

Team Ocean Kayak is leading the Team of the Year standing and again has a nice lead on it's competition. The weather for this tournament was as bad as we have ever seen. Winds in excess of 35 mph greeted tournament anglers at start time. Captain Filip Spencer's experience as a guide as key to helping the team plot a one way drift to maximize the area covered and minimize the amount of paddling required. The strategy paid off as Vincent and Filip were two of only three anglers to find the desired two fish required for a stringer.

The next tournament is scheduled for Freeport, near Galveston. It's been a while since many of Team Ocean Kayak have been able to fish their home waters.

Promotional Events

March 4-8, 2009 Houston Holder Fishing Show

March 6-8, 2009 Bass Pro Shop Spring Classic Pearland

March 6-8, 2009 Bass Pro Shop Spring Classic Katy

March 9-11, 2009 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

March 28-29, 2009 Austin Canoe and Kayak Paddle demo Austin

March 29, 2009 Texas Red-fish Series Port Aransas



Vincent Rinando finished 2nd overall



Capt. Filip Spencer finished 3rd overall



Lots of great sponsors for this tournament



Contestants at the weigh in

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Team Ocean Kayak at Heroes on the Water Vanderbilt, TX

Team Ocean Kayak was invited to participate in the most recent Heroes on the Water event benefiting our recovering heroes of the armed services. The program provides basic kayak fishing instruction, angling clinics and paddling classes for participants with skill sets ranging from beginners to the most experienced paddlers. The program also assists these personnel in adapting these newly developed skills to their new abilities. Adaptive kayaks, kayaking accessories and angling equipment will be offered on an as needed basis to accommodate a soldier's particular needs. Teammates Sam Rinando, Jeff Herman, and Ocean Kayak Pro staff Jim Sammons were on hand to help with the logistics of the event. Jim flew in to Texas from his home in California.

The event was held at Will Manske's family ranch in Vanderbilt on the Texas Coast near Lavaca bay. Team Ocean Kayak was thrilled to have the opportunity to participate in this event. Although the weather did not cooperate, it gave the volunteers plenty of downtime to interact and have fun with the soldier and give the soldier the opportunity to laugh and have fun outside the structured environment of treatment they have been undergoing. From all the smiling faces it was evident that the event was a huge success. Initial feedback from the soldier's commander was that the guys and gals couldn't stop talking about the fun they had last weekend. Team Ocean Kayak is already looking forward to the opportunity to participate in another Heroes on the Water event. Thanks to Kendal Larson Photography for the photos.



Lending a Helping Hand



Planning Session



Hero wearing his Buff



The Smiles make it worthwhile

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Team Ocean Kayak in Texas Fish and Game Magazine

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando was recently interviewed for the current issue of Texas Fish and Game Magazine. Vincent was referred to the author Kyle Tomek by a member of Texas Parks and Wildlife's Inland Fisheries division Jodey Gray. Jodey is very familiar with Team Ocean Kayak through the records and awards division of Texas Parks and Wildlife from the numerous state fishing records the team currently hold.

When the subject of a group of fishermen in Matagorda Bay coming across a school of trout actively feeding on a swarm of worms in the water, Jodey relayed a conversation between he and I about the swarms of worms that I frequently see off my pier in Galveston during the spring. Jodey asked if Vincent would have a conversation with the author about his experiences on West Galveston Bay. It's nice to be recommended and recognized as someone who spends much of his time on the water observing nature and taking mental notes about activity. It's also nice to see the words KAYAK ANGLER in front of your name.

The Texas Fish and Game magazine is included with every Coastal Conservation Association membership and has a large circulation.



Kayak angler Vincent Rinando has similar experiences with the worms in West Galveston Bay: "If you fish West Bay at night around pier lights, you'll see them occasionally, but not in the same quantities as you will in spring. Spring is when the biggest swarms seem to occur. I've only run into them at night under pier lights, and occasionally in very clear water at San Luis Pass. Trout actively feed on them in the lights."

Rinando has caught specks within the swarms on soft plastics, but favors a fly: "A pink and yellow combo speck rig works effectively in them, but nothing beats a pink fly."



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Team Ocean Kayak fishing with KayakFishingMagazine.net

Team Ocean Kayak's Sam Rinando was on hand to greet Jon Shein and Joe Cambria from Kayak Fishing Magazine online at the Vanderbilt Heroes on the water event. Sam volunteered to take Joe and Jon out a very windy day in search of their first Texas redfish. Jon and Joe are no stranger to kayak fishing and have landed numerous redfish in Florida and elsewhere. Sam hooked both Joe and Jon up with one of the new Ocean Kayak pro staff Buff headwear.



Photo Opportunity



Nice Texas Redfish

[More Details](#)

Team Ocean Kayak fishing with Game On Kayak Fishing Movie with Jim Sammons

Team Ocean Kayak's Jeff Herman played host to Ocean Kayak's pro staffer Jim Sammons and his video staff to help film a segment for Jim's next kayak fishing movie Game On #2.

Jim was in town from California to help out with the Heroes on the Water event in Vanderbilt. Jim and Jeff fished Galveston bay for a few days prior to the event and filmed a Texas segment for his next movie.

It was Team Ocean Kayak's pleasure to be able to show Jim some of our Texas hospitality and give Jim a little taste of Texas marsh fishing. Jim is used to battling big waves and big fish offshore in California, a bit different from the high winds and muddy winter conditions that greeted him in Texas.

Jeff had a great time and we look forward to the next visit from Jim. Team Ocean Kayak was really stretched thin that week with Heroes on the Water and the Third Coast tournament in south Texas, and would welcome the opportunity to host Jim again when everyone can be involved.



Jim Sammons with a nice flounder

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It's a Boy Team Ocean Kayak's Clint and Diane Barghi have their first child

Team Ocean Kayak is excited to announce the birth of teammate Clint and Diane Barghi's first child, Andrew Newton Barghi on March 1, 2009.

The team can't wait to initiate this young man into the sport of kayak fishing. It won't be long before Team Ocean Kayak is training the next generation of tournament kayak anglers. Little did Clint know but all those early morning fishing trips were just training for the early morning diaper changes.

It's only been a few days, but we're sure Dad has already told Andrew many fishing and kayaking stories already.



The newest member of Team Ocean Kayak

Another State Record by Team Ocean Kayak

Captain Filip Spencer of Team Ocean Kayak set another state record this month by catching this mammoth black drum. The fish which measured over 45 inches and weighed over 50 pounds is the new body of water record for Aransas Bay. Captain Filip Spencer spotted this fish out on the flats and tricked it into taking his lure. Filip was able to land this monster using his Kistler rod and 10 pound test line.

This makes three state records that Captain Filip Spencer has accomplished so far in 2009. Looks like the team will be keeping Texas Parks and Wildlife's record department busy this season.

Congratulations Filip on another great accomplishment.



Captain Spencer with his state record

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