

## Pro Staff News

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### Team Ocean Kayak as guest speakers at P.A.C.K organization meeting

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando, Jeff Herman, and Sam Rinando were the key-note speakers at this month's Paddlers in Canoes and Kayaks organization meeting.

This is always a fun group of people to talk with, experienced and inexperienced, young and old, this group has enthusiasm. We decided on a topic that hasn't been covered in kayaking seminars, "Developing and Replicating Fishing Patterns", as our main topic of discussion. We developed a power point presentation to keep us on point as time was limited and we had a lot of information to cover.

We met the group over at a local restaurant for dinner prior to the meeting. This was good opportunity to talk about some of the hot topics of the day, such as Low Impact Fishing Zones and mandatory kayak registration. We had some great discussions, the group was made up of doctors, lawyers, professionals, and students and each contributed great insight to the conversations. After dinner we met up at the local REI store where the meetings are held. It was well attended with 45 participants. They were very attentive and eager to hear what we had to present. We also loaded up the kayak trailer with the new Necky Vector 13 and the Ocean Kayak Ultra 14. We parked the trailer out front of REI and posted up on the various message boards that we would have two of the latest models outside for inspection. After the meeting we invited everyone outside in the parking lot, where we showed them the various features and new designs of the new kayaks.

We had a great time, talked everyone's ears off, and stayed out in the parking lot for over an hour after the meeting talking with people about the kayaks. We were busy, and like dummies forgot to get any pictures of the event. Time was limited during the demonstration and we needed all hands on deck to keep it rolling.

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### Team Ocean Kayak as guest speaker at Austin Canoe and Kayak

Team Ocean Kayak's Jeff Herman was a guest speaker at Austin Canoe and Kayak's Houston location for a kayaking seminar on fishing Beyond the Breakers from a kayak. Jeff gave the crowd pointers on kayak selection for a successful day fishing in the deep blue.

Jeff went over appropriate kayaking gear for fishing offshore as well as tackle and fishing techniques for catching bull reds, shark, jack, king and ling from a kayak.

With an emphasis on safety, Jeff spoke about launching and re-entry in the surf zone. Jeff is an experienced paddler and ACA certified instructor and was able to give the crowd specific pointers on tackling the Texas Surf.



### Upcoming Events

March 4, 2011 Houston Holder Fishing Show Kayak fishing Seminar

March 5-6, 2011 Houston Holder Fishing Show

March 6-9, 2011 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

March 12, 2011 Bass Pro Shop Spring Classic



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### Team Ocean Kayak trying to keep on the fish

Team Ocean Kayak has been out on the water at every open opportunity this year. We had a slow start to tournament season last year. We probably took it easy in between promotions at the start of the year and stayed behind the eight ball for most of the season standings, or had to make up a lot of ground during the middle of the season. This year we have two fishing tournament in early April. The IFA series kicks things off April 3 in Rockport and will require anglers to catch both redfish and trout during a time of year when the redfish are usually just moving onto the flats. The Xtreme Redfish series kicks off the following weekend on April 9 in Sabine, Texas on the Louisiana border. This is a live redfish weigh in tournament that requires an entirely different fishing approach. The XRT is all about weight, who has the fattest and heaviest pair of slot redfish. With this series, being on fish isn't enough, you must be on the right fish. Similar length fish can vary greatly in weight, and knowing where the fattest fish are this time of year will be key. We are looking forward to another fun year of competition and hopefully we will travel out of state again this year to a couple tournaments.



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