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Team Ocean Kayak wins 2006 Kayak Masters Team of the Year

On July 22, 2006 Team Ocean Kayak secured the 2006 Kayak Masters Team of the Year honors in Galveston, Texas. Team Ocean Kayak members placed in every event held this year and ran away from the competition early. The series started out at Lake Conroe where Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando placed 3rd in the stringer division, Robert Harvey placed 4th in the Big Bass category and Capt. Filip Spencer placed 6th in the stringer division. The following tournament was held in Corpus Christi where Jeff Herman placed 1st in the speckled trout division. The third event was held at Lake Decker in Austin, where Robert Harvey took 1st place in the Big Bass division. The final event was held in Galveston where Vincent Rinando placed 1st in the flounder division. Team Ocean Kayak would like to thank their sponsors, family and friends for their continued support.



2006 Team of the Year

Promotional Events

[July 15, 2006 KayakMasters Series Galveston](#)

[July 22, 2006 Spektacular Invitational](#)

[August 10-13 Outdoor Retailers Convention Salt Lake City, UT](#)

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Team Ocean Kayak wins 1st Place at Kayak Masters Galveston

July 15, 2006 Team Ocean Kayak Vincent Rinando placed 1st in the flounder division at the Galveston Kayak Masters tournament. The day started out calm and hot, difficult conditions in which to catch a flounder. Normally a species of fish targeted during the winter months, the flounder proved to be a difficult fish to catch on tournament day, and for Vincent, a difficult fish to photograph. After landing his fish, Vincent proceeded to take a photo of the fish prior to release. The flounder escaped during the photo and had to be recaptured by hand. Muddy, wet, and a little shaken, Vincent was able to secure the fish and get the measurement needed for the win. Captain Filip Spencer had similar luck on tournament day, losing a very nice redfish at the net, and missing out on 1st place trout by a mere 1/2 inch. Capt. Filip Spencer finished the day unable to locate a flounder to complete his slam. Robert Harvey and Jeff Herman fished another spot which proved to be holding too much fresh water to be productive. Faced with very few options, Robert and Jeff had to make a long Ferry ride back onto Galveston island to search for better water. Changing locations on tournament day is never an easy task, and Jeff and Robert had difficulty finding quality fish under the hot conditions.



Vincent Rinando 1st Place Flounder

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Team Ocean Kayak Tournament Promotions at a Glance



Team Ocean Kayak Trailer outside Kayak Masters HQ

Team Ocean Kayak travels to most tournament events with their tournament trailer. This trailer provided by our sponsor Bluewater trailers in Corpus Christi, provides the team a vehicle in which to showcase many of our promotional items. Team Ocean Kayak loads this trailer with our tournament kayaks for display at the event and is a place for anglers to gather and discuss kayak rigging and new kayak models provided by Ocean Kayak. Team Ocean Kayak also displays the banners provided by it's sponsors on this trailer and it is usually parked in a high visibility area. At the Galveston Kayak Masters tournament we were able to park the trailer in front of the facility, with a view from Highway 146. The trailer also provides a locked storage facility for both our equipment and promotional brochures and items. Team Ocean Kayak would like to thank Bluewater trailers for this important piece of our promotional equipment.

Team Ocean Kayak unveiled the new Ocean Kayak Prowler Big Game at the Galveston Kayak Masters tournament at KO Sailing during the captains meeting. Many of the anglers were anxious to see the newest innovation in kayak fishing from Ocean Kayak, and it was met with rave reviews. Team Ocean Kayak even sold one of these kayaks for KO sailing on the night of the captains meeting, less than one hour after it was setup. KO sailing is Ocean Kayak's newest retailer for the Houston Galveston area and it was a great opportunity for Team Ocean Kayak to be on hand to answer any questions regarding Ocean Kayak products from anglers, and introduce ourselves to the newest member of the Ocean Kayak family.



Team Ocean Kayak unveils the Prowler Big Game



Product Sponsor Promotion Table

Team Ocean Kayak promotes it's product sponsors at tournament events by setting up a product table during registration times, as well as, the captains meeting. We arrive a few hours early and answer questions about our product sponsors, provide free samples, and rigging tips. Team Ocean Kayak strives to place a face with a name, to be the one consistent element at each event, that the contestants feel comfortable approaching for honest advice. Over the past year we feel we have earned the respect of our fellow anglers and look forward to expanding on the friendships and contacts that we have made.

Team Ocean Kayak Dominates Angler of the Year Competition in Kayak Masters Inaugural Event

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando finished 2nd Place overall in the Angler of the Year standings for the Kayak Masters tournament series. Just two points shy of capturing first place, Vincent placed in two of the three tournaments that he was able to fish this year. Robert Harvey entered the final leg of the tournament series in second place, also placing in two of the four tournaments he fished this year. With difficult fishing conditions and above average temperatures Robert had difficulty finding pay dirt on tournament day. Robert finished the series in third place just one point behind Vincent Rinando. Jeff Herman and Captain Filip Spencer both finished in the top 10, putting all four of the team members in the top 10. Schedule conflicts with other tournament series made it difficult for the team to fish all of the four tournaments in this series. Team Ocean Kayak found at least one of it's members standing in the winner's circle at each of the four tournament events. We were very happy with the results and exposure Team Ocean Kayak and it's sponsors received during this event and look forward to next year's series.

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Team Ocean Kayak competes against the Specktacluar Power Boat division in an Invitational Event

The Specktacluar series in Galveston held an invitational tournament on July 22, 2006, the top 96 anglers were invited to compete in a speckled trout tournament. This competition matched the top 72 power boat anglers who had placed in previous Specktacluar and Plugger Series tournaments against the top 24 kayak anglers who had placed in previous Specktacluar kayak tournaments. Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando and Capt. Filip Spencer qualified twice for this event. Team Ocean Kayak finished in 6th place, ahead of all other kayakers and the vast majority of pro power boat anglers. Capt. Filip Spencer and Vincent Rinando were able to locate excellent trout while prefishing earlier in the week. We had some technical difficulties prior to launch which put us on the water late on tournament day. We finally arrived at our chosen spot at 8am, three hours into the tournament. A bit disappointed, Vincent Rinando and Capt. Filip Spencer rallied to place some nice trout on the stringer and ended the day with a respectable three fish stringer of 8.6 pounds. Filip and Vincent are currently in 2nd place overall in the angler of the year standings for the Specktacluar Series. The final even is October 14, 2006.



Vincent with a nice trout



Capt. Filip Spencer with a nice trout



Tournament Fish

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Team Ocean Kayak Travels to California

Team Ocean Kayak's Jeff Herman traveled to Santa Cruz, California this month and visited with fellow Ocean Kayak prostaffer Allen Bushnell. Allen runs a guide service from Santa Cruz. Allen was gracious enough to take Jeff on an offshore fishing trip while he was in town. Jeff's first paddle trip in the Pacific was a memorable one. Team Ocean Kayak and Jeff Herman would like to thank Allen for his hospitality and hopefully we can repay the favor if he is ever in Texas. The weather in Santa Cruz was beautiful and the seas calm, which made for a great day of paddling and fishing.



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