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Team Ocean Kayak at CBATS tournament Corpus Christi, TX

On July 8th Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Fil Spencer was asked to be the Marshall and the weigh master for the first annual coastal bend C-Bats fishing tournament. The C-Bats are a group of athletic trainers from the Corpus Christi independent school district. The tournament was put on to raise money for scholarships for their athletic programs. They had over 50 individual sign up for the tournament with lots of money and prizes going to the winners, they even had an offshore category for the biggest kingfish brought in and lots of door prizes as well.

This first event was a big success and they are looking forward to doing it again next year and making it an annual event.

This was a great opportunity to mingle with some of the powerboat tournament anglers and introduce them to the sport of kayak fishing as well as the numerous wonderful products our sponsors produce.

Team Ocean Kayak looks forward to participating in as many fishing related events throughout the Gulf Coast as possible and we are always looking for other ways to introduce people to the sport we love.



Capt. Filip Spencer weighs in fish at the CBATS tourney



Capt. Fil on Sponsor's TShirt

Promotional Events

[August 5, 2007 Film crew with Inshore Fishing TV Show Port Aransas, TX](#)

[August 19, 2007 Texas Redfish Series tournament Rockport, TX](#)

[August 25, 2007 Speck-tacular Redfish Series Galveston, TX](#)



Some of the trout winners



One of the offshore winners

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Team Ocean Kayak on Inshore Fisherman TV Show Port Aransas Texas

Despite the clouds and a little rain here, the fishing for the most part has been pretty good. Lots of small trout were caught near the drop-off and guts and in the flats. Some occasional good size fish were mixed in. The cloudy weather didn't seem to bother redfish. There've been good numbers on the flats. We were able to catch several schools tailing off the shallows and when we were able to see them we would pull out the fly rod and try to get hooked up. We managed to catch several red fish on a spoon as well. We caught lots of other red fish and trout on top-waters and soft plastics. Top-waters we were using were a bone color as well as a silver & black color. The soft plastic we were using was a color called shrimp as well as salt and pepper mullet.

Captain Fil Spenser and Dave Valtierra, Kayak fished the back Lighthouse Lakes just outside of Aransas Pass. On this video trip, we shot video of some of the most pristine waters that I have ever seen. Our Ocean Kayaks enabled us to ease into the back cuts and waterways in a truly stealth mode. We threw top water plugs and plastics.

On this Lighthouse Lakes Kayak trip, we caught our tout in the deeper 3-4 foot cuts that connected the numerous saltwater lakes that form a convoluted maze of waterways. The Redfish were the real stars on this silver screen on this video trip. We found some Redfish tailing and still others were crushing mullet and creating blow-ups, on top of the water. As we moved into a new lake we would also spook Red's and they would slowly meander away. As a final note, to my surprise, top water plugs, which I usually work early in the day, were effective all throughout the day. We have another day of filming scheduled for August 4 where Vincent Rinando will join the action in Port Aransas.



Capt. Fil and Super Dave



Cameraman taking footage



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Team Ocean Kayak at Stars and Stripes West Galveston Bay

On July 14, 2007 Team Ocean Kayak participated in the Stars and Stripes Galveston tournament. Team Ocean Kayak's Robert Harvey concentrated his efforts in the marsh on Galveston's west end.

Robert started off the day throwing topwaters over grass in a shallow back cove. He scored numerous good trout and redfish, before striking out to locate a flounder. This tournament series is the for the heaviest stringer of three species of fish: redfish, trout, and flounder.

Once again rain and strong winds made fishing difficult, but many anglers were fortunate enough to locate some quality fish. This was a great get together, regardless of the weather, and was well attended.

The Stars and Stripes series has two more events scheduled for this year and Team Ocean Kayak will participate in all of them.



Long lines at the weigh in



The weigh in was held at a boat launch on the west end



Some of the winners



Angler's discuss fishing and the tournament

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Team Ocean Kayak at Spectacular Redfish Series Galveston, Texas

On July 28, 2007 Team Ocean Kayak participated in the Spectacular Redfish Series held in Galveston, Texas. This event was open to kayakers, power boats, and wade fishermen. This event was also open to guides and professionals, and drew a crowd of some of the most recognizable names in saltwater fishing on the Gulf Coast.

Texas has experienced almost continuous rainfall all summer long. I lost count but at one time we had 39 days of rain out of 41 days, and realistically it was probably 41 days of straight rain along the coast. Rain doesn't always hurt fishing for redfish, but it does relocate them and make some of the usually places we fish inaccessible. Muddy roads, rain swollen rivers and debris are just some of the hazards we have been facing during the early part of this tournament season.

Capt. Fil Spencer and Vincent Rinando took to the marsh in hopes of a good showing in this event. We found plenty of redfish, however in this type of competition average doesn't cut it. We needed large redfish, and they were difficult to locate. Heavy rains and cloudy skies made locating fish difficult, and we were unable to locate winning fish. This was a two man event and it was fun to fish with a partner for a change. This series has two more events scheduled this year and Team Ocean Kayak plans to fish all of them.



Captains Meeting



Capt. Fil with friend and nemesis Clint Barghi



Rainy Day fishing



Nice redfish just not big enough to win

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