

## Pro Staff News

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### Team Ocean Kayak Repeats as Team of the Year Texas Kayak Series

Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer and Vincent Rinando took home Team of the Year honors in the 2009 Texas Kayak Series. Team mates Clint and Cameron Barghi were the 2008 Team of the Year winners, this makes the second year in a row that Team Ocean Kayak was awarded the title. Captain Filip Spencer and Vincent Rinando came into the final leg of this tournament series in 2nd place and needed a strong finish to over take the competition. Captain Filip Spencer and Vincent Rinando finished in 2nd place in 2008 and it was nice to get a little redemption this year and finish in 1st place. The Texas Kayak Series venues for 2009 included Rockport, Port Aransas, Freeport, and Corpus Christi. Captain Filip Spencer and Vincent Rinando saved the best for last with their heaviest stringer of the series coming in the final event. Down by more than 4 points, the team would have to beat the first place team by more than 4 places in the final event. With tides way below normal, a lack of rainfall, and weak tidal flow, it was going to be a difficult tournament to fish. Team Ocean Kayak concentrated on finding fish earlier in the week and then left them alone, hoping they would still be there when we returned on tournament day. The fish we had located had moved, but we were able to locate them and get them to cooperate. Filip and Vincent's fish weighed in at almost 15lbs and Filip's redfish was the largest caught for the weekend, including the power boat tournament held the day before. The Texas Kayak Series is a tournament series held on the Sunday following the Texas Redfish Series. The Texas Redfish series is televised on Fox Sports and the kayak tournament usually gets some airtime on this program. Captain Filip Spencer was interviewed following the tournament and that interview should air on FSN sometime in the fall. Team mates Clint and Cameron Barghi placed 3rd overall in the team competition with a strong showing capturing two of the top three places in the tournament.

### Promotional Events

August 7-9, 2009 Bass Pro Shop Katy, Texas

August 7-9, 2009 Bass Pro Shop Pearland, Texas

August 29, 2009 Galveston Redfish Series

August 29-30, 2009 Cabelas Austin, Texas



2009 Texas Kayak Series Team of the Year



Filip and Vincent with their winning fish

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Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer ran away from the field and took home the 2009 Angler of the Year honors at the Texas Kayak Series. Captain Filip Spencer placed 2nd in 2008 behind team mate Clint Barghi, but redeemed himself this year by crushing the competition in the final leg of the series held in Corpus Christi, Texas. Captain Filip Spencer's 8.12lb redfish was the largest redfish caught for the weekend including the power boat division.

Captain Filip Spencer spends much of his time prefishing and locating fish for the team prior to the tournament events. Probably to his own detriment, Captain Filip Spencer enjoys helping others and always puts his team first ahead of his own aspirations. It was great to see Filip finally cash in on all his hard work and leave no doubt with his monster redfish in the final event as to who was deserving of Angler of the Year honors. Filip consistently weighed in large redfish at each of the many venues in this series.

"If you ask Fil if he wanted to win Angler of the Year, he always told me that winning Team of the Year meant more to him, that's just the kind of guy Fil is, he's already won so many individual titles and individual records that he has nothing to prove..", says team mate Vincent Rinando.

Look for Captain Filip Spencer to be the only kayaker to win Angler of the Year in both the major kayak series in the state of Texas. Captain Filip Spencer has a large lead in the only remaining kayak series in the state the Third Coast Kayak Series. Last Year team mates Vincent Rinando and Clint Barghi won the Angler of the Year titles and Captain Filip Spencer finished 2nd in each of those series. The 2009 tournament season looks like it's going to be a clean sweep for Captain Filip Spencer and another sweep for Team Ocean Kayak.



Captain Filip Spencer with all the hardware



Captain Filip Spencer 2009 Angler of the Year



Captain Filip Spencer with his winning fish and prizes

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### Team Ocean Kayak Sweeps Texas Kayak Series Corpus Christi, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Fil Spencer took home 1st place in the individual event and Captain Filip Spencer and Vincent Rinando combined to win 1st place in the team event for a clean sweep of the tournament. Cameron Barghi placed 3rd, Vincent Rinando 5th, and Clint Barghi 6th in the individual category. Clint and Cameron Barghi placed 3rd overall in the team division, this made for a constant parade of team members to the podium during the awards ceremony.

Weather played a factor in many of the events in this Series. Regardless of the weather conditions, Team Ocean Kayak members Capt. Filip Spencer, Vincent Rinando, Jeff Herman, Sam Rinando, Clint Barghi, and Cameron Barghi were always found somewhere around the podium during the awards ceremony.



Thanks to Wind and Wave for the nice sign

#### Tournament Recap

- 1st Place individual redfish
- 3rd Place individual redfish
- 5th Place individual redfish
- 6th Place individual redfish
- 1st Place team redfish
- 3rd Place team redfish



Filip and Vincent 1st Place Team

Cameron and Clint 3rd place team

Fil and his 1st place redfish

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### Team Ocean Kayak with Kid's Outdoor Zone Corpus Christi, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Fil Spencer had a great opportunity to spend some time with a group of kids from the (KOZ) Kids Outdoor Zone. T J Greaney is the executive director of the Youth Outdoor Adventure Ministry and along with several others adult mentors take groups of kids on a week long fishing camps. Yesterday was the kayak paddle & safety class and today was the fishing class. Fil had a great time being a part of this group of young men. The boys are from all over the U.S. One of the young men Fil was helping today was from Baltimore Maryland. They were so enthused about learning everything they could about kayaking and kayak fishing. One of them even built a sand castle depiction of Fil.... Some of them did manage to catch a few fish this morning and had a great time. They were very polite and thankful.



Fishman Art by one of the young men



Captain Filip Spencer giving some fishing advice



Captain Filip Spencer giving some paddling lessons

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### Team Ocean Kayak Place 3rd in Galveston Redfish Series Galveston, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando and Clint Barghi placed 3rd for the second consecutive time in the Galveston Redfish Series. This tournament series is predominantly a power boat tournament with some of the best professional guides in the Galveston Bay complex entered. Team Ocean Kayak was one of only two teams fishing from a kayak in a field that contained 100 anglers.

The Galveston Redfish Series weigh in is held at the Webster Academy, along the frontage road of I45 in a high visibility location that generally gathers a large crowd during the weigh in. With some of the strongest competition the Texas coastline has to offer, Team Ocean Kayak's strategy was going to be "Go Big...or Go Home". Clint and Vincent had been targeting large redfish using top water lures in shallow shell along a deep water drop off. During the summer months this type of fishing can be rather boring. You can spend all day fishing for that one bite that could win you a tournament. It's not about numbers, it's about quality.

On tournament day Clint and Vincent paddled into their area and setup camp for what was expected to be a long day with little action. Clint was the first to score, finding a redfish feeding along the shoreline. Clint quickly followed that up with a much smaller fish, but put the team's second fish on a stringer. The remainder of the day was a difficult grind. Vincent connected on a nice trout at 5:30am and would go the next 7 hours without a bite. With the clock winding down, the team had thoughts of changing locations to try and upgrade their existing fish. Stiff winds, dirty water and a more than 1 hour drive to the weigh in convinced the team to stay put and grind it out.

Around 12:30pm Vincent connected on a nice redfish that would upgrade one of our smaller fish on the stringer. We were really excited to be able to get a better fish. The very next cast Vincent connected on the largest redfish of the day, a perfect tournament fish at 27 3/4 inches. The legal size limit on redfish in Texas is 20 inches to 28 inches. Vincent and Clint made the 30 minute paddle back to the truck with fish in tow. The Galveston redfish series is a live redfish weigh in. Vincent's fish was not taking the heat very well and it almost appeared as though it would die before the weigh in. After the weigh in, Vincent was chosen at random to submit to a polygraph. The team welcomed this as an opportunity to validate all their hard work and increase our credibility as hard working, honest fishermen. After an hour of examination by the Galveston police department, the polygraph was passed with ease.



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