

## Pro Staff News

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### Team Ocean Kayak Paddle and Safety Clinic Galveston, Texas

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, Ocean Kayaks Pro Staff and Artist Boat hosted an ACA Certified class on paddle technique and safety for Texas Kayak Fisherman.

We had a great turnout and imparted over 20 paddlers with knowledge on proper paddling and safety. The class was funded by a Prowler 13 purchased from Dunkin Lewis via Ocean Kayaks. The Pro Staff then donated the purchased kayak to Artist Boat as a fee for their ACA Instructors. Artist Boat run by Karla Klay is a nonprofit entity that took over 1000 middle school children kayaking in 2005 promoting coastal conservation and environmental education. Artist Boat currently uses an antique fleet of Old Town Puffins to host their classes and functions. We feel the Prowler will serve as a great update to their fleet, as well as a great way to expose the Ocean name to youngsters and their respective teachers. We hope to host this class 2 or 3 times a year. The positive comments and the good will generated towards Ocean Kayaks were substantial. Most importantly, we have twenty paddlers who will be safer on the water, and who all thank Ocean Kayak and the Pro Staff for that knowledge.



Kayak Safety Clinic



Kayak Paddle Clinic

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### Promotional Events

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

[July 22, 2006 Spektacular Invitational](#)

### Team Ocean Kayak Catches Top Bass at Austin KayakMasters and Moves into Second Place in Yearly Standings

Team Ocean Kayak Robert Harvey moved into second place in the overall standings for KayakMasters tournament series. Robert caught the largest bass of the tournament under windy conditions. While pre-fishing Decker Lake on Friday, Robert broke one of his Kistler rods. Knowing this was an essential piece of his tournament equipment, Robert quickly got in his car and drove from Austin to Magnolia to replace it. A big thanks goes out to Trey Kistler and the staff at Kistler rods for taking care of Robert. It obviously made the difference on Saturday and helped return Robert to the podium. Early morning Thunderstorms and changing weather once again proved to be the order of the Day. Robert used a Culprit 7 inch worm on an inside edge to catch the first fish of the morning, and then moved out into the lake. The big bass fell for a Culprit flipping craw, carolina rigged. Team Ocean Kayak wants to continue to express the appreciation to Culprit and the rest of the Johnson Outdoors family for their support this year. The last Kayakmaster's event is scheduled for July 15th, and will be a good Shootout between the current leader, Chet Couvillon, and Ocean Kayak's own Robert Harvey. Jeff Herman and Vincent Rinando, currently 11th and 12th should be considered as potential contenders for this event.

William Fordyce won the amateur division and the Ocean Kayak sponsored fully rigged Prowler 15



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Robert Harvey Big Bass Award

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### Team Ocean Kayak Takes Second Place Trout in Specktaclar Tournament. Moving into Second Place in yearly standings

Tournament day again, as usual, plenty of wind and rain. Enough wind and rain that the power boat division cancelled their portion of the tournament. Captain Filip Spencer and Vincent Rinando improved their yearly standings by weighing in two slot redfish and moving into 2nd place overall in the Specktaclar Tournament Series. Filip and Vincent had located plenty of redfish all week prefishing for the tournament. With the windy conditions the marsh area Vincent and Filip had been fishing was flooded with water on tournament day, scattering the fish and making locating them difficult. Filip and Vincent did however bring in four redfish and the second place trout for the trout division and released many flounder throughout the day.

Team Ocean Kayak had to opportunity during the weigh in to pass out sponsor literature and talk to the various anglers about our sponsors products that we use during the tournament.



Captain Filip Spencer with a tournament redfish



Captain Filip Spencer and Vincent Rinando Second Place Trout



Team Ocean Kayak passing out Sponsor's Literature

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### Team Ocean Kayak Qualify for the Specktaclar Invitational Tournament

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando and Captain Filip Spencer qualified twice for a spot in the Specktaclar Invitational tournament. This tournament should be a high profile event and will include the top 48 anglers from the previous Specktaclar and Plugger Open power boat winners against the top 12 kayak anglers in a winner take all event. Entry is free into this tournament, but it is by invitation only. This would be a great opportunity for Team Ocean Kayak to make a big splash by defeating some of the best power boat anglers in the sport. This has been a goal of Team Ocean Kayak all year to qualify for this event and we are eager to compete. The Event is scheduled for July 22, 2006. We will keep you posted on the results.

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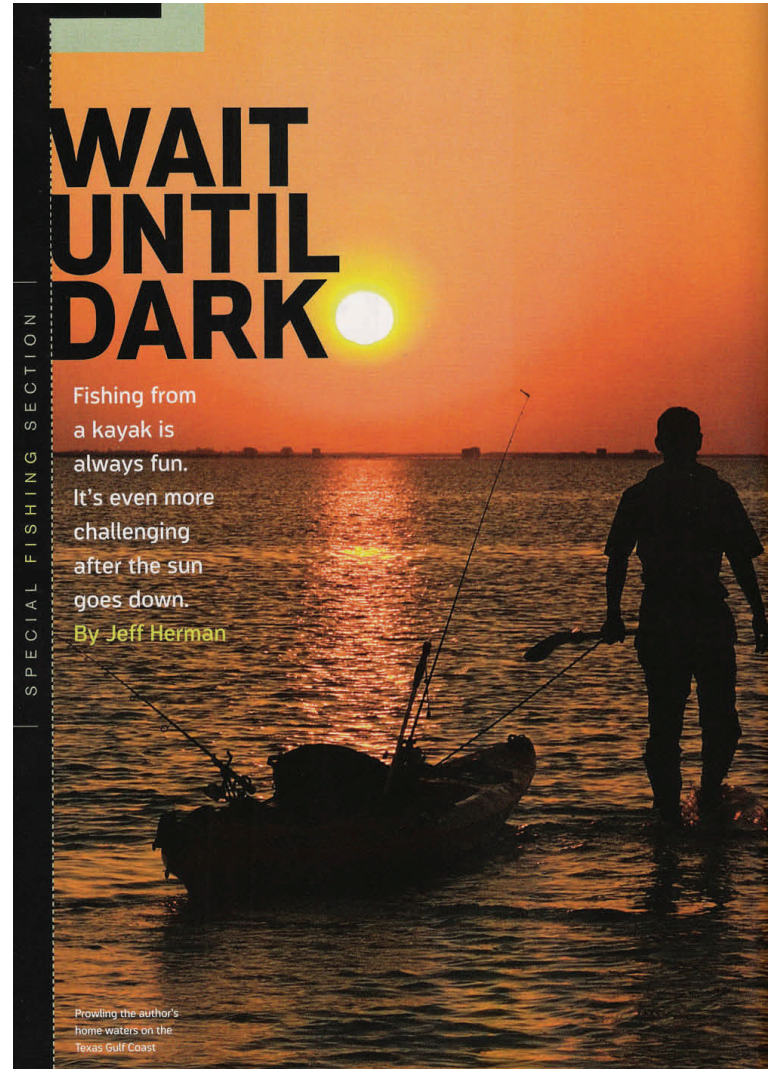
### Team Ocean Kayak in Canoe and Kayak National magazine

Team Ocean Kayak's Jeff Herman has an article on kayak fishing at night in Canoe and Kayak magazine currently on news stands. Jeff is adding to his publishing credentials, this was a great opportunity for Team Ocean Kayak to get their foot in the door of some of the national publications for future promotion and articles. A great picture of Jeff wading out at sunset with his Ocean Kayak appears as the main article picture.

The article featured a night time fishing trip with teammate Captain Filip Spencer in the Upper Laguna Madre. The article focused on three key elements to a safe night time fishing trip, Navigation, Illumination, and Communication. Unfortunately all of our product sponsor references were left on the editor's cutting room floor.



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Jeff Herman pictured above in his article

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