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Team Ocean Kayak at Academy Customer Appreciation Day College Station, TX

On June 8 and 9 Team Ocean Kayak members Vincent Rinando and Jeff Herman traveled to College Station, Texas to participate in Academy's customer appreciation day. Many vendors had booths and tents setup in the parking lot, and the store had large crowds on both days. Jeff and Vincent were on hand to answer customer's questions about Ocean Kayaks and Minn Kota trolling motors and assist the customers in their purchase process.

Team Ocean Kayak had a great day selling many trolling motors and selling out of Ocean Kayaks. This was a great event, we met and spoke with many kayakers and fishermen.

Promotional Events

July 14 Stars and Stripes Tournament Galveston

July 22 Texas Spot Series Galveston

July 28 Spectacular Red-fish Series Galveston

July 29 Texas Spot Series Rockport



Jeff getting ready for the crowd



Sold out of Ocean Kayaks



Happy Customer with a Minn Kota RT70



Vendor Booths



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Team Ocean Kayak at Texas Redfish Series Port O'Connor, TX

On June 17, 2007 Team Ocean Kayak traveled to Port O'Connor to fish the first event of the Texas Redfish Series. Simrod Outdoors introduced the first ever Texas Kayak Series tournament this year on Father's Day. Kayakers braved thunderstorms, high winds, heavy rains and even funnel clouds to catch that one perfect redfish. "The biggest concern we had from anglers was the live weigh-in. Many said it could not be done on a kayak" said Scot Simmons, Tournament Director. "Only one redfish came in dead. All of the others survived to fight another day. This tournament's live weigh in was a test of our ability to keep redfish alive in the marsh all day and then transport them to the tournament site. Team Ocean Kayak used a stringer while in the marsh and then transferred the redfish to a container in our vehicles and placed them on bottled oxygen. This process worked well and all of our fish survived the weigh in.

The Texas Saltwater Series television show will showcase all of the Simrod Outdoors tournaments as well as it's anglers. Learn techniques from the top anglers on the tour and learn about the products that make them successful. The show will premier later this year on FSN Southwest. Film crew was on hand at the weigh in, we spoke with them about future filming aboard a kayak during tournament hours. Directors said their plans for future growth include filming from a helicopter, allowing cameramen to follow kayakers into the shallows. First prize for this event included an Ocean Kayak Prowler 13 and a gift certificate for Cabela's.

There were a lot of side stories to this event, Filip caught an alligator, Vincent hooked two tarpon and Robert was almost carried off by a water spout. Team Ocean Kayak spent three days in Port O'Connor, fishing and promoting our sponsors.



Filip's redfish



Vincent's redfish



Cameraman



Vincent pre-fishing



Filip's alligator



Robert talking to anglers

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Team Ocean Kayak repeat at Arabia Shrine Sportsman's Tournament Galveston, TX

On June 23, 2007 Team Ocean Kayak successfully defended their team title in the Arabia Shrine Sportsman's tournament. This year was another clean sweep, with Team Ocean Kayak taking first place in the team stringer event, 1st place in the trout division, second place in the redfish division, and first place in the flounder division. This was a total team victory, our five trout stringer consisted of two fish caught by Vincent, two fish caught by Sam, and one fish caught by Robert. Vincent took home first place in the trout division. Robert took second place in the redfish division, missing out on first place by a mere three ounces and Jeff took first place in the flounder division.



Sam, Jeff, Vincent, and Robert take first place

The Shrine tournament is a great benefit tournament, Team Ocean Kayak members pooled together some of our promotional gear for auction to benefit the burn hospital. Scotty, Mirrolure, RipTide, Culprit, and HookNLine maps were provided for the auction. The tournament officials were gracious enough to place Team Ocean Kayak's name on the tournament TShirts for our promotion efforts.



Robert and Tommy enjoying some BBQ



Team Ocean Kayak on tournament TShirt



Vincent's first place trophies



Vincent's winning trout



Sam's trout



Jeff wins the flounder pot

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Team Ocean Kayak in Texas' Oldest Newspaper The Galveston County Daily News

Tournament day did have a few disappointments. Vincent's biggest trout of the day was stolen by a hungry shark shortly after it was put on the stringer. After Team Ocean Kayak caught their trout it was time to go looking for redfish. Sam and Vincent went into the marsh and located some nice fish. Vincent hooked up what at first appeared to be a tournament winning redfish. Redfish are required to be between 20 and 28 inches in length. After a long battle the fish was measured, and unfortunately it was 1/2 inch too long, the redfish weighed 9.0lbs and would have easily won the redfish division. Unable to revive the fish, it was tagged and eaten. Vincent sent this picture to the Galveston paper and it was published. Team Ocean Kayak also got a nice write up in the paper listing the tournament results and their victory.



1/2 inch away from first place redfish



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