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Team Ocean Kayak wins Third Coast Kayak Series Port O'Connor, Texas

Team Ocean Kayak continued their tournament success by winning their third straight team victory in the Third Coast Kayak Series. Vincent Rinando placed 1st overall in the stringer division and Captain Filip Spencer placed 1st in the redfish division. Team members Sam Rinando placed 4th overall and Clint Barghi placed 5th overall. Clint Barghi also won smallest redfish and smallest trout honors which is no easy feat. By the end of the day Clint was downsizing his lures and changing his tactics in an effort to catch smaller fish, something contrary to the team philosophy. The Third Coast Kayak Series has two more events scheduled in Port Mansfield and Rockport. Team Ocean Kayak is on pace to win Angler of the Year, Team of the Year and have at least four members in the Top 10 standings. This has been a really fun series with venues in Port Isabel, Port Mansfield, and Port O'Connor. With the ability to alternate teammates in a four man rotation, everyone has been able to contribute to this team accomplishment.

Angler of the Year Standings

1st place Vincent Rinando 65 points
2nd place Sam Rinando 60 points
3rd place Filip Spencer 50 points
8th place Clint Barghi 31 points

Team of the Year

1st place Team Ocean Kayak
2nd place Team Jerry B's
3rd place Team Zero

Promotional Events

July 12, 2008 Extreme Trout Series Galveston, TX

July 20, 2008 Texas Redfish Series Championship Rockport, TX

July 26, 2008 Galveston Redfish Series Galveston, TX



Vincent Rinando wins 1st Place



Capt. Filip Spencer 1st place redfish



Clint Barghi smallest red and trout



Team Ocean Kayak powwow near the end of the tournament day



Winner of Buff headwear

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Team Ocean Kayak wins Arabia Shrine Tournament for the 3rd straight year

Team Ocean Kayak pulled off a clean sweep of the 2008 Arabia Shrine Sportsman Tournament held in Galveston, Texas. This tournament is a four man team event and anglers Vincent Rinando, Robert Harvey, Sam Rinando, and Clint Barghi made up this year's team. In each of the past three years the team has had a different makeup, but the results have been the same. This year the tournament included a three redfish stringer event to go along with the five trout stringer event. For the third straight year Team Ocean Kayak has placed 1st overall in the speckled trout stringer division. The team also placed 1st overall in the three redfish stringer event. Vincent Rinando placed 2nd overall in the redfish division and Clint Barghi placed 2nd overall in the trout division. Team Ocean Kayak is pleased to participate in this fund raising event for the Shriners, a great organization that provides life saving medical help to patients free of charge. Team Ocean Kayak donated items from all of our sponsors to the raffle to aid in their fund raising efforts.



Robert holding the fish



Anglers enjoying the weigh in



Sam and Clint arriving at weigh in

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Team Ocean Kayak at Paddle Safety Class Galveston, Texas

One of Team Ocean Kayak's ACA certified instructor Jeff Herman led a paddle safety course in Galveston Texas. This course covers equipment, safety, paddle strokes, deep water re-entry, trip planning, and maneuvers among other topics. Team Ocean Kayak's Jeff Herman spearheads this effort for education and safety each year and is an excellent instructor. The class usually holds around 20 students and fills up very quickly each year. Team Ocean Kayak hopes to hold several of these classes each year. Team Ocean Kayak believes that proper paddling technique and safety are key elements to enjoying this wonderful sport.



Kayakers getting some valuable instruction

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Team Ocean Kayak at CBATS Tournament Corpus Christi, Texas

The second annual C- Bats fishing tournament had over 140 participants. This is the second year in a row that Captain Filip Spencer was asked to be the official weigh masters for the tournament. The tournament has many different categories and some great prizes were awarded. All the kids that turned out for the tournament walked away with a \$25.00 gift certificate to academy and one lucky kid that caught the heavies perch not only walked away with a \$50.00 gift certificates but also a guided fishing trip with Captain Filip Spencer. 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. This is an annual event with inshore and offshore categories.



Anglers enjoying the weigh in



Capt. Filip Spencer weighing in fish



Happy Young Anglers



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Team Ocean Kayak with the Texas A&M Adventure Club Corpus Christi, Texas

Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer led a group of Texas A&M college students on an adventure day in the surf off Mustang Island. Over 24 students came out for the Texas A&M outdoor adventure. The students were given lessons on paddling controlling are kayaks in the surf and how to paddle out through the surf. Everyone had a great time in the students were looking for the next scheduled date which is going to be in September.



Setting Up on the Beach



Getting some paddling Instructions



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