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Team Ocean Kayak takes 1st and 2nd in Casting for a Cause Tournament

Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer and Vincent Rinando placed 1st overall and Clint Barghi placed 2nd in the 4th annual Casting for a Cause charity tournament in Corpus Christi, Texas. Over 75 kayakers competed in this event held to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and Heroes on the Water charities. Over \$65,000 was raised to benefit these two worthy causes.

This was a weekday tournament and Thursday's captain's meeting was filled with fun, laughter, and boiled crawfish. Friday's tournament was no different with raffles, BBQ, and fun.

Clint won two separate raffle prizes including the grand prize, a custom welded BBQ pit that was about 20 feet long. Everyone at the tournament couldn't believe how lucky Clint was. After the tournament Clint solicited 6 men to try and help him lift this giant BBQ pit into his truck. Unfortunately they couldn't even get one of the caster legs off the ground. One of the fellow kayakers offered to purchase the BBQ from Clint on the spot. As fate would have it Clint sold the BBQ pit and that person gave the pit to Steven the organizer of this great charity event. It was a good feeling knowing that someone who gave so much of his time to put this on this tournament ended up with this great raffle prize.



Filip and Vincent place 1st overall



Clint Barghi places 2nd overall



The two heaviest stringers of the year

Upcoming Events

July 16, 2011 Galveston Redfish Series



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Team Ocean Kayak at the Galveston Redfish Series Galveston, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Clint Barghi and Cameron Barghi continued their impressive showing at the Galveston Redfish Series by placing 4th in the season opener. Impressive because Clint and Cameron were among only 3 kayak teams to compete in the predominantly professional guide and powerboat tournament. Some of the heaviest hitters and most well respected anglers on the Gulf Coast compete in this event. Their 4th place finish keeps them alive in the year long Bracket Challenge Championship, which they are the defending champions from 2010.

Team mates Sam Rinando and Rick Spillman also weighed in a heavy stringer good enough for 19th place and keeps them alive as well for the Bracket Championship.

Vincent Rinando and Filip Spencer were unable to locate heavy enough fish to warrant a trip to the weigh in and opted to return home and try again at the next event. Vincent and Filip located some large fish, unfortunately none were within the slot limit.

There were 150 anglers participating in this event and it's a great accomplishment to place so high in this tournament from a kayak.



Clint and Cameron place 4th with 16+ pounds



Sam Rinando and Rick Spillman with their catch



Power boat guides trying to pick Clint's brain for info

Sometimes winning and losing can be a matter of 1/8 inch, Vincent's big fish was just outside the 28" slot



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Team Ocean Kayak at Wind and Wave Paddle Demo Corpus Christi, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer was on hand at the June Wind and Wave paddle demo held at the Packery Channel park in Corpus Christi. The weather was hot, but if you were on your way to the beach it would be hard to miss this event, and many people came out to paddle their favorite kayak, and as Captain Filip Spencer for advice on choosing a kayak and kayak fishing.



Team Ocean Kayak at the CBATS Tournament Corpus Christi, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer was again asked to be the official weigh master at this year's annual CBATS tournament in Corpus Christi, Texas. CBATS is a family fun tournament held by Corpus school district's athletic trainers and raises money for scholarships and the athletic programs. This is an annual event and Team Ocean Kayak is pleased to be able to help raise money for scholarships and athletics in the Corpus Christi area.



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Team Ocean Kayak in Mexico

Team Ocean Kayak's Jeff Herman and Rick Spillman made the journey to Mexico with Jim Sammons for an adventure in kayak fishing. With the first hurricane of the year bearing down on the Baja peninsula, it was touch and go with the weather, but luckily it cooperated and they had an awesome trip. Jerron Wosel and his wife from Austin Canoe and Kayak also made the journey with Rick and Jeff to add to the Texas flavor for the weekend. The guys landed numerous rooster fish, panga, as well as, a striped marlin in their offshore adventure. This won't be Team Ocean Kayak's only trip to Mexico, the guys had so much fun there is already talk about next year. Thanks Jim for a wonderful time.



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