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Team Ocean Kayak at Casting For a Cause Tournament

Team Ocean Kayak's Sam Rinando placed 9th out of over 100 kayakers in this years Casting for a Cause charity tournament held in Port Aransas, Texas. Team mate Vincent Rinando was only able to locate on decent redfish and failed to place.

Tournament conditions were tough, with high winds and low and dirty tides, a terrible combination for shallow grass flats. Sam and team mate Gina Murphy were able to locate several good redfish, as well as, one very large flounder over 4 pounds. As luck would have it, Sam and Gina were given a weigh in form with a side entry for biggest flounder. Thinking it was a better move, they opted to remove a 5 pound redfish for the opportunity to win largest flounder. Unfortunately it was an old entry form the tournament was using and there wasn't a category for largest flounder. Loosing a pound in overall weight, Sam and Gina tumbled a few spots, but maintained a top 10 finish. Huge turnout for this event.

Casting for a Cause is a charity tournament that raises money for the MS Society and Heroes on the Water charities. Last year we raised over \$60,000.00 for both charities.

Upcoming Events

July 8, 2013 West End Slam Tournament Galveston

July 6-12, 2013 Outdoor Retailer Show Las Vegas

July 13, 2013 Galveston Redfish Series

July 20, 2013 Chorizo Trout Tournament Galveston



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Team Ocean Kayak at Lonestar Kayak Series

Team Ocean Kayak's Sam Rinando placed 2nd, Rick Spillman placed 6th and Vincent Rinando placed 20th in the second leg of the Lonestar Kayak Series, held on June 1, 2013. There were 87 kayakers entered in this tournament, making it Texas largest kayak events for 2013. Seem as though the weather will not cooperate on tournament day this year. Again we had an approaching frontal system which generated winds in excess of 20 mph. In the previous event we had high winds and very low tides, in this event we had high winds and very high tides. This usually scatters the quality fish, this was the case on Saturday. Sam and Vincent fished together in a marsh complex. Vincent scored first with a 27" redfish. We travelled about 5 miles down wind searching for more quality fish, after paddling for over an hour, Vincent decided to double back against the wind, and start fishing back to the trucks. Sam decided to paddle an additional 2 miles round trip to another lake that we had found fish under lower tides. The decision paid off and Sam was able to land four redfish in that lake.

Rick was able to locate some nice fish, in an extremely long paddle in some difficult conditions and place 6th. Most of the anglers were exhausted after the tournament from battling the winds.



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Team Ocean Kayak in Port O'Connor , Texas

Team Ocean Kayak Clint and Cameron Barghi, Nasser Barghi (Clint and Cameron's Dad), Vincent and Sam Rinando, Filip Spencer, Jeff Herman, Dustin Koreba, Jason Blackwell, and a few of Cameron and Clint's friends from San Antonio and San Francisco (odd combination) rented a bay house in Port O'Connor, Texas to celebrate the upcoming wedding of team member Cameron Barghi.

We spent the weekend relaxing, fishing, eating, laughing, and having a great time. It was great having that many hard core fishermen under one roof, we had some great conversations.



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