

## Pro Staff News

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### Team Ocean Kayak at Texas Redfish Series Port Aransas, TX

Team Ocean Kayak competed in the first leg of the Texas Kayak Series tournament held in Port Aransas, Texas. This was a nice sized tournament with 95 anglers competing. A strong cold front blew into south Texas on Friday night and took with it most of the water in the back lakes and marshes. Team Ocean Kayak split up into three separate two man teams for this competition and spread out.

Captain Filip Spencer placed 8th and Sam Rinando placed 10th in the individual event. Captain Filip Spencer and Vincent Rinando placed 5th as a team, and Sam Rinando and Jeff Herman were also in the top 10. This series is a four venue event and it's important to weigh in two live fish at every event. Team Ocean Kayak was able to weigh in two live redfish for each of it's two man teams.

Team Ocean Kayak is the defending Team of the Year and Angler of the Year for this series and we look to repeat again in 2009.

#### Promotional Events

April 4-5, 2009 Austin Canoe and Kayak Demo Days

April 4-5, 2009 TG Canoe and Kayaks Demo Days San Marcos, TX

April 11, 2009 Wind and Wave Demo Days Corpus Christi, TX

April 18, 2009 Third Coast Kayak Tournament Freeport, TX

April 18-19, 2009 Austin Canoe and Kayak Demo Days Houston, TX

April 26, 2009 Texas Kayak Series Tournament Rockport, TX



Captain Filip Spencer with 8th Place



Sam Rinando with 10th place



Waiting on results

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### Team Ocean Kayak at 34th Annual Holder Fishing Show Houston, TX

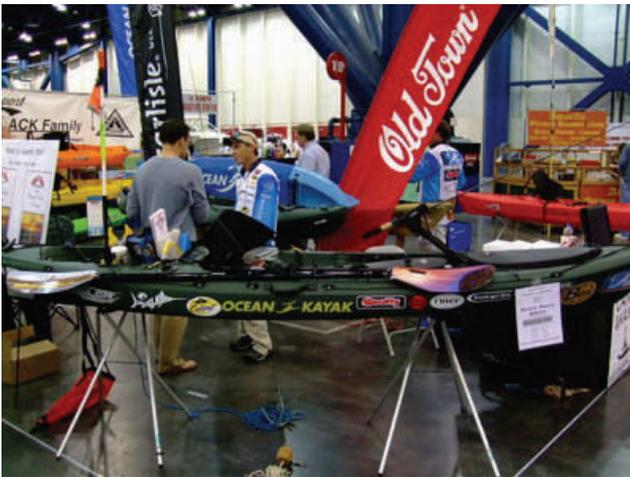
Team Ocean Kayak helped out at this years Holder fishing show held at the George R. Brown convention center in Houston. Captain Filip Spencer opened the show with the first seminar on kayaking and kayak fishing. Team Ocean Kayak brought with them a fully rigged Malone kayak trailer, along with a fully rigged Trident 13 and Trident 11 and a pink Lady Caper for display. The team setup a large screen projector running fishing videos taken with their Pentax cameras.

Many of Team Ocean Kayak sponsors were on hand with booths of their own including Kistler rods and Stake out Stiks.

The show was held at the George R. Brown convention center which is located between Minute Maid Park and the Toyota Center in downtown Houston. A great venue that coincided with the Houston Rodeo and Spring Break. Crowds were great throughout the week.



Captain Filip Spencer giving a seminar



Vincent Rinando answering questions



Filip and Vincent helping customers



Our friends at Kistler Custom Rods



Clint Barghi discussing kayak fishing



Fishing videos on the big screen

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### Team Ocean Kayak at Bass Pro Shops Spring Fishing Classic Houston, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Sam Rinando was at this year's Bass Pro Shop's Spring Fishing Classic. Sam participated fishing and kayaking seminars which was well attended. Sam also provided his expertise to customers with questions about fishing, kayaking, and fishing electronics including Humminbird and MinnKota products.

The day started out cloudy but turned into a nice sunny day and produced some really nice crowds.

Sam provided a hands on fishing seminar that included tackle, gear, rigging and strategies to being productive on the water. After the seminar Sam led a group of participants back to the kayak department for another hands on demonstration of kayak fishing.



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### Team Ocean Kayak at Texas A&M Corpus Christi, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer and Vincent Rinando were asked to teach a class on salt-water fishing and tactics at the Texas A&M University campus in Corpus Christi, Texas. The two hour class was held outside at the swimming pool, which gave Filip and Vincent the opportunity to demonstrate how to use the many variety of lures and terminal tackle available.

Also on hand were the recreational activities director and wildlife and fisheries director for the university to better learn how to put on a class of their own. The recreational director was also very interested in information about American Canoe Association certifications and kayaking as an activity in general.

We then took everyone inside to view some of the videos that we have produced with our PENTAX cameras over the years to demonstrate many of the techniques we talked about. It was funny to see the reaction on some of their faces at our ability to get within inches of redfish in our kayaks.

It was a beautiful day and as soon as we finished pre-fishing for the Texas Kayak Series tournament we headed over to the pool. It was a busy weekend, but one of the team's favorite activities is teaching others and trying to rub off some of the passion we have for our sport onto others.



Captain Filip Spencer talking about Kistler rods.



Fil doing what he does best....TALK



Teaching potential instructors

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### Team Ocean Kayak Annual Fly Fishing Class with Bill Harvey Seadrift, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Jeff Herman organized another successful fly fishing instructional class held with instructor Bill Harvey. Bill, a long time employee of Texas Parks and Wildlife, is an excellent instructor and an active member of the kayaking community, and has been instrumental in establishing many of the kayak paddle trails along the Texas coast.

#### From Jeff's report of the weekend

As usual the Wizard worked his magic and everyone improved their casts. Also, as usual, it is just a great opportunity to meet some great folks and have some fun while working to perfect the im-perfectable. Truly a weekend I look forward to every year... good stuff all around. Funny aside...

I went fishing Saturday morning for a few hours before class. I was out on a flat working a drift, and the silence and calm of the morning was Field and Stream perfect. Just the wind and the water. The slow "shiiiiinnngg" of a cast. The clack, clack, clack of a spook walking the dog. Funny though, all the sudden I hear this familiar (unmistakable) yack and drawl of Dean Thomas drifting in the wind. LOL. From all the way across the flat that voice carries like a first-day-on-the-job mailman. From Field and Stream perfect, to fishing with narration provided by Larry the Cable Guy's first cousin. It was old school TKF perfect, and made me grin... Jeff



Beautiful day for casting



Getting some expert instructions from the Wizard

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### Team Ocean Kayak at Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Houston, TX

Team Ocean Kayak volunteers it's time each year helping out with the Houston Livestock show and rodeo. Students from around the state receive millions in scholarship grants generated by the rodeo each year. Vincent and Sam Rinando have more than 50 years of combined volunteer service to the Houston Rodeo on the Hospitality Committee helping with the horse show. The lack of rain made this year's rodeo a bit dusty. The team gave out some Buff headwear to help battle the dusty conditions. They were a big hit with the cowboys and we expect to see some of them shopping for their next Buff in the fishing department.



There's a new sheriff in town

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Enjoying his new Buff



Lack of rain made conditions dusty



Sam taking it easy

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