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Team Ocean Kayak take 5th and 7th in Xtreme Redfish Trail Tournament

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando and Captain Filip Spencer finished 5th and Sam Rinando and Rick Spillman placed 7th under difficult windy conditions in the first event of the Xtreme Redfish Trail. A cold front blew in on Saturday during the powerboat event and took with it most of the water in the bays. Temperatures dropped more than 30 degrees as high pressure settled over the area. Under those conditions the goal is just to weigh in two fish. Vincent and Filip found their fish within the first 20 minutes of the tournament and spent the rest of the day trying to find larger fish. Sam and Rick had a similar experience and were able to find their two fish early as well. Teammates Clint and Cameron Barghi had a more difficult time opting to fish for larger fish in a win or go home strategy. The next two events are on the upper coast and we will rely heavily on our Houston and Galveston members to find our fish.

Upcoming Events

April 3-4, 2010 TG Canoe and Kayak Demo San Marcos

April 10-11, 2010 Wind and Wave Kayak Demo Corpus Christi

April 18, 2010 IFA Tournament Series Port Lavaca

April 25-26, 2010 Mudd Outdoors Kayak Demo Austin



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Team Ocean Kayak at 35th Holder Fishing Show Houston, Texas

Team Ocean Kayak was on hand for the 35th annual Holder fishing show at the George R Brown convention center in Houston. Captain Filip Spencer and Clint Barghi provided support for Austin Canoe and Kayak at their booth.

Captain Filip Spencer closed out the first day of the show with a packed house for his fishing seminar. His seminar was only supposed to last about 1 hour, but you know Fil, it's hard to get him to stop talking about kayak fishing once he gets going.

The show experienced good attendance and consumers were making purchases. The Gulf Coast area has experienced one of our only "Real" winters in a very long time. Many anglers have been off the water since the Fall and are eager to get geared up and back on the water.

There was a local college baseball tournament held across the street in Minute Maid Park, which hosted teams such as Univ. of Texas, Texas A&M, Rice, University of Houston to name a few. This placed additional college aged and sports oriented people into the vicinity of the venue.

The fishing show benefited greatly from this added influx of people to the convention area.



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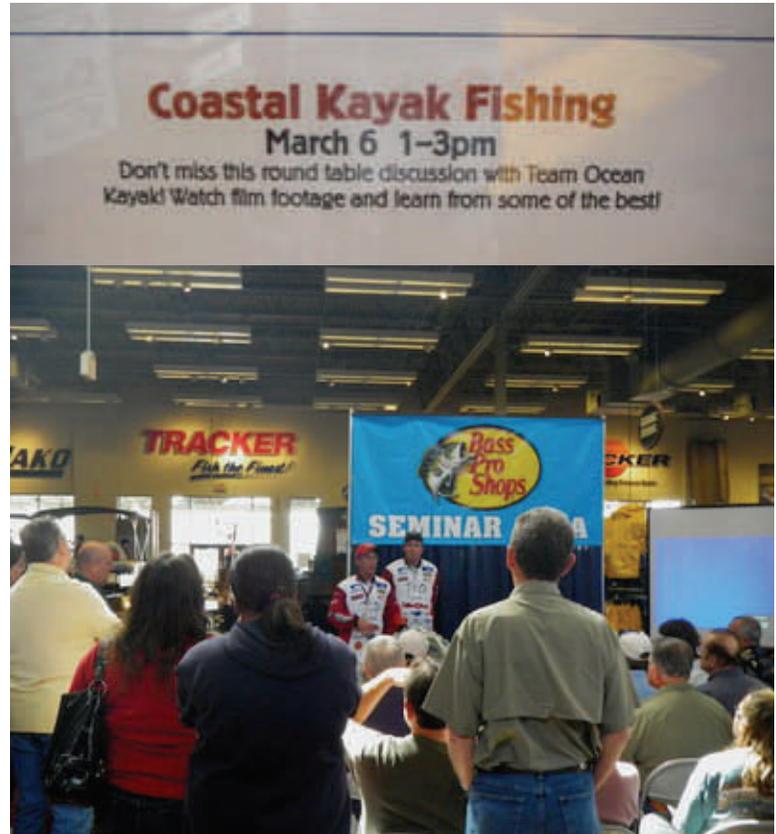
Team Ocean Kayak at Bass Pro Shop Classic Houston, Pearland, San Antonio Texas

Team Ocean Kayak was asked by Bass Pro Shops to lead a round table discussion on Coastal Kayak Fishing. Team Ocean Kayak brought with it a fully rigged tournament kayak and laptop complete with pictures and videos for our presentation. The event had great attendance, as people showed up as early as 11am for the 1pm discussion. We packed in more than 60 people into an open area in the middle of the store that provide by Bass Pro and continued the discussion well after it was over with customers.

It was a big weekend at Bass Pro Shops, as teammate were spread out between the stores in Houston area. Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent and Sam Rinando were at the Katy store, Jeff Herman in Pearland.

Sam, Vincent and Jeff gathered together at the Katy store for the round table discussion. We organized the roundtable discussion around the main three species of fish targeted on the Gulf coast, redfish, trout, and flounder.

We had some great videos showing us catching redfish and trout from the kayaks. It's always a show stopper and customers inside the store gathered to view the videos.



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Team Ocean Kayak with Heroes on the Water Galveston, Texas

Working with Project Victory and Heroes on the Water, Team Ocean Kayak facilitated a coastal trip for injured veterans.

Jeff Herman took the wounded warriors on a fishing trip to Follet's island and enjoyed a day of great weather, great fellowship, and decent fishing.

The soldiers always comment how much they enjoy the opportunity to fish and relax, while we just feel privileged to take them kayak fishing. It is truly our pleasure to again work with Heroes on the Water and enjoy the company of America's finest young men.



Jeff's thoughts

And yeah... it was a good day. One of the many highlights was actually off the water. On the way back to H-town I asked Darren if he wanted to grab a Whataburger. He said: "What's a Whataburger?" (I forgot he's not from our fine state.) Needless to say, I took the native of Arkansas for his first Whataburger and Fries. He was suitably impressed, albeit he wasn't sure about the jalapenos I ordered on mine. It was a good way to end a stellar day.



One of our Heroes Darren with a nice flounder



Darren and Toolman share a moment on the water

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Austin Canoe and Kayak Demo Missouri City, Texas

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando was on hand at the Austin Canoe and Kayak demo at Independence park in Missouri City, a suburb of Houston. The weather on Saturday was beautiful and the flow of people was steady. The weather on Sunday was nice as well, although the winds gust from time to time.

We setup an Ocean Kayak Torque completely rigged out on the trailer. It was a nice way to have one on display at all times for customers to inspect and ask questions about. Generally at the demos, the Torque is placed in the water and rarely sits still during the demo or on the shore for that matter. Having one there and being able to explain the registration process was a huge help. Team Ocean Kayak would like to thank Vincent's Dad for providing his Torque for the display.



Vincent Sr.'s rigged Torque



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Austin Canoe and Kayak Demo Austin, Texas

Team Ocean Kayak sent Jeff Herman to Quarry Lake for Austin Canoe and Kayak's spring demo. This annual affair is lovingly known among the Texas Pro Staffers as "The Northern Expedition". The ACK kayak demo is held each year in March, and has a tradition of being cold and windy. 2010 was one for the record books.

Saturday started off in the 40's with winds at 20mph gusting to 30. Overcast and drizzling, some brave customers still came out! Sunday was still chilly and more windy, but the sun came out. With the sun, more customers came too. We put butts in boats and proved where there's a will (even with a big wind), there's a way.



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Team Ocean Kayak at Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Houston, Texas

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent and Sam Rinando once again volunteered their time to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo held at Reliant Stadium in Houston. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo benefits youth through an extensive scholarship program for it's exhibitors.

Both Vincent and Sam Rinando have over 25 years of volunteer service a piece to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo benefiting youth and education. The Houston Rodeo generates millions of dollars in college scholarship dollars every year. The weather was great this year and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo had over 4 million visitors to the event.



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