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Team Ocean Kayak place 2nd in Galveston Trophy Trout Series Championship

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando, Clint Barghi, and Sam Rinando placed 2nd at the Galveston Trophy Trout Series 2 day Championship.

Team Ocean Kayak qualified for the 2 day championship event that was held in Galveston. Day 1 started out rough with high winds and heavy rains the entire day. Team Ocean Kayak battled the elements and brought in the heaviest stringer of the two day event with 15.61lbs. The closest competitor weighed in 12.78lbs, giving Team Ocean Kayak nearly a 3lbs lead after day 1. Most of the talk around the scales centered around, "Did you see the trout the kayak guys brought in?"

Day two brought the passage of a cold front and a 180 degree swing in wind directions. Confident we could relocate our fish in the same area, we decided to return to the same spot on day 2. Winds were pounding into our location and the waves and chop were pretty bad. We spent most of the day grinding out in 23-28mph winds. We finally located our fish around 11:30am and managed to string up 3 fish weighing 10.89lbs. With time running out the team connected and lost a 6 to 7lb trout that would have easily secured the championship, but the fish was lost during landing. Team Ocean Kayak placed second, just a mere 1/2 pound shy of the leader. The team of Havens and Renteria are considered some of the biggest heavy weights in coastal trout fishing, probably the favorites going into the tournament and there is no shame in placing second to such an outstanding team.



1st Place Day 1 stringer leads the tournament by 3 pounds



Team Ocean Kayak places 2nd in GTTS Championship

Upcoming Events

April 14-15 Austin Canoe and Kayak Paddle Demo Austin, TX

April 15 IFA Kayak Series Tournament Rockport, TX

April 21 Lonestar Kayak Series Tournament Galveston, TX

April 21-22 Austin Canoe and Kayak Paddle Demo Houston, TX

April 21-22 Austin Canoe and Kayak Paddle Demo San Marcos, TX

April 29-30 Austin Canoe and Kayak Paddle Demo Dallas, TX



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TEAM NAME	TOY STANDINGS	CHAMPIONSHIP	TOTAL
ANDERSON/ STILLWAGON	788	196	984
RENTERIA / HAVENS	780	200	980
FRANCIS / POPOVICH	776	195	971
BAKER / REUTER	778	193	971
NAPOLI	775	191	966
RINANDO/RINANDO/BARGHI	758	199	957
WADDELL / KNIGHTEN	766	190	956
FLUKINGER / RUBIO	761	194	955
PICKELL/GILBERT/MARSHALL	753	198	951
GERMAN/GERMAN/FINNEY	743	189	932
ELLIS / VINSON	652	197	849
MALONE / SWEETY	375	192	567
WILLINGHAM / WEAVER	189	193	382

TEAM NAME	BIG FISH	PENALTY	DAY 1 TOTAL	DAY 2 TOTAL	TOTAL
RENTERIA / HAVENS	6.4		12.67	14.35	27.02
RINANDO/RINANDO/BARGHI	4.51		15.61	10.89	26.5
PICKELL/GILBERT/MARSHALL			11.1	11.99	23.09
ELLIS / VINSON/WEBER	3.8		12.74	9.71	22.45
ANDERSON/ STILLWAGON			9.43	12.95	22.38
FRANCIS / POPOVICH	4.44		7.54	13.35	20.89
FLUKINGER / RUBIO	4.12		9.87	10.33	20.2
WINNINGHAM / WEAVER			9.57	7.9	17.47
BAKER / REUTER			8.31	8	16.31
MALONE / SWEETY			12.39	0	12.39
NAPOLI			9.44	0	9.44
WADDELL / KNIGHTEN			8.28	0	8.28
GERMAN/GERMAN/FINNEY			0	5.7	5.7



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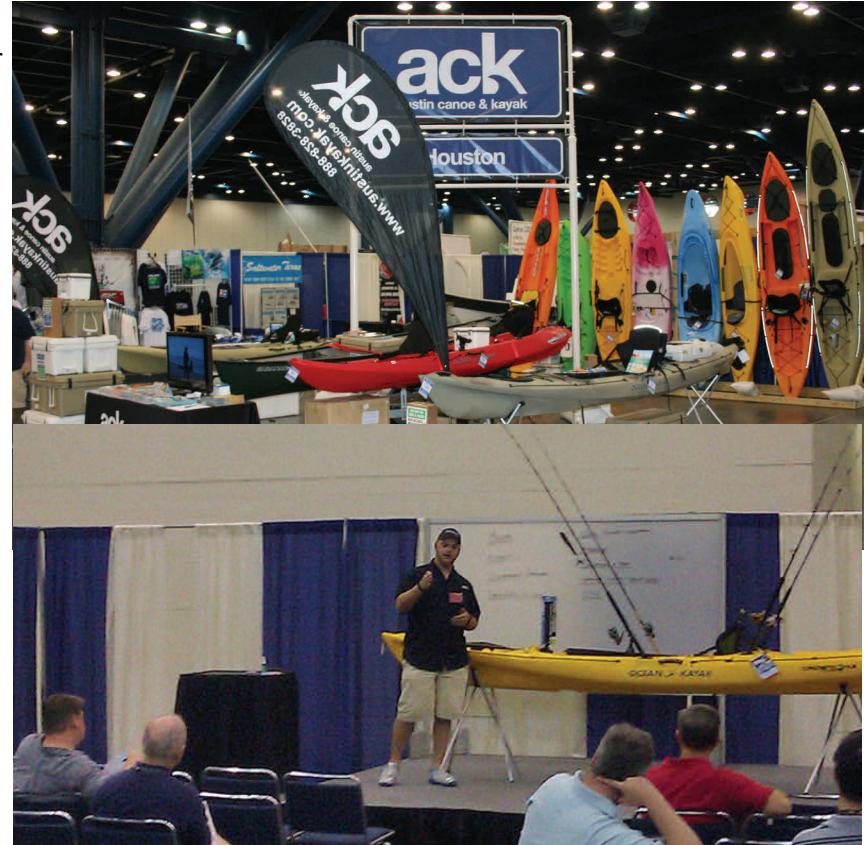
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Team Ocean Kayak at the Houston Holder Fishing Show

Team Ocean Kayak's Sam Rinando and Rick Spillman were on hand for the Houston Holder Fishing show held at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Sam and Rick were there helping out Austin Canoe and Kayak and their customers selling Ocean Kayaks at their booth.

This was the 37th Annual Holder fishing show, a well attended event in the Houston area. This event is geared towards fishermen with less power boats and more equipment manufacturers.

Ryan Emile from Scotty, also had a booth at the show. It was nice to meet up with Ryan and a couple of the team members were able to take Ryan down to the coast for a little trout and redfish fishing action.



Team Ocean Kayak in Print

Team Ocean Kayak's Sam Rinando was featured in an article written by Jeff Herman in the current issue of Gulf Coast Fisherman magazine. It was a great article that featured Sam and Rick Spillman's accomplishments on the redfish tournament trail last season, as well as, tips for spring time redfish in Texas. The photo that appeared in the article was a recent picture of Sam taken by Rick on an outing in the Galveston Bay complex area, showing Sam releasing a nice over slot redfish.



Paddling Out

by Jeff Herman

Reds Spring ETERNAL

In 2011, the kayak tournament trails at Team USA saw two anglers consistently winning... or, in the least, at wins: competitions with big (or, obviously, small) money. They were Sam Hinman and Rick Spektor of Team Ocean Kayak. These guys seem to have a nose for paddling (or, rather, for the search and fish among them). The question is, can they do it again? And with Sam to wax progress, we should, and how to successfully target spring milers.

Yours, as I am, are poor first impressions might be that he's a former basketball player. Tall and quick of movement, he doesn't strike you as the kayaking type, but you mustn't judge now, as he has loads of knowledge on fishing and kayak paddling, along with an enviable past.

Sam was raised on Spearpoint's Road to Gulliver's, thus, understandably so, he's a fan of the kayak. He appreciates that he hasn't come with a fishing title. He also sees like advantages of kayaking over a decade ago, when he first started. "I was a member of the Academy on Bass Pro Shops and got certified. Since then, he's been down to South Africa and had a great fishing trip. Now, he's moved on to the Texas coast from his kayak. Simply put, Sam knows how to catch redfish — big and small."

Looking over a Top Sport 2012 Stan-Pontooned for deep water at the ridge, and just inside a marsh area, on the south shoreline of East Bay,

"As the water temps begin to rise in March, shrimp and finfish start their first hatch, into the marsh to spawn. Quantities usually can't be found until April, but the first major ecosystem is an interesting ride."

Sam makes a great point. As anglers, we love to paddle all the way back to the car, run straight across the bay, and then, during those areas in and out of the marsh, are usually a good cast, and early in the spring, there should be your first catches to start your day. Those areas are the great spots for bass, trout, and, naturally, quantity fish.

I asked Sam the most about April, April, and he said, "The low spring tides are great for getting into the marsh, stabilizing the water level on the marsh, allowing recently-spawned and hatching marsh fiddler crabs to the flooded grass, and really re-work their way to the back reaches of the marsh. This is when I start

looking for reds 'crossing the grass' along the edges of intertidal marsh, tidal flats, and marshes."

Like Sam, I'm a fan of fishing. Paddling a fat red mao is "removing a hot stove" out of the woods in always a hot stove. Backs out of the shadow of the trees, though, is another story.

The theory is that when they find the site of your boat is better than firewood on the fifth of July, that's what will be left following in all those...

...and a general cleanup, too," says Spektor. Oh, if mimicking the small spring press share, hell, join the "Gang" in part. Both of these old pastimes will be suggested on the next page.

Now, though, it's important, as it always is, to cast back and then sail your boat a high tide and pull those big bows moving right out to deeper water.

Spring is one of the staples of kayak fishing, and, like

most anglers along the Gulf Coast, Sam's Anglerdays, most encouraging... or, good reminders to the marsh lets you know it's a new season coming up.

If you're not that adventurous, look for. Some time, he's up to no good probably wanting to Mountain snow sports, but, if you're not into that, he's probably be in the marsh, catching fish. He's a proven master of the kayak, and, while he's not a fan of the outdoors, he's a fan of the outdoors.

Kayak fishing pro, Sam Hinman, prepares to release a hefty red caught in the marshes near the shoreline.

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HIGHLIGHTS



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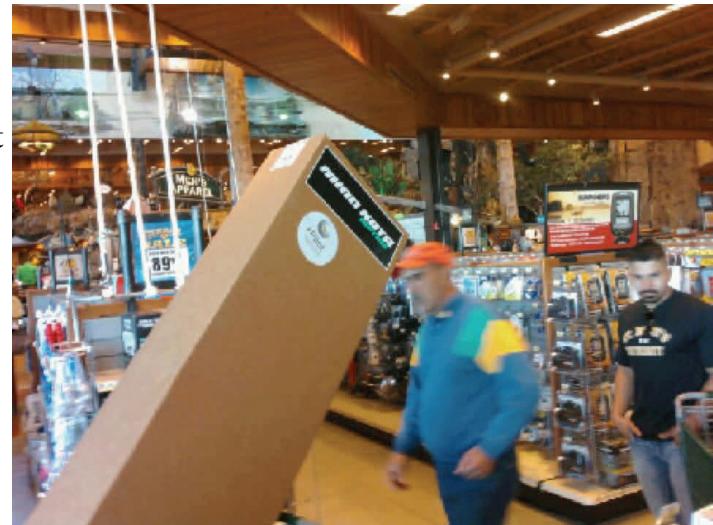
Team Ocean Kayak at the Bass Pro Shop San Antonio

Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer was on hand at the Bass Pro Shop in San Antonio to help promote Minn Kota trolling motors, Ocean Kayak, and Old Town Canoes.

Weekend weather was beautiful and sunny and crowds at the store were brisk. Many people starting to plan their spring outdoor adventures and were out purchasing products for their boats and kayaks.

Many fishermen who are just beginning to peak out of their houses after a long winter layoff, are eager to talk to someone who has been on the water throughout the winter, to get the latest news on what's biting.

Team Ocean Kayak does many events at the Bass Pro Shop stores in San Antonio, Katy (Houston), and Pearland (Houston). We are on hand to assist customers in their product purchases. We also usually setup a rigged kayak, and provide kayak fishing seminars for special events at the store.



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