

## Pro Staff News

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### Team Ocean Kayak Introduction to Coastal Kayaking Class Galveston, Texas

On May 6, 2007 Team Ocean Kayak held an introduction to coastal kayaking class at the sailing club in Galveston. The class was taught by Jeff Herman, Vincent Rinando and three members of Artist Boats. Team Ocean Kayak puts on this event as a fund raiser for Artist Boat, a non-profit organization that takes over two thousand kids into the coastal marsh in kayaks to introduce them to coastal stewardship, arts and science. The instructors donate their time for this event and all proceeds go towards purchasing an Ocean Kayak to add to their fleet of kayaks for the kids. This allows Team Ocean Kayak to keep the cost of this instruction down to 25.00 per person. We always have a great turnout for this event and have to close the class at twenty students. There is already a line forming for the next class.

Here is some of the feedback we've received about this class.

Absolutely a worthwhile way to spend \$25 and the better part of a day. The "Artist Boat" instructors were great, and the benefit to their educational programs is well worth assisting by attending one of these classes. Birdsnest and Vincent were also very helpful with their tips and instruction. Kudos to them for organizing and helping out with it. I have been wanting to bone up on and tweak my paddling technique, and also really wanted to see just how easy (or difficult) it would be to right my flipped kayak and get back in. I've been lucky enough so far to not have to find that out "the hard way". I was stoked that it was as simple as it was, and I have a lot more confidence in it as a result. Learning how to help another yakker get back in their boat was something I hope to not ever have to use, but I think it will be a very useful piece of knowledge if I ever need it. I'm really happy that I took the class. The Eskimo roll demo by Kris was something I'd been wanting to see in person for a million years. Very cool! On a scale of 1 to 10, I'd give it a 10 for being something worth giving up a day of fishing for. I learned a lot, met some really nice folks, and had a blast. If you haven't already signed up for the next

It was definitely worth the money, and it benefited what seemed to be a very deserving charity. I had fun, learned a lot, met nice people, and got some leads on a fishing hole or two. To top it off, I finally got to see someone Eskimo roll a kayak. All in all, a great day. My hat's off to all the instructors and to Jeff (Birdsnest) for organizing. I would recommend it for anyone who wants to learn a little more about kayaking and safety, especially if you go kayaking (as you always should) with other people. You might be able to get back in your boat unassisted, but what if the other people in your party can't? Do you know how to properly help someone else flip their boat and get back in? I didn't, but I do now

That was pretty much the greatest deal of all time; I really didn't know just how much of a neophyte at this I was. I'm also a heck of a lot more confident at getting back in the yak than I ever was before. Anybody that ever gets a chance to do this ought to jump on it QUICK.

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Practicing Maneuvers



Learning Paddle Strokes



Learning Water Rescue

### Promotional Events

June 5, 2007 Texas A&M Adventure Club outing

June 8-9 Academy Watersport Promotion College Station, TX

[June 17 Texas Redfish Series Tournament Port O'Connor, TX](#)

June 23 Arabia Shrine Tournament Galveston, TX



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### Team Ocean Kayak at Cabela's Water Sport Weekend

On May 26-27, 2007 Team Ocean Kayak participated in the Water Sport Weekend at Cabela's in Austin. Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer and Sam Rinando were on hand to answer customers questions and help them with their purchase. The tents and kayaks were setup outside and the weather cooperated and drew good crowds to this event. Team Ocean Kayak had their tournament rigged kayaks on display in front of the store. Team Ocean Kayak was on hand for the two day event and introduced many people to the sport of kayaking and sold many kayaks and canoes. Captain Filip Spencer is fast becoming a regular at this Cabela's location and is becoming recognized by this store's regulars.



Getting ready for the event



Setting up kayaks and canoes



Happy Customers, someone looks happy



Sam discussing kayak fishing



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### Team Ocean Kayak's Kayak Fishing Seminar at REI Houston, Texas

Team Ocean Kayak's Jeff Herman gave an introduction to kayak fishing and rigging seminar for REI on May 24, 2007. Jeff brought with him his tournament rigged kayak along with all of the products our sponsors provide. There was a great crowd on hand with over twenty people in attendance. It's important to introduce consumers to kayak safety, Jeff is a certified American Canoe Association instructor and has taught many classes on this topic. Jeff also introduced the class to many prime kayak fishing spots using the HookNLine maps with the Team Ocean Kayak logo. Jeff has a talent for teaching, and the participants thoroughly enjoyed the class.



Jeff's Presentation on Kayak Fishing



Jeff showing the HookNLine Map

### Team Ocean Kayak sets a new State Fly Fishing Record

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando set a new body of water record on the fly rod for speckled trout for the Galveston bay complex. This is a record that Vincent has been chasing, when he broke the record unknowingly last year, but failed to have his catch certified. Vincent's trout was 24 3/4" long and weighed 5.2lbs. Texas Parks and Wildlife have been keeping fishing records for Galveston Island since the early 1900s. Team Ocean Kayak currently holds 24 Texas State Fishing Records.



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