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Team Ocean Kayak takes Lead in Angler of the Year in IFA Tournament

Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer placed 2nd in the IFA tournament held in Rockport. With his second place finish Captain Filip Spencer moves into sole possession of the regional Angler of the Year race. Teammate Clint Barghi isn't far behind. Team members Vincent Rinando, Clint Barghi, and Cameron Barghi choose an area that had been holding some really nice trout. But typical of tournament day, the winds switch directions, and the forecast for diminishing winds was incorrect.

Unable to locate any decent trout, Clint, Vincent, and Cameron had to settle for only redfish. Meanwhile team mates Captain Filip Spencer and Jeff Herman located both solid trout and redfish despite the conditions.

Captain Filip Spencer is poised to compete this year for the National Angler of the Year title to be held in Louisiana this year.

Team mates Clint and Cameron Barghi are not far behind Filip and ready to take the lead should he falter in the final event.

We should have at least 4 of us going to the IFA championship later this year.



Upcoming Events

June 1, 2011 Corpus Christi ISD school kayak trip

June 11, 2011 Spektacular Galveston Redfish Series Galveston

June 18, 2011 Xtreme Redfish Tournament Galveston.

June 24, 2011 Casting for a Cause Tournament benefiting Heroes on the Water Corpus Christi, TX





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Team Ocean Kayak at the Galveston Redfish Series Preseason Opener Galveston, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Clint Barghi and his wife Diane paired up in an Ocean Kayak Malibu tandem to take on the power boats in the preseason opener for the Galveston redfish series. The weather was brisk, with heavy winds and cloudy skies. But that didn't deter the Barghis who managed a nice respectable stringer in adverse conditions. Diane hooked and landed a huge 29" and 10lb redfish that was barely out of the slot, before landing this beauty that she weighed in. Clint and Diane decided on taking the tandem kayak to minimize travel and maximize fishing time and it paid off.

Rick Spillman and Marwan Jarrah had similar luck, catching many smaller redfish before finding the keepers that they took to the weigh in.

The Galveston Redfish series is predominantly a power boat tournament in which many of the top professional fishing guides in the Galveston bay complex participate.

With many of the team busy with Bass Pro Shop events, Clint and Rick decided to fish with family and friends and make a fun day of the tournament.

From the looks of the Barghi's fish I would expect you will see this winning team in the winner's circle very soon.



Clint and Diane Barghi with their redfish



Rick Spillman and Marwan Jarrah with their nice redfish



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Team Ocean Kayak at the Wind and Wave Paddle Demo Corpus Christi, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer was on hand for the Wind and Wave paddle demo held in Corpus Christi on May 3, 2011. Crowds were good all day long with many people taking their pets for a ride in their kayaks.





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Team Ocean Kayak is guest speaker at the CCA Pearland chapter meeting Pearland, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Clint Barghi was the keynote speaker at the monthly CCA chapter meeting held in Pearland, Texas. The Coastal Conservation Association is a non profit organization that supports our fishing resources. Clint did a presentation on chasing redfish from a kayak. It was good exposure as the CCA chapter is mainly made up of power boat owners. This was a good opportunity to introduce them to kayak fishing and maybe convert a few of them over to kayaks.



Team Ocean Kayak at ACK Paddle Demo Austin, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Jeff Herman and Cameron Barghi were on hand for the ACK paddle demo held in Austin. The weather was beautiful and the crowds were stiff all weekend long. Always a great event in Austin: the ACK spring demo at Hyde Park. It was a pleasure to put so many folks in kayaks and talk salt water kayak fishing. This year's turn out was phenomenal and even though the wind was howling, it was a treat to participate as always.





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Team Ocean Kayak at Bass Pro Shop Go Outdoors Pearland, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent and Sam Rinando were at the opening of the Go Outdoor event held at Bass Pro Shop in Pearland. There was a line of customer waiting for the event to start at 6pm. Once inside the customers spread out with many of them coming to the kayak department.

There was a big rush of customer at the start of this event on Friday night, but the crowds thinned as it got later. Sam and Vincent were able to help many customers with their kayak purchases and answer their questions.



Team Ocean Kayak at Bass Pro Shop Katy, Texas

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent and Sam Rinando were on hand at the Katy Bass Pro shop for the Go Outdoor event. Vincent and Sam gave two seminars on kayak fishing, complete with fully rigged Ocean Kayak Torque and projector with laptop, videos and pictures. We had a really good crowd show up for the seminars which lasted a couple hours each. We did a paddle demonstration as well as went over the features of the Ocean Kayak Torque. Each participant left with a goodie bag complete with Fish Grip and Bass Assassins.





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Team Ocean Kayak in Kayak Angler Magazine

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent and Sam Rinando appeared in the Summer 2011 issue of Kayak Angler Magazine. This issue featured some of the larger, more national tournament series like the Jacksonville and IFA championship tournaments.

The first set of pictures were taken at the IFA Championship in Orange Beach Alabama. We got a nice overhead shot of Vincent Rinando and his big redfish on the ruler. It gives an overhead shot of the Necky Vector 13 and the Team Ocean Kayak website. It's hard to see in this picture but it showed up nicely in the magazine. There is also a picture of Vincent receiving a check for this catch. Funny thing is that it was the only picture published showing an angler getting paid. The tournament shirt and logos also showed up nicely in the magazine.

The second shots are from the Jacksonville tournament. This picture is the one on the left showing Sam Rinando battling a shark in the Atlantic when we fished with Jim Sammons and his Kayak Fishing Show crew.

IFA KAYAK FISHING TOUR

In August you can join the kayak fishing community over 1000 kayak fishermen across the world compete at the long distance. The 2011 competition is massive, featuring events ranging from kayaking to 100 miles.

THE CATCH

With kayak fishing being a new sport, there are still many unknowns. But the kayak fishing community has been very successful in their first year. They say a kayak is a great way to fish because it's easy to get to, it's easy to get away from the crowds, and it's easy to get back to the boat. The idea is simple: if someone wants to fish, they can.

GETTING LEARNED AND EXPERTISE

It took about two months for me to learn how to kayak fish. I began by reading books and watching videos online. I also attended a workshop at a kayak fishing show with a professional kayak fisherman who taught me a lot of great tips and tricks.

Take It With You When You Go.

Go where the journey takes you. At Ocean Kayak Gear, we'll help you reach the destination or more already. Whatever you need, take it with you when you go!

VICTORY TRICKS

JACKSONVILLE KAYAK FISHING CLASSIC

June 2011 event taking place Jacksonville, Florida. The 2nd annual kayak fishing competition at the world famous St. Johns River. Jacksonville Kayak Fishing Classic features the amateur state (CPA) competition that ends in Jacksonville on Saturday.



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Team Ocean Kayak in Print

Team Ocean Kayak's Jeff Herman was lost for a few months in his garage last summer. Turns out he was working on a unique kayak hauler fitted with Malone Seawings and an Ocean Kayak Trident 11. Jeff rigged the infamous Italian Vespa with a kayak carrier. With a top speed of 65mph and getting close to 60mpg, Jeff is taking low impact and fun all the way to the water. The articles ran in Texas Fish and Game magazine as well as Scoot Magazine.



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