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## Pro Staff News

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### Team Ocean Kayak at Lonestar Kayak Series

Team Ocean Kayak's Sam Rinando placed 2nd, Rick Spillman placed 6th and Vincent Rinando placed 20th in the second leg of the Lonestar Kayak Series. There were 87 kayakers entered in this tournament, making it Texas largest kayak events for 2013. Seem as though the weather will not cooperate on tournament day this year. Again we had an approaching frontal system which generated winds in excess of 20 mph. In the previous event we had high winds and very low tides, in this event we had high winds and very high tides. This usually scatters the quality fish, this was the case on Saturday. Sam and Vincent fished together in a marsh complex. Vincent scored first with a 27" redfish. We travelled about 5 miles down wind searching for more quality fish, after paddling for over an hour, Vincent decided to double back against the wind, and start fishing back to the trucks. Sam decided to paddle an additional 2 miles round trip to another lake that we had found fish under lower tides. The decision paid off and Sam was able to land four redfish in that lake.

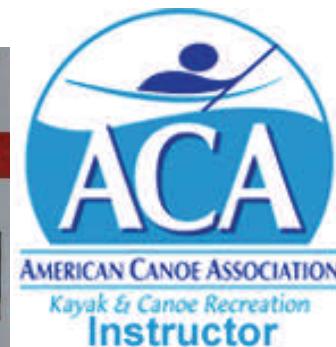
Rick was able to locate some nice fish, in an extremely long paddle in some difficult conditions and place 6th. Most of the anglers were exhausted after the tournament from battling the winds.

### Upcoming Events

June 8, 2013 U of H Cougar Tournament Galveston

June 15, 2013 Galveston Redfish Series.

June 27-28, 2013 Casting for a Cause Tournament, Port Aransas





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### Team Ocean Kayak in Kayak Angler Magazine

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando was featured in an article by Jeff Herman in this Summer's Issue of Kayak Angler Magazine. The Article, funny enough, is on the Draw Stroke, and complete with Texan Hat, Jeff took a great picture and write up on this paddle stroke and skill.

I remember practicing this stroke for my exam for my ACA kayak instructor certification, the ability to parallel park your kayak to a dock is a useful skill.

Jeff and I paddle out into an open bay shoreline in Baytown to get this shot in early March. A cold front blew in and taking off the wader to get his shot was a bit CHILLY.

By the time we got back to the truck, the tide had blown out over 3 feet and we were faced with a 50 yard drag through hip deep inner coastal waterway mud, then a 4-5 foot high haul over some rocks to the road. I tore my hips up on that haul. After battling a hip injury for over 12 weeks now, I am finally going to an orthopedic doctor today to have it check out. I will let you know the prognosis.

**LIP GRIPPER**  
SKILLS | KIDDING | FOOD | TACTICS | SCHEDULE | DESTINATION  
SLIDE SIDEWAYS WITH THE DRAW STROKE  
PHOTO BY JEFF HERMAN

**SIDE SLIDER**  
USE THE DRAW STROKE TO PARALLEL PARK

**IF IT'S NOT WORKING**

On your side, lunge into your kayak paddling when you're handling off a hell bent on the bay. Pull up smooth and make this when you're on the water. Learning to move your kayak sideways is a must-have skill for any kayak angler and will help you approach a dock or another kayak with style.

This is a great stroke to move your kayak sideways. Paddling half sweeps with the paddle is the most common silliness I see. Then there are the advanced paddle acrobatics of a sculling draw. However, one of the most effective ways to move your kayak sideways is the draw with a "T" or slice integrated, which is an intermediate stroke that is both functional and efficient. It also has a quicker learning curve than the sculling draw.

1) Start by rotating your upper body in the direction you want your kayak to travel. With the paddle face toward you, place the paddle blade in the water and pull it toward you three blades away from your kayak. This will place one hand at about eye level reaching across your body. Your lower hand, above the active blade, will do the work.  
2) Pull the active blade toward you using your lower hand until it is at the side of the boat. Your top hand should remain stationary. Do not hit your kayak with the paddle, that can make you unstable.  
3) Keeping a loose grip on the paddle shaft with the top hand, roll your lower wrist forward so the blade turns perpendicular to the kayak, power face toward the stern. Push the blade as it slices away from the kayak without killing your sideways momentum.  
4) When the blade returns to the starting point of the draw, turn it parallel to your kayak and repeat the process.

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### Team Ocean Kayak at Chorizo Redfish Series

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando, placed 2nd in the Redfish Division of the Summer Chorizo Redfish Series, held in Galveston. Vincent fished this event solo and was the only kayaker entered in the tournament. As has been the case with every redfish tournament in 2013, the weather was horrendous. Winds over 25 mph, for most of the week made for a tough day fishing.

The Galveston bay complex was host to four professional redfish tournaments on that weekend, and with high winds, it made for a crowded bay shoreline.

Vincent paddled 2-3 miles to his first destination, only to find the marsh complex almost completely dry due to extremely low tides. He had to paddle back to this truck, load back up and re-launch at a second location. After driving around and finding most locations covered up with anglers, he decided on a location and was able to grind out a nice redfish.

The Chorizo tournament series holds a summer trout tournament in July, and we plan to fish this event as well.



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## Team Ocean Kayak at IFA Empire, LA

Team Ocean Kayak's Fil Spencer

*Well the tournament day came and I knew we were going to do well it was about 2 1/2 hour drive to get where we have to fish and a 2 1/2 hour drive back to the way in. We did very well, I missed a couple of my big fish and broke off on one but, that happens. Well sitting next to me was John and he got his. We were going to win first and second in this tournament I knew it. Unfortunately I lost my fish. Well John ended up winning not only the tournament but also the big red fish award. I knew we had it and should have finished first and second. He asked me if I had a Ocean Kayak shirt he could wear when he go up on stage. He was also gracious enough to thank me for all the help that I've been giving him. I felt like I had won too.*

IFA Hobie Kayak Fishing Tour, Empire, LA. May 19th, 2013										
Place #	Angler LN	Angler FN	Red-Lth	Tr-Length	R+T=Score	Reg Payout	Advantag	BF/Jr. Ang.	Total	Points
1	Kay	John	39.75	19.50	59.25	\$1,500.00		Red \$200	\$1,500.00	200
2	Neece	Steve	28.13	19.50	47.63	\$1,000.00	\$541.00	Hobie \$200	\$1,741.00	199
3	Brunning	Casey	26.25	20.25	46.50	\$500.00	\$259.00		\$759.00	198
4	Bayard	Brendan	29.25	17.25	46.50	\$188.00	\$252.00		\$440.00	197
5	Beltz	Devon	29.00	17.50	46.50	\$148.00	\$221.00		\$369.00	196
6	Barton	Brandon	30.25	14.75	45.00	\$134.00	\$200.00		\$334.00	195
7	Roussel	Ben	25.50	17.50	43.00	\$122.00	\$171.00		\$293.00	194
8	Russell	Jeff	27.00	15.00	42.00	\$119.00	\$156.00		\$275.00	193
9	Watts	Perry	25.75	16.13	41.88	\$116.00			\$116.00	192
10	Vann	Matthew	25.00	16.75	41.75	\$113.00			\$113.00	191
11	Lewis	Todd	26.13	14.13	40.25	\$110.00			\$110.00	190
12	Ethridge	Michael	16.10	19.50	35.60	\$105.00			\$105.00	189
13	Craft	Jonathan	16.50	17.25	33.75	\$100.00			\$100.00	188
14	Bergeron	John	18.38	15.25	33.63					187
15	Mace	Landon	17.50	12.00	29.50					186
16	Rockweiler	Adam	31.00		31.00					185
17	Thompson	John	26.50		26.50					184
18	Cox	Chris	23.75		23.75					183
19	Suber	Jeff	23.50		23.50					182
20	Mood	Marty		21.00	21.00			Trout \$200	\$100.00	181
21	Williamson	Gair	19.00		19.00					180
22	Walker	Sherman		18.75	18.75					179
23	Skeelees	Chad		18.50	18.50					178
24	Pendaris	Eric	16.13		16.13					177
25	Waites	Jared	16.13		16.13					176
26	Spencer	Fil		15.50	15.50					175





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Team Ocean Kayak Clint and Cameron Barghi fished the Galveston Redfish Series on May 18. This was the same weekend as the Chorizo Series and several other tournaments in the Galveston Bay complex. High winds and extremely low tides plagued everyone on tournament day.

The Galveston Redfish Series is the premier professional redfish tournament series on the Texas coast and is participated by some of the best professional anglers in the country. Typical winning weights average in the 17 pound range, an incredible weight for two 28" redfish. In most tournaments showing up with less than 16.5lbs, only insures that your weight gets recorded, usually very little else.

Clint and Cameron battled winds and low tides, catching many redfish, none worthy of the weigh in of that caliber.



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