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Team Ocean Kayak wins entry into next year's Guide's Cup Tournament

Promotional Events

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando and Clint Barghi placed 3rd in the November 15 Specktaclar Redfish Series held in Galveston.

Vincent, Sam, Clint, and Cameron had previously fished this series as two separate teams. Sam and Cameron were unable to make this event, so Vincent and Clint paired up for the final leg. The Specktaclar Redfish Series is predominately a power boat tournament between professional guides in the Galveston Bay Complex. Competition is very tough and Team Ocean Kayak fished this event as the only kayak team entered.

The weather for this event was predicted to be a tough day with Northerly winds in excess of 25 mph and a 3.5 foot drop in tides, we expected the worse as we launched into the inter coastal waterway at 5am. Vincent and Clint arrive at their final destination after a one and a half hour paddle into stiff winds and current. The team was able to locate two very nice redfish, but decided to relocate to try and upgrade one of their fish. The strategy paid off as the team scored a significant upgrade fish at their second stop. With a stringer weight near fifteen pounds with two fish, the team was optimistic of their chances to place among the leaders. This was a LIVE fish weigh in tournament, so the fish were loaded into their holding tanks and released after the tournament.

Team Ocean Kayak placed 3rd overall with a strong showing among the powerboat crowd. Team Ocean Kayak completed the series in 6th place for Team of the Year honors. Their 3rd place finish qualified them for next years prestigious Guide's Cup Tournament. This is a professional tournament of competing guides that is very high profile. Once again Team Ocean Kayak will be the only kayak team to qualify and the first non powerboat team to qualify for this type of event. The 2009 Guide's Cup Tournament will be held in May 2009.



Vincent and Clint place 3rd in Powerboat tournament



Crowds at the weigh in at Academy in Webster



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Team Ocean Kayak's Jeff Herman sets new State Body of Water Fly Rod Record

Team Ocean Kayak's Jeff Herman set a new Texas Parks and Wildlife Body of Water fly rod record for the Gulf of Mexico with a nice 26" speckled trout.

Jeff and Vincent Rinando were on their way to Galveston to do some post hurricane Ike repairs but were sidetracked by a beautiful flat green surf.

Jeff and Vincent grabbed their fly rods and made a quick pit stop to one of their favorite surf fishing spots. Much has changed on the Galveston coastline, as debris still litters the much of the beach.

It didn't take long for Jeff to find what they were looking for with a nice hookup and the battle was under way. Prepared for just such an event Vincent quickly turned on his Pentax Optio Hat Cam and captured the battle on video. ([video](#))

After a long battle and much excitement Jeff was finally able to land this trout and secure his record for the Gulf of Mexico. Jeff's record has been recognized by Texas Parks and Wildlife and he was received his certificate of accomplishment.



Jeff with his new State Record Speckled Trout



Jeff's Certificate from the State

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