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Team Ocean Kayak Xtreme Redfish Series Team of the Year

Team Ocean Kayak's Sam Rinando and Rick Spillman completed their clean sweep of the Xtreme Redfish Series, winning 1st place in every event this year. Their overall weight was heavier than all teams and almost 2 pounds heavier than the power boat division.

Sam and Rick concentrated their efforts this year on redfish in southeast Texas in the Xtreme Redfish Series and Galveston redfish series, and their hard work paid off with their first Team of the Year Title.

Sam and Rick led wire to wire, dominating the kayak division. Many of the events were rescheduled due to bad weather, making it difficult to locate and stay on fish when the date of the tournament continued to change. This made for a long drawn out season, but Sam and Rick's determination and hard work kept them in the lead.

They left their impression on the power boat division. At each of the weigh ins boat anglers gathered around the scales to see what Sam and Rick brought to the table. At each event they looked on in disbelief and Sam and Rick continued to bring in the largest stringer of the tournament competition.

Upcoming Events

December 17, 2011 Galveston Trophy Trout Series



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Team Ocean Kayak at the IFA Championship in Chalmette Louisiana

Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer, Clint Barghi, and Cameron Barghi qualified for this year's IFA championship tournament held in Chalmette Louisiana. This was a two day event and after day one Team Ocean Kayak's Capt. Filip Spencer was in 6th place, followed by Cameron Barghi in 7th, and Clint Barghi in 11th. Day two was the start of duck hunting season in Louisiana, and the team had to change their location and tactics for day two. After a tough day of fishing Team Ocean Kayak's Clint Barghi rallied to finish in 6th place, followed by Cameron Barghi in 8th, and Capt. Filip Spencer in 19th. Capt. Filip Spencer had a redfish escape prior to it's photograph which pushed him out of the top 10.

The IFA redfish series is a televised event which holds venues in Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Anglers from around the country fished in the championship event and Team Ocean Kayak had two anglers place in the top 10.

Next year's championship is most likely to return to Orange Beach Alabama. This year Team Ocean Kayak had to split up the team to concentrate on the IFA and Xtreme Redfish series because of a conflict in scheduling. Hopefully in 2012 we will be able to have the entire team at all the events.



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Team Ocean Kayak at Galveston Trophy Trout Series

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando, Sam Rinando, and Clint Barghi competed against a strong field of power boat guides in the second event of the Galveston Trophy Trout Series in Galveston, Texas. This is a three man, three trout event with a live weigh in. Since this is a power boat event, Team Ocean Kayak has been utilizing the Ocean Kayak Torque to get them to and from their fishing destination. Competing against some of the best professional guides in the state who fish for speckled trout almost every day is a challenge. Our team concentrates on catching redfish for the majority of the year, and locating and catching trophy speckled trout is now our main focus. Team Ocean Kayak placed 18th in this event, coming into the event in 9th place for Team of the Year.

The Galveston Trophy trout series has events in December, February, and the championship in March remaining. Team Ocean Kayak will continue to fish for speckled trout throughout the winter. Like many of the power boat tournaments in our area, we were the only kayak team entered. We are a well recognized face in the power boat tournament scene in the Galveston area, competing against many of the same professional fishing guides and anglers in both redfish and trout tournaments. We are becoming the face of kayak tournament angling in power boat tournaments. Now instead of saying "those kayakers", we are beginning to hear "That's Team Ocean Kayak". Tournament directors know us personally and support us in our effort to compete against power boats from a kayak.



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