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Team Ocean Kayak are now American Canoe Association (ACA) Certified Instructors

On October 1, 2006 Team Ocean Kayak participated in an instructor certification course held by the American Canoe Association. This was a two day course covering many aspects of canoe and kayaking. Team Ocean Kayak has been certified to teach Operation Paddle Safe, Quick Start, and Introduction to Canoe/Kayaking. Team Ocean Kayak was tested on rescue and recovery, safety, and paddle technique.

Paddle Safe teaches new kayakers the rules of the road, paddle safety checklists, the importance of life jackets, practices, ethics and conduct on the water. It also focuses on self rescue and cold water survival.

Quick Start is a brief introduction to paddling a canoe or kayak. Students are presented with basic information on dressing, paddle safety, potential hazards and simple rescues. A minimal paddle skill set is presented and practiced, allowing students to safely and comfortably maneuver on the water.

Introduction to Canoe/Kayaking is a six to eight hour course that emphasizes safety, enjoyment and skill acquisition that is relevant to both river kayak and coastal (sea) kayak touring. The topics in this course include safety, equipment, getting started, rescue, paddle strokes, and maneuvers.

Teaching introduction to kayaking courses next year will give Team Ocean Kayak exposure to many kayakers that are new to the sport. This course covers equipment, which will give us the opportunity to introduce these kayakers to our sponsor's great products. As an instructor member, any event held by Team Ocean Kayak will be eligible for Liability Insurance through the American Canoe Association.



Vincent practicing paddle strokes



Learning about kayak rocker

Promotional Events

[November 4-5, 2006 Everything Kayak Expo Port Aransas Texas](#)

[November 11, 2006 Brandon Backe Shriner's Tournament Galveston](#)

[November 18, 2006 Stars and Stripes Tournament Boliver Texas](#)



Graduation Day

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Team Ocean Kayak finishes in Third Place at Speckttacular Kayak Championship Series

October 14, 2006 Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando and Captain Filip Spencer fished in the final tournament for the Speckttacular Kayak Fishing Series. Vincent and Filip came into this tournament in second place overall for Angler of the Year honors, down by four pounds and facing difficult post cold front conditions. The weather did not cooperate with gusty north winds, above normal tides and recent rain, fishing was difficult for all participants. Vincent and Filip were able to locate one of the largest redfish caught for the entire series at six pounds six ounces, but were unable to connect on a second keeper redfish.

Slightly disappointed Vincent and Filip finished the series in third place overall for Angler of the Year. In a three tournament series it is difficult to get or maintain a large lead over the other competitors, which made for an exciting finish to the end of the series. Nudged out of second place by a mere four ounces, overall this tournaments series was a great success.



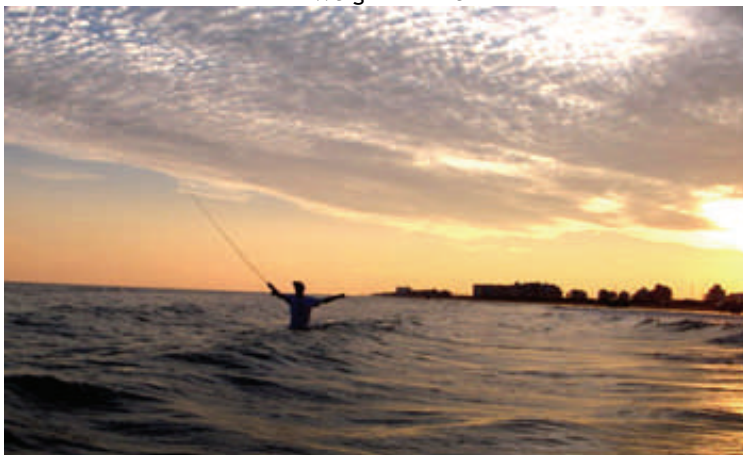
Captain Filip Spencer Promoting at the Captain's Meeting



Weigh in Time



Passing out Sponsors product literature



Jeff Herman Fly Fishing the Gulf of Mexico



A few inches bigger and we win

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Team Ocean Kayak at the Texas A & M University Adventure Club Outing Corpus Christi Texas

Team Ocean Kayak participated again in an event put on by the Texas A&M University Adventure Club on October 3, 2006 in Corpus Christi, Texas. This is always a great opportunity for Team Ocean Kayak to introduce young adults to the sport of kayaking.

The group met on the beach where Team Ocean Kayak and Wind and Wave of Corpus Christi provided the club with many Ocean Kayak products to try out in the surf.

Team Ocean Kayak travels to these events using our tournament trailer with sponsor logos loaded with a wide variety of Ocean Kayaks.



Texas A&M Adventure Club



Orientation

Team Ocean Kayak would like to thank Frank at Wind and Wave of Corpus Christi for involving our team in this great event.

Next year Team Ocean Kayak hopes to incorporate their newly acquired ACA instructor certification to incorporate a paddle safety class with the events planned for next year.



Playing in the Surf

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Team Ocean Kayak at the Fly Fishing School Ingleside Texas

On October 27th and 28th Team Ocean Kayak participated in a fly fishing class taught in Ingleside Texas. Always looking to improve our skills, Team Ocean Kayak members participated in a few fly fishing only kayak tournaments this past year, and are looking to improve our ability to compete in these events. Fly fishing is one of Team Ocean Kayak's passions. All of our member are avid fly fishermen, fly tiers and hold numerous Texas fly fishing records.

This class consisted mainly of kayak fishermen with the same passion. Held in Ingleside Texas, just a short distance from Corpus Christi. This event gave Team Ocean Kayak the opportunity to further strengthen their association with this segment of the kayak fishing sport. Bill Harvey formerly with Texas Parks and Wildlife and a certified fly fishing instructor taught the class the finer points of fly casting.



Vincent Rinando with some nice trout



Jeff Herman with an early morning trout



Capt Filip Spencer put us on some good fish



Bill Harvey filming a student's form

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