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Team Ocean Kayak repeats as Team of the Year Third Coast Kayak Series

Team Ocean Kayak repeated as the 2009 Team of the Year in the Third Coast Kayak Series. Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando, Captain Filip Spencer, Jeff Herman, Sam Rinando, and alternate Rick Spillman led from wire to wire this year to repeat as champions despite some tough competition and bad weather. Every year it gets tougher to repeat and the challenge never gets old.



Team Ocean Kayak 2009 Team of the Year

Upcoming Events

December 5, 2009 Coast-line Marine Trout Tournament Galveston, TX



Team Ocean Kayak repeats as Angler of the Year Third Coast Kayak Series

Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer carries the torch this year as the 2009 Angler of the Year in the Third Coast Kayak Series. Captain Filip Spencer placed 2nd last year behind team mate Vincent Rinando for Angler of the Year by a mere point. This year Filip left no doubt who would take home the honors winning two of the five venues outright, including the final event.

Captain Filip Spencer accumulated over 100 points for the series to set a series record. Averaging 20 points an event is the equivalent of placing no worse than 2nd place, that's pretty impressive. Once it was apparent that it was Filip's race to lose, as a team we left Filip alone to do what he does best, win tournaments.

Captain Filip Spencer would like to thank his lovely wife Lisa and daughter for their support and understanding during the tournament season. Team Ocean Kayak would also like to thank the Spencer family for their hospitality this year, opening up their home to the team.



Captain Filip Spencer 2009 Angler of the Year

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Team Ocean Kayak wins Third Coast Kayak Series Port Aransas, Texas

Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer took home 1st Place in the Slam division to secure Angler of the Year honors for 2009. Alternate Rick Spillman placed 4th and Vincent Rinando placed 5th in the slam division, while Jeff Herman placed 5th in the redfish division. Team Ocean Kayak earned enough points in this event to hold off the competition for Team of the Year for 2009 as well.

A cold front pushed into town and dropped temperatures and brought with it some steady winds. The weigh in was held at Newport golf course on Mustang Island in Port Aransas. Team Ocean Kayak spread out into three different spots in an effort to maximize our coverage of the area. The team's redfish seemed to come easily and early, but we had difficulty locating any quality trout.

This event had good participation and Saturday's weigh in was greeted with sunny skies and mild temperatures. A shrimp boil was held at the weigh in and every one enjoyed the quality food after a long day of fishing.

We decided before the tournament to hold a small slam contest for the smallest two fish combination. Each contestant would be required to donate an unused lure as an entry fee and the winner would take home all the lures. We kicked off the contest by donating a bunch nice lures from our sponsors. The winner took home a very nice bucket full of lures.



Captain Filip Spencer 1st Place Slam



Vincent Rinando, Jeff Herman, and Rick Spillman at the podium

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Team Ocean Kayak at Austin Canoe and Kayak Paddle Demo Houston, Texas

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinand and Clint Barghi were on hand at this year's Austin Canoe and Kayak Paddle demo held near Sugarland, Texas. Saturday overcast skies held off rain and the crowds were steady. One of the big winners at this event was the new Ocean Trident Torque, a kayak driven by a MinnKota trolling motor. Customers young and old enjoyed the free ride provided by this powerful motor. We used the Torque throughout the event without the need to recharge the battery. It also towed a second kayak without effort back and forth across the lake.

Sunday's forecast was for heavy rains. Vincent and Clint hit the lake a couple hours prior to the event in search of fish as usual. Vincent caught a nice catfish on a fly rod, while Clint caught a monster Gaspergou. This is a freshwater variety of drum. Go figure a Team Ocean Kayak member catches a drum while freshwater fishing. It was a nice surprise and the smile on Clint's face shows he was pleased. Although it rained really hard until about 1pm, people still showed up to try out their favorite kayak and Sunday's sales matched Saturday's despite the poor weather conditions.

Team Ocean Kayak setup a sponsor tent with rigged tournament kayak on display and spent time in between rain showers talking kayaking and fishing with the customers huddled under our tent.



Clint with a nice drum

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

Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer helped out with the most recent Wind and Wave paddle demo held in Corpus Christi, Texas. Over-cast skies held off rain and the day turned out to be pleasantly mild.

Captain Filip Spencer was setup to answer customer's questions about kayaking and fishing.

The new Ocean Kayak Torque continues to be the big attention grabber at the paddle demos and stays in the water for most of the demo.

The paddle demo was held along side South Padre Island Drive, a heavily traveled highway between the city of Corpus Christi and Padre Island.

These final few paddle demos have been a good opportunity to introduce customers to the new products that are being released now for the 2010 season. Gives the customer the opportunity to do a little Christmas shopping early this year.

Customers were interested in how to prepare for fall and the upcoming winter months and continue to enjoy the sport of kayaking year round. Proper gear is essential to being properly prepared for kayaking during the winter. A good spray top, pants, and a proper fitting PFD are essential pieces of equipment.

Team Ocean Kayak would like to thank Frank and the staff at Wind and Wave for their continued support throughout the tournament and promotional season.



Getting People signed up and paddling



Another Torque Fan



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Team Ocean Kayak at Austin Canoe and Kayak Paddle Demo San Marcos, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer and Jeff Herman were on hand at this year's Austin Canoe and Kayak paddle demo held at city park in San Marcos, Texas. City park is a great venue for any kayaking event and is currently home to the Texas Whitewater championships. Complete with kayak polo and slalom courses, this park has been sculptured for the kayaking enthusiast. San Marcos is also home to Texas State University and is a typical college and retirement community. Accustomed to water sports, the San Marcos community schedule their outdoor activities around the many rivers and lakes in the area.

Crowds were steady both Saturday and Sunday, with little or no rain on Saturday and only brief rain showers on Sunday.

Team Ocean Kayak setup a sponsor's tent complete with product table and rigged tournament kayak. Filip and Jeff were on hand to answer any questions and assist customers on and off the water. It was a great time and we look forward to doing it again at this venue in the future.



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