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Team Ocean Kayak places 10th at IFA Championship

Team Ocean Kayak's Filip Spencer travelled to Louisiana for the IFA two day championship.

Had a great time pre fishing for the IFA. Caught lots of big red fish. In basically came down to one cast. First thing in the morning I spent almost 45 minutes on a gigantic jack. About the time I get the jack in Steve who won the tournament was on with a 37 red about 10 minutes later the front hit with 40+ winds. Being out in the pass the waves were four and five ft Rollers. We all had to hunker down for about 2 hours. The chase boat got swamped but, they got some really great footage of a very dangerous situation. We all knew what were doing made in safely. Congrats to all the winners. Did end up in the top 10



Fil with a nice bull red on day 1



Fil accepting 10th Place

Upcoming Events

November 9, 2013 West End Anglers Winter Trout Series

November 9, 2013 Chorizo Winter Redfish Tournament.

November 16, 2013 Galveston Trophy Trout Series

December 7, 2013 Chorizo Flounder Tournament

December 7, 2013 West End Winter Trout Series

December 14, 2013 Galveston Trophy Trout Series



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Team Ocean Kayak at Galveston Trophy Trout Series

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando, Clint Barghi, and Sam Rinando fished the first event in this years Galveston Trophy Trout Series. As luck would have it a strong cold front hit the coast on tournament day and with winds over 30mph and tide drops in excess of 3 feet, fishing was tough. Only a few teams even caught fish. First place was a mere 9 pounds for three fish. Second and Third place were single fish stringers. We boxed two very small trout, and made the decision to stay and fish until the last second for that one bite. With over \$800.00 invested in a single event, getting paid, not just weighing fish is the main goal. Making the decision to risk not making the weigh in for a chance to get that one bite that would get you paid, was a difficult one. The drive to the weigh in would require another \$60.00 investment in gas, we decided to cut our losses and save up for the next event. Our 3-4lbs of trout would have slotted us around 5th place. This series only pays the top 3 places.



The new Stage and holding tank is Awesome



Clint ended up eating these fish, wonder what \$400.00/each trout taste like?

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Team Ocean Kayak places 10th in Lone Star Kayak Series

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando placed 10th place yesterday in the Lonestar Kayak Series event.

I had the exact same results as last tournament, found one nice 27" redfish, but couldn't get any other reds over 23." Caught probably 20 reds, 15 trout. Tropical storm Karen messed up everyone's plans. I've never fished the marsh I was in with that much water. Tides were 3 feet above normal and water was everywhere. I would... rank this weekend in the top 5 all-time dangerous and adventurous tournaments. It takes a lot to make my top 5, number 1 was getting yanked off the top of my kayak by a 6 1/2 foot alligator gar and almost eaten alive. The marsh I fished is notorious for alligators, last event Sam and I counted 15 before daylight. Usually not a problem, but teal (duck) season just ended, and alligator season ended Oct 1. Should be a safe time to go in there right? Man I was wrong, I guess the gators have been in there eating crippled ducks and the hunters must be cleaning their ducks where I launched. As soon as I put on my headlight to unload, I caught the shine of alligator eyes on the far bank of the bayou. Heard it jump in and looked up to see it swimming right at me, no problem, just sees my light and is curious. Continued to unload and when I looked back up it was right on the bank facing me about 15 feet away. I reached for my paddle and looked for something to throw, the only thing in reach was a full can of Dr. Pepper. When I looked away to grab the can and looked back it was stalking out of the water onto the bank. I stood up and exploded that can of DP on top of that gator's head, hopefully taught it a lesson. Need to find out what the LA and FL guys do to spook them off, throwing things at them usually makes them even more curious and splashing only excites them. Maybe a M80 firecracker would do the trick or a roman candle. Needless to say I waited a bit before I launched. Started my paddle only to find that a well head or pump jack or some oil field equipment must be underwater because there was about a 1/2" sheen of oil/gas on the surface of the water. Paddled in that crap for 1.5 mi. down the bayou before I got out of it. I had been paddling over gators all morning. With the petrol in the water, none of them were on the surface, which sucked, because they would lay just under the surface and wait for you to touch them with the kayak or get on top of them before they would spook. I looked like a Can Can girl, jerking my leg out of the way each time they splashed...Hey that's how the alligator gar got me, grabbed me by the leg, so I guess I'm sensitive to that lol. Just about the time I would relax, I would run over another. Had one do a nose dive next to the kayak and tail slap the crap out of me, knocked a couple things out of the kayak, woke me up for sure. I first 2 casts yielded 1 gator, 1 six foot alligator gar, time to move It was a long day, paddled about 10 miles, give or take a mile, it was brutally hot, rained for about 2 minutes, then steam bath for the rest of the time. I was able to weigh in both my redfish alive, I didn't have a single redfish die on me this year. Kinda glad that this kayak tournament season is over with, for the past 3 summers I've been battling health problems or recovering from an auto accident, seem I get hurt in April and recover by October. I am soooooo ready for winter trout fishing against the power boats, we have about 10-15 tournaments between now and March. No more Bataan death march paddles in stagnant heat.



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Team Ocean Kayak places 5th at West End Redfish Showdown

Team Ocean Kayak's Clint Barghi placed 5th in the West End Redfish Showdown.

Fun day yesterday. Excited to see some big money was raised for the shriners hospital. too bad it was a Sloooooooooow day of fishing. Was shocked to see we snuck in the top 5 as we almost skipped the weighin due to small fish luckily everyone but 3 teams had the same problem. Congrats to the defending champs Jeremy Chavez and Jason Blackwell for taking secondand Kaylin Barlow and Thomas Barlow for taking third. Top 3 had great fish.....for the rest of us it was a battle of small fish. 5-10 all posted within .5 lbs. thanks Coe Parker for a great event.



Clint with 5th Place Trophy

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