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Team Ocean Kayak rack up 3 Victories in the Month of October

Team Ocean Kayak was back on track for the month of October, scoring three separate victories. Clint and Cameron Barghi took home the 1st ever Bracket Championship. This four tournament event, based in Galveston, TX had boundaries from Louisiana to Matagorda and matched up over 130 tournament anglers in a championship bracket format. Clint and Cameron Barghi were the only kayakers entered and defeated some of the best power boat tournament anglers in the country to win the championship. Their 3rd place finish in the final leg also placed them 3rd in Team of the Year. The only kayakers to ever place in the top 3 for team of the year in the Galveston Spectacular Redfish Series.

Captain Filip Spencer placed 1st in the YakAttack kayak tournament held in Rockport, Texas. This was a catch, photo and release tournament and Captain Filip's two fish combination was the largest of the tournament.

Sam Rinando and Rick Spillman placed 1st in the final leg of the Xtreme Redfish Tournament Series held in Port O'Connor, Texas. Sam and Rick put together the perfect stringer and defeated the field of contestants. In the previous leg of this series, Sam caught the largest redfish of the venue, but they were unable to get their second fish. It was nice to see them finally put it all together and secure the win. Team Ocean Kayak placed 3rd and 4th for Team of the Year in the series.

Upcoming Events

November 11-14, 2010 IFA Championship Orange Beach, AL



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Team Ocean Kayak wins the YakAttack Kayak Tournament in Rockport, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer placed 1st in this year's YakAttack Tournament held in Rockport, Texas. This was a benefit tournament for Camp Aranzazu for children in the Rockport area. This event also was held in conjunction with a Heroes on the Water event on Friday.

Captain Filip Spencer located a difficult trout bite and came in with some awesome trout of 21,23, and 24.5 inches. He paired this with a nice slot redfish to win the slam division of the kayak tournament.

This was the 4th Hobie kayak that Team Ocean Kayak has won this year.

Congrats to Captain Filip Spencer on his 1st place victory.



Captain Filip Spencer wins the YakAttack



This big trout sealed the deal for Captain Fil's 1st place finish

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Team Ocean Kayak's Intro to Sea Kayaking Class

Ocean Kayak Pro Staff held there 4.5th annual (missed a year due to Hurricane Ike) Paddle Safety Class. Working with Artist Boat this ACA certified course in kayaking is always a hit with the new kayak fishermen who take the class. We'll let their comments speak for themselves:

(from TKF)

"Thank you to all who put on and sponsored this class as it was great. Very nice day and met some very nice folks plus I learned a whole lot which was exactly what I was looking for being a noob to this.

The rescue and reentry section was worth it to me alone. Its one thing to read methods but great to actually be able to put them into practice. The class touched just enough on many different topics such gear, etc before moving into the water phase."

"Wow! Just wow! Absolutely stellar event! To all the sponsors, TKF, Artist Boat, and Team Ocean Kayak, thank you for making this class possible. I've still got a lot to learn but it makes a big difference knowing I can do my "learning" safely. Special thanks to Ocean Kayak, Necky, TFO, Fish Grip, and Scotty; your swag donations made a phenomenal day even better!"



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Team Ocean Kayak take 1st and 2nd at Xtreme Redfish Tournament Port O'Connor, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Sam Rinando and Rick Spillman caught two 27+ inch redfish to secure 1st place in the Xtreme Redfish Series held in Port O'Connor. Captain Filip Spencer and Cameron Barghi placed 2nd with two nice redfish as well. Sam and Rick located their fish early and spent most of the day trying to keep them alive. Fil and Cameron on the other hand spent the day culling redfish on a long and windy paddle.

After a quick polygraph by officials, never a fun thing to go through. Rick and Sam emerged as the winners of the Port O'Connor leg of the series.

Team Ocean Kayak finished 3rd and 4th for Team of the Year in this series, not one of our best efforts, it always seemed like we were one bite away or one loss fish away from winning the event. But that's fishing, sometimes you win and sometimes the fish wins.

The Xtreme Redfish Series is a total weight tournament series. We fell behind to a large margin in the very first event in early spring when a strong cold front hit the coast and made our fish difficult to locate. We were never able to make up that margin throughout the year. The series champions had a great year, were seasoned veteran kayak tournament anglers, and led wire to wire, not an easy task. Hats off to em, we'll get em next year.



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Team Ocean Kayak raises 3600.00 for Artist Boat

Team Ocean Kayak donated a Necky Chatham to Artist Boat for their annual fundraising event "Float the Boat". The donated kayak raised 3600.00 for the good folks at Artist Boat! Thanks Necky and Ocean Kayak for helping a most worthy cause!



Donated Necky Chatham raises 3600.00 for Artist Boats

Team Ocean Kayak wins Championship Bracket place 3rd for Team of the Year

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Clint and Cameron's mammoth stringer placed them 3rd in the final leg of the event and also secured them in 3rd place overall for Team of the Year. The only kayakers to ever place in the top 3 for team of the year in the Galveston Specktacluar Redfish Series. This series is generally a power boat tournament, where some of the state's best professional guides and tournament anglers compete in a live redfish format from the Sabine River on the Louisiana shoreline to the Matagorda River.



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Team Ocean Kayak with Heroes on the Water Danbury, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando, Jeff Herman, and Rick Spillman had the pleasure of hosting the Heroes on the Water Project Victory event in Danbury.

We had four of our heroes attend this event with the team. We were invited to fish some private bass lakes south of Houston. We started out fishing from the bank, then loaded up the kayaks and fished throughout the lakes. We had a blast and all the soldiers caught fish.

All four of these soldiers were from all over the United States. Most were in Houston for treatment, and most were expected to stay anywhere from 6-8 weeks. That's a long time to be away from friends and family, and from speaking with them to do miss their families. It was nice to get them out of the hotel for a change of scenery and for some laughs. We had a great time, the weather could not have been nicer.

It never amazes me anymore, the fine men and women of our armed forces. Their attitude is awesome, and we spent the entire day laughing, joking, fishing, and relaxing.

Thanks to HOW for the wonderful program and for giving us the opportunity and privilege to participate.



One of our active duty Heroes relaxing on the water

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