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Team Ocean Kayak at the Third Coast Kayak Series Kingsville, Texas

Team Ocean Kayak participated in the fourth leg of the Third Coast Kayak fishing tournament that was held in Port Mansfield, Texas. This was a very difficult venue with limited launch sites and difficult and crowded fishing conditions. Although the team had limited success, Captain Filip Spencer did manage to place 6th overall in the stringer division and Vincent Rinando won the smallest redfish prize. Team Ocean Kayak is ready for the championship tournament that will be held on October 25, 2008. Currently Team Ocean Kayak is in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for Angler of the Year and has clinched the Team of the Year Title with one tournament remaining. This final tournament should be a race to the finish, with all three Team Ocean Kayak members within 10 points of each other and the inter-Team competition should be fierce. Team Ocean Kayak would like to recognize Captain Filip Spencer for this hard work in scouting places to fish for this series. With all five venues in south Texas, the team has depended on Filip to perform the leg work and scouting necessary to be successful. The hard work and expert knowledge that Captain Filip Spencer brings to the team is very apparent in the standing you see below.

Angler of the Year Standings

Vincent Rinando 70pts
Sam Rinando 65pts
Capt. Filip Spencer 60pts
Ken Bankes 50pts
Rick Favor 47pts
Dave Haley 45pts
Tom Bulger 42pts
Joe Peddy 41pts
Joe Adame 40pts

Team of the Year Standings

Team Ocean Kayak 241pts
King Z 120 pts
Team Zero 101pts
Team Oso 83pts
Team BNK 53pts

Promotional Events

October 24-25, 2008 Kayak Expo Aransas Pass, Tx

October 25, 2008 Third Coast Kayak Tournament Series Championship



Capt. Filip Spencer paddling out.



Vincent accepts the prize for smallest redfish

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Team Ocean Kayak at Austin Canoe and Kayak Demo Days Austin, Texas

Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer was on hand in Austin for Austin Canoe and Kayak's demo day. It was a beautiful sunny day with large crowds and a great venue. Austin Canoe and Kayak were introducing Ocean Kayak's new lineup of kayaks for 2009 including the new Trident 11 and 13 kayaks. Many kayakers specifically came out to try out these new kayaks and were not disappointed by the improvements Ocean Kayak has made to their kayaks. The Austin market is also a strong seller of sit inside kayaks. Many Austin kayakers paddle as a means of exercise, and the comfort, portability and speed of a sit inside kayak is a popular choice.



Team Ocean Kayak at Austin Canoe and Kayak San Marcos, Texas

Team Ocean Kayak' Captain Filip Spencer was on hand at Austin Canoe and Kayak's demo day held in San Marcos, Texas. Again the weather was wonderful and large crowds were in attendance. San Marcos is the college town of Texas State University, and the active lifestyle of the student base is centered around activities on the San Marcos, Blanco and Guadalupe Rivers. These pristine waterways are the perfect venue for today's kayakers. College students are always looking for new water activities and this is a good way to introduce them to the sport of kayaking.



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Team Ocean Kayak at Texas Parks and Wildlife Expo College Station , Texas

Team Ocean Kayak's Jeff Herman was invited to attend the Texas Parks and Wildlife Expo held at the Academy store in College Station, Texas. Jeff was on hand promoting Johnson Outdoors products and speaking with customers about kayaking and kayak fishing. Jeff was a spokesman for Johnson Outdoor's bug repellent brand OFF. Keeping yourself free from mosquitoes is something Team Ocean Kayak is very familiar. Nothing is more difficult to deter than a hungry coastal marsh mosquito and no other brand of bug repellent on the market today is more effective than OFF. Team Ocean Kayak is proud to be able to assist Johnson Outdoors in the promotion of the wonderful products and thankful to Texas Parks and Wildlife for this great opportunity. With Jeff's experience as a public speaker and his enthusiasm for the sport of kayaking, the event was a great success.

Team Ocean Kayak hit hard by Hurricane IKE

Most of Team Ocean Kayak's members sustained significant damage due to Hurricane Ike's effects. Probably the most significant was the Bay House owned by the Rinando family. The fishing shack as it is referred, received significant damage and is slated for demolition very soon. Team Ocean Kayak used this house for accommodations during events and tournaments around the Galveston Bay complex and will have to stay in hotels for the 2009 season. Many of the team received damage to their homes as well and remained without power after Hurricane Ike for as long as two weeks. We've been real busy replacing fences, trimming trees, picking up debris, and returning our lives to normal. Galveston Island remains restricted to non-landowners, and has put a real damper on the fishing in the area.



The Team Fishing Shack was Totaled by IKE

Damage aside, we were very lucky and thankful that everyone escaped the storm unharmed.

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