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Team Ocean Kayak places Third in North American Kayak Angler Tournament

On December 2, 2006 Team Ocean Kayak participated in the North American Kayak Angler tournament in Galveston. Although the weather started out cold, with temperatures in the thirties at daylight, it turned out to be a beautiful day. Team Ocean Kayak placed third overall in the heaviest stringer category. Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer placed first in the flounder division, Robert Harvey placed third in the redfish division and Vincent Rinando placed fourth in the redfish division. We had a great day of fishing and caught plenty of fish.

This tournament was a pilot event for a new kayak fishing series to debut in 2007. This tournament series is a four man team event for the largest stringer of three fish. With many of the tournament series going to a two man team format, Team Ocean Kayak is looking forward to participating in this series next year.

Our strategy for this tournament was for the team to split up and cover as much water as possible and then gather back together before the weigh in at the most productive spot. With temperatures in the thirties at daylight, the flounder and trout were difficult fish to find. Both Jeff and Filip found flounder and Filip found a few trout. Flounder are a migratory fish, and migrate into the Gulf during winter time. This is very late in the year to be catching flounder. Redfish seemed to be the fish of the day. Team Ocean Kayak had a great afternoon, fishing with friends and catching redfish.

[More Details](#)



Getting our third place trophies



Capt. Fil in the Big Game

Promotional Events

January 5-14 Houston Boat Show

[January 20 Stars and Stripes Tournament Galveston, TX](#)

January 20 Cabela's Captains weekend Austin, TX



Vincent with some redfish



Robert receiving his 3rd place prize



Jeff with a nice redfish

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Team Ocean Kayak members awarded Elite Angler Status by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando and Captain Filip Spencer were awarded the designation of Elite Angler by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. This designation is given to anglers who catch trophy class fish of five different species of saltwater fish. Elite ranking will be announced at the end of the year and the angler will receive a special certificate commemorating their accomplishment.

Currently there are only four anglers in the state of Texas with this designation. Vincent and Filip will be added to this list which appears on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department website. ([Elite Anglers](#)).

Team Ocean Kayak has put in a request with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to add our website link next to our name when it is added to this web page. We have been in contact with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department about increasing awareness of their many fishing records and recognition programs by participating in many of them.



Elite Angler Awards

Team Ocean Kayak members make their mark on Texas Fishing Record Books

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando and Captain Filip Spencer are beginning to make an impact on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department State fishing record books. Over the years the members of Team Ocean Kayak have caught numerous fish that would have broken many state records. Most of these fish were released, and many of us were unaware of body of water records held by the Texas Parks and Wildlife for the coastal waters. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department have initiated a new program recently for catch and release. Catch and Release records will be judged by length rather than weight, allowing the fish to be released unharmed. The catch and release format is divided by fly rod and rod and reel division. Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer has begun his assault on the rod and reel division of the catch and release category by setting five new catch and release state records. Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando recently caught the new state body of water record black drum on a fly rod for Galveston Bay. And will begin his pursuit of the fly rod catch and release records this upcoming year. Team Ocean Kayak has received fifteen Big Fish Awards from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department which are awarded to anglers who catch trophy class fish.

State Records

Flyrod Records

Sand Seatrout	State Record	
Sand Seatrout	Body of Water	Galveston Bay
Ladyfish	Body of Water	Galveston Bay
Black Drum	Body of Water	Galveston Bay

Rod and Reel Records

Speckled Seatrout	Body of Water	Corpus Christi Bay
Sand Seatrout	Body of Water	Corpus Christi Bay
Red Drum	Body of Water	Corpus Christi Bay
Southern Flounder	Body of Water	Corpus Christi Bay
Black Drum	Body of Water	Corpus Christi Bay
Southern Flounder	Body of Water	Aransas Bay
Spotted Seatrout	Body of Water	Aransas Bay

Catch and Release

Speckled Seatrout	State Record
Southern Flounder	State Record
Black Drum	State Record
Sand Seatrout	State Record
Sheephead	State Record

Top 10 Saltwater

Red Drum	4th Place	Gulf of Mexico
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Team Ocean Kayak donates kayak to Artist Boat

On December 13, 2006 Team Ocean Kayak's Jeff Herman donated a Ocean Kayak Prowler 13 to the Galveston chapter of Artist Boat. Artist Boat is a non profit group that takes between 1000 and 1500 school kids paddling every year to learn about ecology and the environment. The organizers of Artist Boat are ACA certified instructors and have helped Team Ocean Kayak out in the past with paddle safety courses. Artist Boat is dedicated to promoting awareness and preservation of coastal margins and marine environment through disciplines of sciences and the arts.

The donated Prowler 13 is prepayment for a kayak safety class to be hosted for kayakers in the spring. This is a great cause and Team Ocean Kayak is proud to be one of it's partners.



Kids in Kayaks



Artist Boat directors with their new Ocean kayak Prowler

Season's Greetings From Team Ocean Kayak



Team Ocean Kayak would like to wish you and your family a Safe and Happy Holiday Season and a prosperous and Happy New Year.

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