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Team Ocean Kayak wins the Brandon Backe Shrine Benefit Tournament [More Details](#)

On November 11, 2006 Team Ocean Kayak participated in the Brandon Backe Benefit Tournament in Galveston. Brandon Backe is a world series starting pitcher for the Houston Astros. His foundation benefits the Shrine Burn Hospital. There were more than 200 anglers fishing in this years event. Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando and Robert Harvey were the only contestants fishing from a kayak. This was a very high profile event that was held at the Galveston Yacht Basin. The weigh in was held near the boat ramp, where there was a large crowd in attendance.

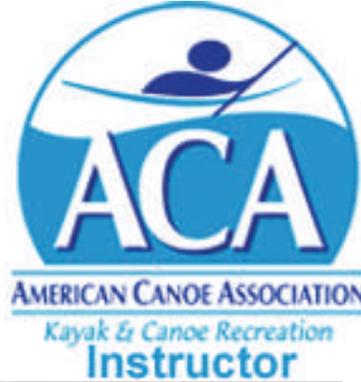
The Backe foundation raised over \$100,000 for the Burn Hospital, with various items auctioned. Over three hundred people attended the awards banquet that was held in a large tent at the Galveston Yacht Club.

Team Ocean Kayak won the overall tournament with the 1st Place and 4th Place heaviest stringer and the 2nd place redfish. Fishing conditions were tough, a cold front blew in on Friday, lowering the temperatures and bring with it winds over 30 mph. The winds died down to a reasonable 20-25 mph at launch time. Robert and Vincent decided to hit the marsh to try and get some relief from the winds. It paid off, they caught 11 redfish and 2 trout.

Team Ocean Kayak being the only kayakers in this event really generate a buzz. The results for this tournament made the [front page of the sports section](#), as well as, [the fishing report section of the Galveston Paper](#). For the year Team Ocean Kayak won the trout tournament the Shriner's held in September and the redfish tournament held in November defeating power boaters in each.

Promotional Events

[December 2, 2006 North American Kayak Anglers Tournament Galveston, TX](#)



Crowd Gathers for the weigh in



Even Larger Crowd at the awards



Brandon Hands Vincent his award



Vincent's 1st and 2nd Place Awards



Robert Landing another redfish



Winning Stringer

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Team Ocean Kayak at the Everything Kayak Expo in Port Aransas Texas—Kayak Rigging and Fishing Seminar [More Details](#)

Team Ocean Kayak participated in this year's Everything Kayak Expo held in Port Aransas Texas. We loaded up the team trailer and placed it in a highly visible location. We also added a pink Ocean Kayak Venus to the trailer to attract even more attention. It worked. Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer taught daily seminars on kayak fishing and kayak rigging. This was a great opportunity for Team Ocean Kayak to introduce kayaker's to the wonderful products our sponsors produce. The Seminar was held in a large tent on the expo grounds.

Team Ocean Kayak always jumps at the opportunity to present seminars on kayak fishing and kayak rigging. We are able to discuss and demonstrate the equipment that we use and the products that we represent with people interested in the sport. The visibility we gain from performing seminars like this, adds to the credibility Team Ocean Kayak is building within the water sport community. Team Ocean Kayak is quickly becoming the face and voice of kayak fishing.



Promotion Trailer at Everything Kayak Expo



Talking about HookNLine Maps



Talking about Pentax Cameras



Showing the group Kistler Rods

Team Ocean Kayak at the Everything Kayak Expo in Port Aransas Texas—Scotty Water Sport Promotion [More Details](#)

Team Ocean Kayak was more than happy to help out with the Scotty Paddle Sports booth at this year's Everything Kayak Expo in Port Aransas Texas. Team Ocean Kayak outfits all of its tournament and demonstration kayaks with Scotty equipment. The rugged durability of Scotty products are unequalled. Team Ocean Kayak had its tournament kayaks on display at the event. Captain Filip Spencer also performed demonstrations using the Scotty Kayak Stabilizer system.



Demonstrating the Stabilizers



Scotty rigged kayaks on Display

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Team Ocean Kayak Paddle Tour at Everything Kayak Expo Port Aransas Texas [More Details](#)

Team Ocean Kayak's Captain Filip Spencer led a group of kayakers on a guided paddle tour of Port Aransas. This was a great opportunity for Team Ocean Kayak to provide instruction, tips, and advice to kayakers while on the water where they can be demonstrated. It was a great day on the water, a little breezy, but a pleasant paddle.



It Started off a little choppy and windy



Overcast skies, but the rain held off

Team Ocean Kayak Teaches Paddle Safety Class at the Everything Kayak Expo in Port Aransas Texas [More Details](#)

Team Ocean Kayak's Jeff Herman and Captain Filip Spencer taught daily kayak safety classes at this year's Everything Kayak Expo in Port Aransas. This was a great opportunity for Team Ocean Kayak to introduce kayaker's to the wonderful products our sponsors produce. Participants were given an introduction to paddling a canoe or kayak. Students were presented with basic information on dressing, paddle safety, potential hazards, and simple rescues. A minimal paddle skill set was presented and practiced, allowing students to safely and comfortably maneuver on the water. Team Ocean Kayak was recently certified as instructors by the American Canoe Association, and this was a good opportunity to get our feet wet as instructors.



Jeff Herman instructing students



Capt. Filip Spencer teaches paddle strokes



Captain Filip Spencer helping launch



Capt. Filip Spencer with dry land instruction



Jeff Herman on the water



Students learning paddle strokes

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Team Ocean Kayak excels in Stars and Stripes Kayak Tournament Boliver, Texas

[More Details](#)

Stiff competition at this year's Stars and Stripes Boliver Tournament. We finally had some beautiful weather with cool mornings and a mild afternoon. A front blew into town on Thursday, and left with most of the water from the bays. Very low tides concentrated the fish into the usual spots. This concentration also concentrated the anglers and made the competition anyone's game. Team Ocean Kayak's Robert Harvey and teammate Shane Meche found some excellent trout, many of which would have won many tournaments this year. Unfortunately for Robert mild conditions yielded some excellent catches. Shane's trout finished in second place and Robert's finished a close third. Robert finished high in the Angler of the Year competition for the 2006 Stars and Stripes series. Team Ocean Kayak would like to thank Shane Meche for lending the team his time and fishing skills in this year's event. Team Ocean Kayak looks forward to the Stars and Stripes tournament growing in 2007. Currently Stars and Stripes has six tournaments on the schedule with two event down south in Corpus Christi and Port Aransas. Team Ocean Kayak is excited about being able to fish some of Captain Filip Spencer's home waters in competition this upcoming year.



Gathering on the Beach for the weigh in



Cars lined up on the Beach



Robert with a November Redfish



The ladies with their winning redfish

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