

## Pro Staff News

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### Team Ocean Kayak takes 5th at Galveston Redfish Series Tournament

Team Ocean Kayak's Clint and Cameron Barghi continued to impress at the Galveston Redfish Series taking 5th place in a field of 71 power boat teams. Team members Sam Rinando and Rick Spillman also had a good showing finishing 21st in the second event of the year. Both teams stay alive in the hunt for both Team of the Year and the Bracket Championship, which was won in 2010 by Clint and Cameron Barghi.

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando fished this event solo from the Ocean Kayak Torque, unable to locate but only one competitive fish, he opted let the fish swim. It was logistical maiden voyage for live fish from the Torque, typically we fish areas too shallow for even the Torque, but Vincent was able to get to and from his location and carry live fish on the stringer while under power without killing the fish. Lessons learned from this first trip will be useful in future power boat tournaments where the Torque will aid Team Ocean Kayak to venture even further into areas previously unreachable by paddle alone.

This event once again brought out a large crowd with over 140 anglers on 71 teams competing for 1st place. The first place team brought in a 17.88lb two redfish stringer. The competition in this tournament is unequalled in redfish tournaments nationally and this type of heavy weight is common in this series and unrivalled in any tournament nationally.

Clint and Cameron Barghi and Sam Rinando and Rick Spillman remain alive in the Bracket Championship which will wrap up on September 24 at the final event. There are two more venues left in the season, Clint and Cameron finished in 3rd place last year for Team of the Year, and are currently in the hunt to take this title, this is a remarkable accomplishment given the competition. Sam and Rick are poised to finish high in the standings for Team of the Year as well. With only 3 kayak teams entered in this series, all Team Ocean Kayak teams, finishing with 2 teams in the top 5 would be impressive. This series has been averaging over 70 team and nearly 150 anglers at each event, most professional guides in the Galveston bay area.

### Upcoming Events

August 20, 2011 Galveston Redfish Series



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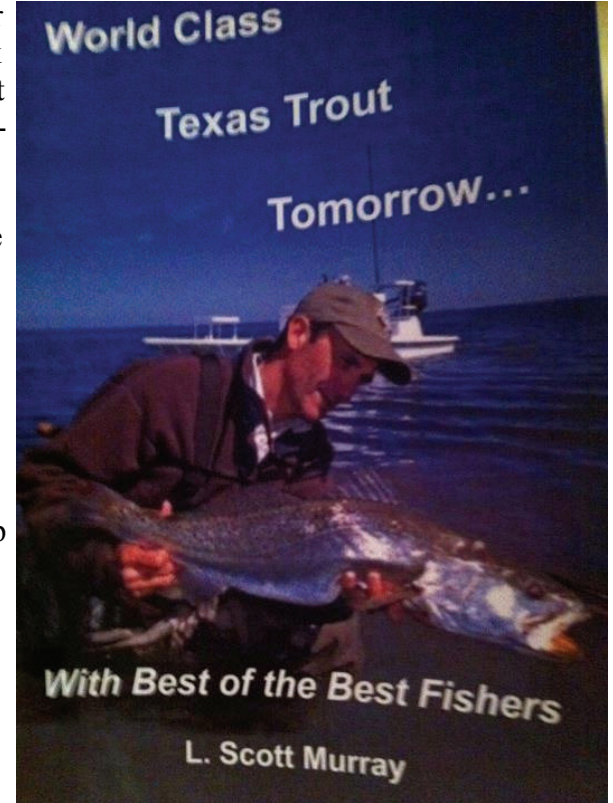
### Team Ocean Kayak in Print

Team Ocean Kayak's Vincent Rinando and Captain Filip Spencer were among a handful of Texas anglers who were featured in a new book *World Class Texas Trout Tomorrow...With Best of Best Fishers*, by Scott Murray. Scott received our names from Texas Parks and Wildlife department as among some of the Texas anglers that hold current State Speckled Trout records.

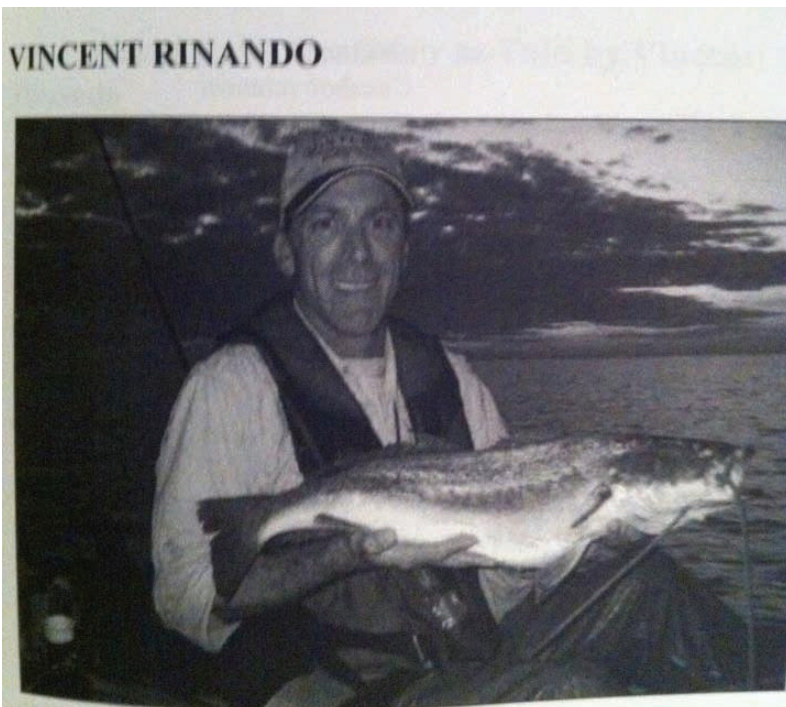
We did an interview with Scott at the beginning of the year where he asks us to describe both the state of our local fisheries, and a brief story about our best speckled trout catches.

The feature on both Vincent and Filip included a brief fishing bio as well as current state records each of us hold with Texas Parks and Wildlife.

It was some good exposure and it was nice to be included along side some of the legends in Texas trout fishing. Filip wasn't very happy with the picture they decided to publish, but hey when you are holding up two fish of a lifetime in one photo, it's probably going to be chosen. We got a good laugh, all of us have pictures from the 70s and 80s like this, just not with two monster trout.



Book Cover by Scott Murray



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### Team Ocean Kayak with Artist Boats outing Galveston, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Rick Spillman pitched in to help out the non profit group Artist Boats lead a group of kayakers into the marsh for a day of science and art. This is a great charity and it's always nice to help out.



### Team Ocean Kayak with Artist Boats outing Galveston, TX

Team Ocean Kayak's Rick Spillman pitched in to bail out Artist Boats on a charity paddle when one of the volunteers could not attend. At the last minute Rick got his stuff together and help lead another paddle group of kayakers into the marsh for a day of paddling, art, and science. Way to go Rick for being willing to drop everything to help out this worthy cause.



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### Team Ocean Kayak at Johnson Outdoors Dealers Conference Atlanta, GA

Team Ocean Kayak's Jeff Herman travelled to Atlanta Georgia for this year's dealer's conference held at Stone Mountain. It's a great opportunity to try out new models of kayaks, get information about new products and catch up with other pro staff members. One of the big hits this year were the Necky Vector 14, Ocean Kayak Tetra 10 and 12 and the Ocean Kayak Ultra 4.3. The weather was great and everyone involved had a great time.



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