



***From the Helm***

*by Art Ponce, Club President*

Hello Marlin Club members. We had our annual club meeting at the SWYC April 1<sup>st</sup>, and it was by all measures, it was a phenomenal success. I'd like to thank The Crow's Nest staff and Anthony Hsieh for their participation. Their participation is a testament to their commitment to the club and the community. I also want to thank SWYC's David Verdugo and Dick Templin for setting up and allowing us to hold the meeting at their club. Capt. Steve Lassley and Capt. Pete Groesbeck held a question and answer session that was so informative, I wish I had taken more notes. They were very candid about their strategies and the idiosyncrasies that make them the best in the field. The new Viking BC Edition SF is something to dream about. You can tell they are all very proud of the yacht, and we wish them the best.

April 20<sup>th</sup> was the club open house. We had many members helping out. You all know who you are, and I thank you for your help. We had a lot of children at the docks enjoying the magic of fishing with their friends and parents. It's always a great kick to see the excitement of child who just caught his or her first fish. We also had a booth at the Day at the Docks festival. Many people approached us about who we are, and a few joined up. Don Wroncy and Bill McLeod were invaluable with this day being a success.

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, we hold the first Sundowner for the season. Festivities start at 4pm. We will have a potluck afternoon feast. This is a perfect opportunity to come and meet new and old friends. We will have an informative presentation by Brad Abbot of Costa del Mar. He will explain why it's so difficult to see on the ocean, and how their product line can help you spot that elusive fin under all conditions. Since we "Americans" celebrate Cinco de Mayo, (May 5<sup>th</sup>) I'll have special treat for all that attend. (Must be 21)

One of the most important tournaments of the year will be the Spring Shootout on May 17<sup>th</sup>. This tournament is being organized by Bob Woodard Jr. A major portion of the proceeds from this tournament are being donated to "The Friends of Rollo" organization. Friends of Rollo" is a non-profit organization that sends kids fishing. They concentrate of disadvantaged, disabled, and at risk children. Their goal is to introduce fishing to children who might not otherwise have such an opportunity. These experiences can broaden a child's horizons. I still remember the first time I went fishing on a boat. The impact of such an experience will stay with them for a lifetime. I'd like to see us all participate, have fun, win prizes, and send kids fishing, all at the same time. Let's make this priority number one.

*Art*

**Spring Shootout MAY 17, 2008**

**WANTED YELLOWTAIL, WHITE SEA BASS, ALBACORE AND HALIBUT!**

**Contact Bob Woodard Jr. for further information.**

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## Welcome New Member

John DeLaurentis – John has a classic 40 year boat "GLASSPAR" at 18'

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The Marlin Club is having a season long raffle in order to generate some additional funds for the club. We are raffling off a Penn 30tsx and a custom trolling rod which was generously donated by [M&M Custom Rods](#). The raffle tickets will go for \$5 and the drawing will be held at a sundowner in in late September or early October.

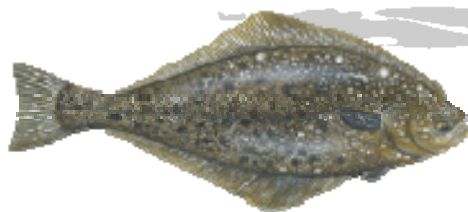


**Club Open House**  
**Kids Fishing**  
**Saturday, April 12, 2008**

Pictures by Wayne Slahor



*27th Annual*  
**DAY AT THE DOCKS**  
*Port Of San Diego*



For more information contact Bill  
McLeod (858) 679-8691

The Marlin Club's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Don Blackman Memorial  
Halibut Derby

Saturday, June 7, 2008

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## Tournament Contacts

Spring Shootout – (May 17th) Bob Woodard Jr.  Halibut (June 7) Bill McLoud  Juniors (Aug. 16) Fred Larson and Bob James  Presidents (Couples) (Aug. 23rd) Art Ponce	Labor Day (Aug 30-31, BBQ Sept.1) Doug Roger and Kris Kinsella  ILTT (Sept 12-13 & Dinner 14th) Art Ponce and Wayne Slahor  Small Boat (Sept. 27-28) Don Wroncy
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The 66-year-old triathlete who was killed by a shark Friday April 25, 2008 off the San Diego County coast was probably attacked by a great white, according to experts.

The great white feeds on seals, which we have an over abundance of. The triathlete was wearing a wet suit and would look a skinny seal. Great whites have been documented surging underneath it's prey, biting and lifting it totally out of the water.

### White Shark Attack Statistics on Humans in California

	Attacks	Fatalities
1920s	1	0
1950s	13	4
1960s	11	0
1970s	20	0
1980s	18	3
1990s	25	1
2000s (to date)	7	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>11</b>



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## Words of Wisdom

Good things come to those who  
bait. ~Author Unknown

### DATES TO REMEMBER for 2008

Awards/ Trophy Dinner	February 9, 2008
General Membership Meeting	April 1, 2008
Club Clean Up Day	April 12, 2008
Open House/Day at the Docks	April 20, 2008
Sundowner	May 4, 2008
Spring Shootout*	May 24, 2008
Don Blackman Memorial Halibut Derby*	June 7, 2008
Potluck	August ??, 2008
Juniors' Tournament	August 16, 2008
Presidents' Tournament	August 23, 2008
Labor Day Tournament	August 30-31, 2008
ILTT Tournament & Dinner Awards Banquet	September 12-13, 2008
Small Boat Tournament*	September 27-28, 2008

\*Open to the public



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