



From the Helm

by Art Ponce, Club President

Hello club members, the club is officially open 7 days a week to weigh in your fish. I had the privilege to hand out the club flag for the 1st fish of the year last week, to Michael Fitzgerald on the Mil-So-Mar. I'll also be handing out the flag for the first release of the year to, Kris Kinsella on the Half Scoop. With the season underway I need to remind the membership of the Dock Rules. We need to be considerate of the rules so that the club is not exposed to undue liability, and so that all the members have access to the docks.

1. Proof of insurance must be on file at the club, with "The Marlin Club San Diego" named as additional insured. An emergency phone number is mandatory.
2. Club sticker must be displayed on the boat.
3. A time limit of 72 hours will be enforced. Additional time at the docks must have prior approval from a club officer.
4. No more than 3 days total per week. Members using the docks will be required to sign and out. Sheet will be posted on the gate.
5. No commercial activities are allowed on the docks.
6. No running, jumping or swimming from the docks.
7. Members are responsible for their guests.
8. No major engine repairs or refueling allowed on our docks.
9. Anyone using the fresh water on the docks is responsible to turn of the main valve when finished, and help conserve water.
10. Dock usage is a privilege and the Marlin Club reserves the right to rescind this privilege for non-compliance to the rules.
11. Warnings will be given and a record of these warnings will be kept at the club for review by officers, for possible revoking of these privileges.

The next club event is the Juniors Tournament on August 16th. This tournament is a fishing tournament, and has many categories of species, so we will have many winners. Please get your entry in ASAP.

Be sure to read the article submitted by Wayne Slahor, on proper fish handling techniques for releasing and tagging a marlin. Good luck to all.

Arthur J. Ponce

The Marlin Club & IGFA 2008 Juniors Tournament
Tournament Date's: Sat. August 16, 2008
Fishing will commence at DAWN

All junior anglers (those 17 years and under in age prior to January 1, 2008)
are invited to participate in the Juniors Fishing Tournament.

The Marlin Club Of San Diego weighed its first Member Marlin – July 22, 2008

The MIL-SO-MAR, Captain (who else) Rich Hamilton and the angler Mike Fitzgerald.

The fish was caught at 94 miles/160 degrees from Point Loma.

Background

Millie Fitzgerald passed away December 28, 2007. Her memorial service was held Saturday, July 19, 2008 spreading her ashes out at the 9 mile bank where Ed's were.

Rich Hamilton brought the boat back in, dropped of the passengers and then headed back out for one last fishing trip. The MIL-SO-MAR is up for sale. So this one was for Millie!



2008 Marlin Catch

R	Date	Angler	M	WT/R	Test	Boat	M	Skipper	M	B/L	Location
1	13-Jul	Joe Lops		106	30#	JIGGER JOE		Walter Gutjahr	M	L	4m w of 43
2	23-Jul	Mike Fitzgerald	M	130	50#	MIL-SO-MAR	M	Rich Hamilton	M	L	94m 160d Pt Loma
3	27-Jul	Kris Kinsella	M	•R•	60#	HALF SCOOP	M	Carl DeMello	M	L	S of 371

Welcome New Members

Cameron Bingham HARVEY B
 Stephen Shipley SLICKCRAFT
 Dave Gahan SCOTTY G
 Kevin Garst SUSHI - WASABI (2 boats)

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 late September or early October.



Penn 30tsx

custom trolling rod
donated by M&M Custom Rods

2008 Yearbooks are in. Drop by the club to pick up your copy!

We are now on Summer Club Hours – Daily 2pm – 6pm

Spring Shootout Payout

Bob Woodard and Frank LoPreste at the Marlin Club for the presentation of the funds raised by our Spring Shootout for Friends of Rollo.

Frank said this would get around 45 kids on the water this year!

Thank you to all the participants!



Marlin Release Techniques

If you are out there targeting marlin, you should decide beforehand if you are going to release the fish. If you are, use a circle hook on your bait rig – this will reduce deep or foul hooking of the fish and will facilitate easier release. On your trolling lures use a single J hook rig or you can try a single circle hook. A double hook rig is not recommended if you plan on releasing the fish – they are much harder to remove from the fish and cause more damage to the fish. In addition, these hooks become a potential hazard to you should the fish start thrashing while you are trying to remove the hook.

If you want to tag your fish – you should leader the fish as quickly as possible and wait until the fish is calm and swimming alongside the boat before tagging. Insert the tag in the shoulder muscle 1 or 2 inches below the tallest part of the dorsal fin. Avoid the head, gills and stomach areas. Take care not to allow the fish to injure itself on the side of the boat or the transom.

Do not remove the fish from the water – you can get great photos of the fish in the water. Hauling the fish out of the water causes stress on its internal organs and removes him from his oxygen supply. Keeping the fish in the water greatly improves its chances of survival after releasing it.

If the hook is visible, it can be removed with a pair of pliers while someone is holding the fish by its bill. There are a few new de-hookers out on the market which look like they will work very well. If the fish is deeply hooked, cut the line as close as possible to the mouth. I have a safety cutter attached to my tag stick for this purpose.

Revive the fish by motoring slowly forward while holding the fish by the bill, keeping it underwater – allowing the water to flow over the gills until color returns and the fish begins to swim or “kick” on its own. Be patient and keep trying. I have seen fish revive after more than 15 minutes of towing.

Obtain a copy of the [Billfish Newsletter by the Southwest Fisheries Science Center](#), it is a wealth of information about your billfish fishery and has the results of the tagging efforts. Tags can be obtained at the Marlin Club of San Diego, or at the [National Marine Fisheries Service](#). Be sure to completely fill out and return the tagging report card to the [Southwest Fishing Science Center](#).

Remember....let them go to fight another day.

Captain Wayne Slahor



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Words of Wisdom

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do."

Mark Twain

Go fishing!



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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