



The Gaff Line

December 2009

From the Helm

by Art Ponce, Club President

Hello and best wishes to all. I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving.

The Marlin Club has been involved in trying to promote a fair proposal to be selected by the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force. The task force on Nov 10, decided to by-pass the proposals that were under consideration, and by a 5-0 vote approved their own Integrated Preferred Alternative (IPA). This IPA included some of Proposal 2 that we had supported. However this IPA supports the formation of a protected zone south of La Jolla and the possible closures of 9 square miles of kelp beds of Encinitas. There will also be far reaching ramifications for Orange and Los Angeles Counties. This IPA will now be voted on by the California Fish and Game Commission on December 9th in Los Angeles. I urge you to show support of Proposal 2 and against the IPA. Please contact the club or me if you can join our carpool to LA for the meeting.

I want to thank Joe Exline from the Oceanside Anglers who came down to give us his views of the MLPA process during the October Sundowner. This Sundowner like many of the previous was well attended. Congrats go out to Bob Puckett for winning the Penn SVX30 rod and reel combo raffle.

The Marlin Club sadly lost one of last Lifetime Honorary Members on September 8th 2009. Minona M. Minor passed away at age 99. She earned 6 button fish, numerous world records for women, and was the club president in 1947. Her husband Howard Minor co-founded H&M Landing. The family has donated a replica of her world record 180lb marlin on light tackle to the club, along with other awards. She must have been quite a woman.

The MC will be sending out ballots shortly for the three board vacancies that we will have in 2010. The names of active members who were nominated will be on the ballot. If there are active members who would like to serve on the board and are not on the ballot, we will have a space for a write in candidates. Please contact me, so I can announce the candidates on the next Gaff Line.

Arthur J. Ponce

We are now ready to accept dues payments for the 2010 year and new members can also sign up **NOW** and get October, November, & December for free

Winter Club Hours: Friday & Saturday - 1pm to 5pm
If you need something at a different time call Penny @ 619-742-8225

IF YOU HAVE A FISH TO WEIGH CALL:

BOB-(619) 227-5478, CRIS-(619) 225-0505, DON-(858) 272-5621, WAYNE-(760) 747-6239, SHERI-(619) 865-9261

Labor Day Tournament

Bob Woodard Jr. on DROPBACK was the only club member boat to land a fish on Labor Day. The captain was Lisa Calabatta.

The fish came up tail rapped with no color - weighed 128.4lbs. Mean Joe Green lure fish on 50lb. on the bottom of the 9!



Marlin Summary Counts – 86 Marlin

Marlin			Members			Bait/Lure			Line Test		
Released	69	80.2%	Angler	46	53.5%	Bait	28	32.6%	12#	0	0.0%
Weighed	17	19.8%	Boat	64	74.4%	Lure	46	53.5%	16#	1	1.2%
Smallest	104.5		Skipper	58	67.4%	?	11	12.8%	20#	2	2.3%
Largest	157.6								30#	31	36.0%
Ave Weight	122.4								40#	16	18.6%
									50#	34	39.5%
									60#	1	1.2%
									80#	1	1.2%

October Marlin (Fish reported after October 1) The San Diego Marlin Club 2009 Catch Detail

#	Date	Angler	M	WT/R	Test	Boat	M	Skipper	M	B/L	Location
78	9/29	Donna McKee	M	118.7	50#	LAURA LEE		Dennis Ogden		L	267
79	10/2	Jamie Amstutz	M	130.6	30#	BABY BLUE	M	Michael Berry	M	B	267
80	10/1	Bob Woodard Sr	M	•R•	50#	CHRISTINA LYNN	M	Walt Gutjahr	M		33.10/117.51
81	9/25	Don Nichols		•R•	50#	SNOOPER	M	Chris Lapham	M	B	152
82	9/25	Jim Coley		•R•	50#	SNOOPER	M	Chris Lapham	M	B	277
83	10/3	Jim Valentine		•R•	30#	MARLIN MAN	M	Trent Huls	M	L	267
84	10/3	Skete Simmons	M	•R•	16#	CONCUBINE	M	Richard Keesee	M	B	267 15/48
85	9/30	Barry Brightenburg		•R•	50#	FISH TRAP		Rick Maxa		B	277
86	10/7	Rick Maxa	M	•R•	30#	FISH TRAP		Barry Brightenburg		B	33.02/118.03

Pictures from the last sundowner of the season. Our guest speaker was Jim Welsh and he presented the MLPA proposals and was encouraging all to get involved and to support the #2 proposal.

Bob Puckett was the winner of the rod & reel raffle, and we need to teach Art to cook without large amounts of fire. Art cooked up the burgers and we also had some fresh fish ,but best of all was that Bob Woodard Jr brought some fresh caught lobster –Yum



Art Ponce



Joe Exline from the Oceanside Anglers



Bob Puckett

In case you missed this on the forums

After Thanksgiving Halibut Tournament-Defiance capsizing during the Thanksgiving Halibut classic. Everyone was OK...

Story from the skipper <http://www.bloodydecks.com/forums/inshore-islands-fishing-reports-southern-california-usa/169783-may-save-your-life-real-story-about-defiance-capsizing.html>

And comments from the crew - <http://www.youtube.com/user/inunyabiz#p/a/u/0/25hKguHo30Y>



Words of Wisdom

" Lord help me to catch a fish
so large that even I,
in the telling of it, never need
to lie"

Evree Angla

DATES TO REMEMBER for 2009

Awards/ Trophy Dinner	February 21, 2009
General Membership Meeting	April 7, 2009
Club Clean Up Day	April 11, 2009
Open House/Day at the Docks	April 19, 2009
Sundowner	May 31, 2009
Spring Shootout*	May 16, 2009
Don Blackman Memorial Halibut Derby*	June 13, 2009
Presidents' Tournament	August 8, 2009
Juniors' Tournament	August 22, 2009
Small Boat Tournament*	August 29-30, 2009
Labor Day Tournament	September 5-6, 2009
BBQ	September 7, 2009
ILTT Tournament &	September 18-19, 2009
Dinner Awards Banquet	September 20, 2009

Sundowners – Every Friday

***Open to the public**



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