



The Marlin Club
Since 1931

The Gaff Line



March 2009

From the Helm

by Art Ponce, Club President

Hello, fellow Marlin Club members. I'd like to thank all the members in attendance at the awards banquet last week, at the Bali Hai. We all enjoyed the accompaniment of good friends, a fine meal, and a few drinks. The club presented awards to many members for their accomplishments during the 2008 season.

One of the main awards went to Bill Miyagawa, for the release of four fish. This award is a special one, as the recipient received a custom engraved Shimano Tiagra 30 reel. This award will be donated by Doug Kern, from Fisherman's Landing, for the member with the most releases in a season. We all thank Doug for his ardent support. Thanks to donations from the Board of Directors, this banquet made over \$1,000.

During the banquet, I presented a brief overview of the club's financial picture for the upcoming year. The Marlin Club's new board of directors will be working hard to correct last year's shortfall, and has proposed many suggestions that will improve our bottom line. One of the many suggestions is to appeal to the membership and supporters for additional support. We have yet to finalize these suggestions, but I'm glad to report that Steve Blackman, from Blackman Boats, has come forward with his own suggestion that will benefit our members and the club. He will donate a portion of the receipts for all work done on member's boats to the club along with a discount. We need to act on this right away, because the participation level will affect the amount that is donated. Blackman Boats can perform every conceivable type of work on all makes of boats. (Engine, electrical, glass work, etc) This is a perfect time to attend to all yours boats needs because the spring season is right around the corner.




I'd also like to remind membership to patronize all of our clubs supporters and let them know how thankful we are for their support, in these tough economic times. Special commendation also goes to Sunshine Supply (Ed Waldman), Costa Del Mar, Valley Power Systems, and Fisherman's Landing.

The Club needs your help in staffing our display booths during the Fred Hall Del Mar Boat show, and at the Day of the Docks. Please contact Penny if you can donate a few hours to man the booth.

Our first tournament of the season is rapidly approaching. The "**Spring Shootout**", will have many levels of competition. The main winners of this tournament will be underprivileged children, as they will be enjoying a day of fishing as organized by the Friend's of Rollo Foundation. Bob Woodard Jr. is organizing this very worthwhile tournament. Please contact him or the club if you can help.

Arthur J. Ponce

Marlin Club Trophies 2008 Season

<p>Michael Fitzgerald 1st Marlin of season Largest Marlin on medium tackle (50-lb) 1st Marlin by male, July 22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Donna McKee</p> <p>1st Marlin by lady, Largest Marlin on (30-lb), Largest Marlin by lady, Last marlin of season, Sept 30</p> 
<p>Kris Kinsella First Released Marlin, July 2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cris Lahr</p> <p>Most releases on (20-lb) tackle, one release</p> 
<p>Jon Pendarvis Largest billfish of season Largest Marlin by male Largest Marlin of season, 163 lbs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Matt Monise</p> <p>Most releases on light tackle (30-lb), 2 releases</p> 
<p>HALF-SCOOP 1st release on non charter boat, July 27</p>	<p>Bill Miyagawa Most releases by male Four releases</p>
<p>CONCUBINE Boat with highest points in day, 260</p>	<p>Pat Woodard most releases by a lady Last released Marlin, September 27</p>
<p>Cameron Lapham First released Marlin by junior Last released marlin by junior, September 12th</p>	<p>Jon Wilson Largest Albacore of season, 28.7 lbs</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Steve Hammerschmidt</p> <p>Largest White Sea bass, 42 lbs</p>	<p>Cameron Lapham First released Marlin by junior Last released marlin by junior, September 12th</p> <p>Steve Hammerschmidt Largest White Sea bass, 42 lbs</p>
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Richard Decker
Largest tuna of season, 29.8 lbs.



Bob Woodard Jr.
Largest Dorado of season, 22.3 lbs



Marcus Hale
Largest Halibut of season, 37.2 lbs



Harry Okuda
Largest Yellowtail, 29.6 lbs



John Plaziak
1st button-fish of season
Smallest Marlin of season, 117lbs



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Boat with most tagged and released Marlin, 4 releases





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Words of Wisdom

Nothing makes a fish bigger than
almost being caught.

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DATES TO REMEMBER for 2009

Awards/ Trophy Dinner	February 21, 2009
General Membership Meeting	April, 2009
Club Clean Up Day	April, 2009
Open House/Day at the Docks	April, 2009
Sundowner	May, 2009
Spring Shootout*	May, 2009
Don Blackman Memorial Halibut Derby*	June, 2009
Juniors' Tournament	August, 2009
Presidents' Tournament	August, 2009
Labor Day Tournament	August, 2009
ILTT Tournament & Dinner Awards Banquet	September, 2009
Small Boat Tournament*	September, 2009
Sundowner	October, 2009

*Open to the public



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