



# The Gaff Line

## July 2010

### Behind the Wheel

by Bob Woodard JR, Club President

With the Marlin season nearly upon us we have had an incredible year already. If you have not been fortunate enough to have participated it's time to throw off the lines and get out there. This last week saw an incredible bite on big White Sea bass just off Crystal Pier. The amount of squid that has shown over the past week is massive. Many of the fish in the area were 45-50 lbs.

The offshore action continues to build and Albacore counts are on the rise. It will be interesting to see who gets the first billfish and when??? . At first the scientists were saying El Nino now more like La Nina... It is similar to watching the weather channel. Seems like the story is constantly changing.

I want to personally thank Bill McLeod for his efforts in making the annual Don Blackman Memorial Halibut Derby a huge success. The event yielded some truly exceptional flatties! Thanks also to all the sponsors and participants.

Please send any pictures and stories of your fishing ventures to the club at [marlinskipper@gmail.com](mailto:marlinskipper@gmail.com) for consideration in the gaffline.

This Wednesday is the second membership meeting and Mike Shane from Hubb's Sea Bass program will be our guest speaker. This is a must see Mike has been with the program for over 20 years and is a wealth of knowledge. Remember this is open to the public so bring a prospective member! We will also cover some tips on Sea bass fishing. The Bill Poole memorial Sea Bass derby will be on the following Saturday.

Rich Johnson a long time member here at the Marlin Club recently passed away. Rich will be missed by all he was a great man who's true joy was to be on the water Marlin Fishing with his family. Farewell Amigo and Good Fishing.

*Bob Woodard JR.*

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#### Past Presidents 1st Marlin Picks:

~~Ed Waldman 6/30/10; Bob Woodard Jr 7/1/10; Art Pence 7/2/10;~~  
Skete Simmons 7/11/10; Steve Williams 7/19/10;  
Shirley Blackman 8/3/10; Dave Verdugo 8/5/10; Wayne Slahor 8/31/10

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#### New Members:

Gregg Buckley	"TRITON"	35'
Mark Griffiths	"BITE ME"	20'
Brett Humphry	(no name)	19'
Rick Truffa	(no boat)	

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#### **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  
**Club Hours: Friday & Saturday - 3pm to 6pm` - until the first marlin is caught...**

# THE 24th ANNUAL DON BLACKMAN MEMORIAL HALIBUT DERBY

Halibut: 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Kay 35.4 lb., 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed Howerton 33.6 lb., 3<sup>rd</sup> Jake Russel 29.8 lb.



Juniors: 1<sup>st</sup> Tanner Zachary 19.4 lb., 2<sup>nd</sup> Logan Holaday 17.4 lb.

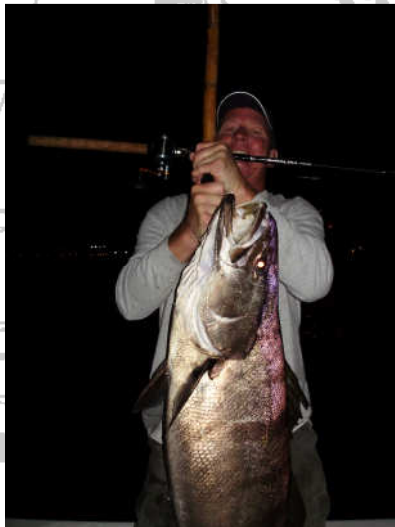


Yellowtail/White Seabass Jackpot: 1<sup>st</sup> Kevin Allan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Fadom





This yellow was 31.4 bled out off LJ on Squid



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# Words of Wisdom

*love is ...*



*... getting up  
early to go fishing.*

## **DATES TO REMEMBER for 2010**

Awards/ Trophy Dinner	February 20, 2010
General Membership Meeting	April 6, 2010
Club Clean Up Days	April 11, 2010
Open House/Day at the Docks	April 18, 2010
Spring Shootout*	May 1, 2010
Sundowner	May 7, 2010
Don Blackman Memorial Halibut Derby*	June 19, 2010
Presidents' Tournament	August 14, 2010
Juniors' Tournament	August 21, 2010
Small Boat Tournament*	August 28 & 29, 2010
Labor Day Tournament	September 4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2010
BBQ - 5pm	September 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2010
ILTT Tournament	September 17 & 18, 2010
Dinner Awards Banquet	September 19, 2010

**\*Open to the public**



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