



The Gaff Line

June 2010

Behind the Wheel

by Bob Woodard JR, Club President

With the Marlin season nearly upon us, we have several reminders for all club members and some exciting news! The first of our summer season monthly membership meetings and seminars will be a great one. On June 4th this first Friday meeting will be a monthly occurrence from here on out. Having been discussed and pondered before, we are moving forward with scheduled monthly meetings (dates TBA) until further notice. The plan is to take these meetings through October. We plan to hold a Christmas Party at the club in December. We will have the Annual Awards ceremony on Feb 12th 2011 at the Bali Hai.

In March of 2011, we will resume monthly meetings and seminars. Let's face it, the way to keep people involved and excited about participation is to create a friendships among members. These seminars and meetings are an excellent way to recruit new members. Anyone bringing a new member to the club will receive a ZUKERS Tuna Feather while supplies last. As we have evolved into a full spectrum fishing club there is much more to talk about than just marlin these days. I have spoken to many industry experts and all are available to provide extensive seminars on all kinds of fishing. We will try to bring back some of your favorite speakers like Hoose, Groesbeck and Lasley, as well as bring in some new blood! Should you have a good suggestion for future meetings please contact me with the information for consideration.

The first meeting and seminar this year is June 4th 2010 featuring the Famous Peter Pakula of Pakula Lures Australia. Peter has traveled the world to find the biggest billfish around! He will share stories from these adventures, as well as proper spread etiquette and other secrets. Take notes, it will be a true privilege to have Peter at the club!

Also presenting is John Bretza of Tiburon Engineering and Okuma speaking on reel technology and the construction of the new Makaira reel designed by a Tiburon/Okuma joint venture taking the industry by surprise after 4 years in the works. Having personally tested the prototypes of the Makairas, I was amazed with the drag systems. Last December we caught Black and Blue Marlin to 450 pounds, and tuna to 100lbs in Puerto Vallarta with these reels. As with everything in our world, technology keeps changing and you should choose carefully yet keep technology in your corner. There will be prizes and a raffle. It will be a potluck format, so bring a dish or dessert and catch up with some old amigos! It begins at 5pm and the seminar will start at 6pm. Please bring a friend or two.

We are looking for the following to help us expand the club: A 'raffle master' to take care of the raffles for the 2010 membership meetings. We will be replacing old wood on the docks and will need volunteers to help with this and paint and prime new wood. Stay tuned for a date. We are looking for a club historian/photographer to document this year's activities. And volunteer's to be at the club for two days a week from 3-6 at the club once the season starts. There is a lot of touch up paint work that needs to be done on the interior of the club. Additionally we need someone to help Jamie and Lil with the yearbook - primarily to find some more advertisers and help acquire the photos from last year's winners. Lil has also sent out a special request for juniors' pictures for the yearbook. I believe she is constructing a juniors' catalogue.

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Please pay your dues if you have not done so. This is your last chance to be sure you will be listed in the yearbook. Also, please make sure we have your email address! We are trying to keep club costs down, and if you are able to receive the Gaff Line by email you save the club about \$ 15 dollars a year.

Hoist update is as follows: 'Thanks' to Matt Monise and company for staying the course to get the hoist back on track. The hoist has been certified to 400 lbs. Any fish larger than this must be brought to the club via truck for weight slips. A huge 'Thank You' to American Rigging, for a great deal on the new cable and certification.

We would like to welcome our new employee Ivan Hernandez. Ivan is in his final year at Point Loma Nazarene University. He has extensive knowledge of computers and has his own computer repair business. Stop by and say hello.

The **DOCK KEY HAS BEEN CHANGED** as mentioned in May's Gaff Line. If you plan to keep your boat overnight at the club, we need updated insurance information naming 'The Marlin Club' as additional insured. New keys are available during club hours. Our current club hours are 3pm-6pm on Fri and Sat until the first marlin is caught, then we roll to a 7 day schedule.

In other news see article on page 3 from the LOG! I spoke to the Vessel Assist Captain at Pearson's yesterday, and he assured me they are still making Mexican water tows at this time. He had just returned from the Coronado Islands.

Bob Woodard Jr.

THE 24th ANNUAL DON BLACKMAN MEMORIAL HALIBUT DERBY Saturday, June 19, 2010



**combined with the
Carlsbad Fire Fighter's
Stop Drop & Reel Charity Halibut Tournament**

**TOTAL ENTRIES (\$50.00 per angler/\$25 per Junior angler)
ADDITIONAL DINNER TICKETS @ \$5.00 EACH
ADDITIONAL WHITE SEABASS/YELLOWTAIL JACKPOT @ \$10.00 EACH**

For information and entry form please go to our website:

www.themarlinclub.com

**or call the Marlin Club at 619-222-8677,
or call Bill McLeod @ 858-679-8691**

Captains Meeting - June 17 @ 6pm

Check out the [Marlin Club on Facebook](#)..

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Welcome New Members

Jeremy Woodworth	21' Larson (no name)
Virgil Pattin	Sookie II 18'
Hector Lopez	Polican II 24'



The Log BREAKING NEWS

U.S. Boaters Caught in Ensenada Towing Turf War

THE LOG EXCLUSIVE

Mexican navy forces vessel into port, trying to prevent U.S. membership tow company from competing with new Baja tow firm.



ENSENADA, Mexico -- The emergence of a new towboat company in Ensenada, Baja California Norte has started a maritime turf war that has already snared a Southern California boater and towing captain, and brings into question whether U.S. towing insurance is still valid in Mexican waters.

At issue: whether U.S. flagged towboat companies such as Sea Tow and Vessel Assist have the right to enter Mexican waters to tow disabled American boats back home.

The Mexican towboat company Baja Tow says they don't. San Diego Vessel Assist owner Robert Butler says they do. And San Diego Sea Tow owner Bubba Severance says it's too early to tell how Mexican authorities will ultimately rule.

In the meantime, boaters with or without U.S. towing insurance requesting assistance in Mexican waters should know that the first boat they see might not be Vessel Assist or Sea Tow, but Baja Tow. Both U.S. towboat operators have promised to somehow provide service to members with appropriate coverage, but woe to the hapless mariner venturing into Mexican waters with no insurance and not much cash aboard.

The turf war, which began several months ago when Baja Tow launched its service, boiled over May 3 when Vessel Assist dispatched its towboat *Shelter Island* to fetch a disabled member 2 miles off Ensenada Harbor.

For more on this see the entire story at www.thelog.com

Words of Wisdom

There are no guarantees in fishing or in life. Just opportunities.

Glenn Dromgoole

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 14, 2010
Small Boat Tournament*	August 28 & 29, 2010
Labor Day Tournament	September 4 th 5th, 2010
BBQ – 5pm	September 6th, 2010
ILTT Tournament	September 17 & 18, 2010
Dinner Awards Banquet	September 19, 2010

***Open to the public**



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