



The Gaff Line

March 2010

Behind the Wheel

by Bob Woodard JR, Club President

As the beat rolls on, at times we have had some interesting if not scary tidal swings and heavy surges due to the recent earthquake in Chili. A friend and I decided to take our kids fishing off the docks at SWYC on Saturday afternoon. When we arrived, I noticed something I had never seen. Currents of what looked to be around 4 knots (later reported to get closer to 7 knots) screaming in and out of the basin. After about 5 minutes of what appeared to be worsening conditions I made the call to seek higher ground. Not known at the time this was all due to a tsunami from Chili after their earthquake.

Stories later came down the pipe from the old timers at the club about the 1960 earthquake in Chili which measured a whopping 9.5! In 1960, several of the SWYC docks were broken off by the huge tidal surges and towed to the Marlin Club to be temporarily secured by John Tanner. This time the Bali Hai dock suffered severe damage and several of the larger commercial vessels at Driscoll's wharf were ripped from their ties. Tidal swings of 4 feet at 15 minute intervals were recorded. That's a lot of water folks. Seems like we are seeing a pattern with these earthquakes and tsunamis in the last couple years lets hope we are not next.

The annual awards dinner was a great success and I want to Thank Steve Williams for doing a great job as MC for the MC...For the full results see the section below. Also of note we made a mistake and have since corrected the error. The boat changing the most associate members to active was Baby Blue owned by Michael Berry for the fish caught by Jamie Amstutz. The fish was a 130.6 lb. bait fish caught on 30lb.test on 10/2 /09 at the 267 spot. Sorry for the mistake and nice going!

Last year was a banner year for a variety of species including Yellowtail and SeaBass and just a decent year for Marlin with 86 caught or released. With El Nino in the mix it looks to be shaping up as one of those years we don't know what to expect. Been awhile since we have had a good run of Bigeye tuna or even that occasional Blue Marlin that appears in our waters.

Last time that happened, deck hand Ricky Reger of the party boat Conquest put out a black collector lure on the way back from the tuna grounds. After setting up the fish he handed it off to a passenger the result a 402lb Pacific Blue Marlin weighed at the club in 1997. Cat Special and Zeta had a 440, and a 583 one ate a skippy after it ate a feather, I believe that was in 1992. See the pattern - all hooked on the lower banks on heavy gear. I'm sure we have had members hook them here on the lighter stuff and never even realize the difference. I'd like to see one on my short corner. Hope the right gear is out when she comes through.

Once again I would like to thank Dennis Albert for his hard work on helping us to revamp our website, giving it a new look and we are trying to add couple of new features. Thanks D!

I am still looking for a few volunteers to help with the Spring Shootout on May 8th. I need 2 people that can work together to do the cooking and a weigh master slash photographer. Send me an Email to MarlinSkipper@gmail.com if you can assist. As soon as the fishing picks up I will be preparing a weekly fish report and update on the website.

Next up for the club is the Annual Membership meeting on April 6. Art Ponce is working on securing the Silver Gate Yacht Club for the event we will keep you posted. We normally hold this meeting at South Western Yacht Club however they are in the midst of their renovations as is the Bali Hai.

Until next month, signing off.

Bob Woodard JR.

Welcome New Member
James Frazee

2009 Awards



Jamie Amstutz

THE MARLIN CLUB LAST MARLIN TROPHY - Last Marlin of the season
THE MARLIN CLUB LARGEST MARLIN BY LADY TROPHY - Largest Marlin by a lady
THE MARLIN CLUB 30 POUND LINE TROPHY - Largest Marlin on light (30-lb) tackle

Cameron Lapham

THE MARTY MORRIS TROPHY - First released Marlin by Junior
THE MILLIE FITZGERALD TROPHY - Last released Marlin by Junior

Rick Maxa

THE GREG NY TROPHY - Last released Marlin
THE MARLIN CLUB MOST RELEASES ON 30 POUND LINE TROPHY - Most releases on light (30-lb) tackle
THE MARLIN CLUB MOST RELEASES BY MALE TROPHY - Most releases by a male

Donna McKee

THE MARLIN CLUB 1ST MARLIN BY LADY TROPHY - 1st Marlin by a lady

Bill Miyagawa

THE MARLIN CLUB SINGLE DAY CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY - Highest accumulated Championship Points

Harry Okuda, DDS

THE SHIRLEY BLACKMAN TROPHY - Largest Halibut of the season

Randy Raskin

THE MARLIN CLUB TUNA TROPHY - Largest Tuna of the season

Skete Simmons

THE MARLIN CLUB 1ST BUTTON FISH TROPHY - 1st Button-Fish of the season
THE MARLIN CLUB MOST RELEASES ON 16 POUND LINE TROPHY - Most releases on 16-lb tackle

Wayne Slahor

THE ED WALDMAN TROPHY - First released Marlin - 130.6lbs. 130.6lbs.

2009 TROPHY AWARDS

David Verdugo

THE MARLIN CLUB LARGEST MARLIN TROPHY - Largest Marlin of the season
THE MARLIN CLUB LARGEST MARLIN BY MALE TROPHY - Largest Marlin by a male
THE MARLIN CLUB 50 POUND LINE TROPHY - Largest Marlin on medium (50-lb) tackle
THE MARLIN CLUB WHITE SEA BASS TROPHY - Largest White Sea Bass

Jon Wilson

THE MARLIN CLUB ALBACORE TROPHY - Largest Albacore of the season.

Bob Woodard

THE MARLIN CLUB YELLOWTAIL TROPHY - Largest Yellowtail of the season

Pat Woodard

THE MARLIN CLUB MOST RELEASES ON 20 POUND LINE TROPHY - Most releases on 3/6 (20-lb) tackle

THE LAN TRAN DDS TROPHY - Most releases by a lady

Bob Woodard Jr.

THE MARLIN CLUB DORADO TROPHY - Largest Dorado of the season

Martin N. Banos

THE MARLIN CLUB 1ST MARLIN TROPHY - 1st Marlin of the Season

THE MARLIN CLUB SMALLEST MARLIN TROPHY - Smallest Marlin of the season

THE MARLIN CLUB 1ST MARLIN BY MALE TROPHY - 1st Marlin by a male 104.6lbs. 7/14

2009 BOAT TROPHY AWARDS

BABY BLUE DIAMOND

THE MARLIN CLUB BOAT TROPHY - Boat - Changing Most Associate members to Active

DOS HERMANOS

THE MARLIN CLUB CHAMPION BOAT SINGLE DAY TROPHY - Boat scoring Highest number of Points in a Day

THE MARLIN CLUB BOAT WITH MOST TAGGED/RELEASED TROPHY Boat with the Most Tagged and Released Marlin

SQUARED AWAY

THE MARLIN CLUB NO.1 RELEASED MARLIN FLAG - 1st Release on a Non-charter Boat

TUNA 306

THE MARLIN CLUB NO.1 MARLIN FLAG - 1st Marlin on a Non-charter Boat

SILVER SPECIAL BUTTON AWARDS

Kale'a Woodard

FEMALE SMALL FRY IGFA WORLD RECORD

Bonito taken August 2, 2009 10 lbs.

Gavin Simmons

MALE JUNIOR ANGLER IGFA WORLD RECORD White Sea Bass taken July 3, 2009 54 lbs. 13 oz.

GREEN BUTTON AWARD

Jamie Amstutz

MARLIN ON LIGHT TACKLE - 100 LBS OR MORE

MARLIN CLUB LABOR DAY TOURNAMENT

Bob Woodard JR – Marlin on 9/6 – 128.4 lbs

Words of Wisdom

It is what you learn, after you know it all that really counts.

Earl Weaver
Manager, Baltimore Orioles

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
Sundowner	May 7, 2010
Spring Shootout*	May 8, 2010
Don Blackman Memorial Halibut Derby*	June 19, 2010
Presidents' Tournament	August 14, 2010
Juniors' Tournament	August , 2010
Small Boat Tournament*	August , 2010
Labor Day Tournament	September , 2010
BBQ	September , 2010
ILTT Tournament & Dinner Awards Banquet	September , 2010

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