



# The Gaff Line

## May 2010

### *Behind the Wheel*

*by Bob Woodard JR, Club President*

The Friends of Rollo “SPRING SHOOTOUT”, our first tournament of the season, was a big success although catching was tough. With exceptionally strong winds for the two days preceding the event (20-40 knots) fish were hard to come by. Most of our boats went south to the Rockpile where no Yellows were taken for our boats. I was unsure which way to turn (still indecisive at the whistler buoy at 4:30 AM) when we made the call to head north to the La Jolla region. This turned out to be a good call as we were able to locate the yellows under schools of birds off La Jolla. The fish we saw were on krill, and hard to entice with an iron. We did manage 5 fish, getting the last around 12:30. Most of the fish ate the mint colored Tady 45. Final tally for the day was 5 Yellowtail on “DROP BACK” and 4 Yellows taken by Greg Trompas’ boat “EL MAYOR”, also off La Jolla. These were the only 9 Yellowtail caught for the tournament.

My sincere “thanks” to all the volunteers that helped to make this event a great one! Just to name a few: Kurt Brickley on the grill did a great job. To Jim Konzal as weigh master. My biggest helper, my girlfriend Lisa Calabotta helped over the course of planning and acquiring the prizes and donations right up to the event itself. A sincere thanks to her - she even let me schedule the event on her birthday! To Steve Pitts and Miguel Martinez for helping with the raffle. And last but not least our very own Lil Miller. Thank you all!!!!

Also please note: There was a charger with 4 AAA batteries that was on the bar and went away during clean up. Please let me know if you have seen it as we need to get it back to the volunteer that owns it! No questions asked.

My parents Bob and Pat Woodard bought a nice Daiwa reel for a juniors prize. Since no junior scored there will be a month long junior’s tournament in May for this reel. All club juniors are eligible and no sign up is necessary.

Next up on the Tournament schedule is the Don Blackman Memorial, which according to tournament chairman Bill McLeod “We teamed up with the firefighters of San Diego to combine the event with the annual Stop Drop and Reel. This year’s event looks to be bigger and better than ever!” To give Bill some help with the event, call him at (619) 301-4374.

A Big Thank You to Dan Hart and the entire gang at West Marine for giving us a super deal on the new clubhouse antenna. West Marine has always supported the club. From bait pumps to fishing tackle I think we are all glad they are right around the corner!

This year’s Presenting Sponsor of the Spring Shootout was Fisherman’s Landing Tackle. They supplied us with four custom rods that were incredible! Thanks again to Doug Kern and Rock Cod Rick Maxa for their continuing support!

*Bob Woodard JR.*

# Spring Shootout Sponsors

Top 3 from left to right  
Greg Trompas - 3rd  
Kyle Witkowski - 2nd  
Bob Woodard Jr - 1st

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## Welcome New Members

Shane Wells – 22' SENOR PESCADO  
Tony Boswell– 23' THE SHE SAID NO  
Chris Kirkley– 30' PLANCAMBIO II

We will be changing the key to the dock on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Keys will be available between now and then to members providing proof of boat insurance with the Marlin Club named as additional insured, or to members who wish a key for fishing off the docks or other acceptable purposes.



Mike McGrath and Sandy Kaisers boat THUMPER from Saturday, May 8th. They caught this 275lb Thresher Shark 4 miles off La Jolla. The beast ate a Blue and Silver Ballyhood with a mackerel pinned on it. The Shark was caught on 60lb test and took three anglers to subdue in 2 hours.



## Words of Wisdom

To find new things, take the path you took yesterday.

**John Burroughs, American naturalist and essayist.**

### **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 <sup>th</sup> 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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