



The Gaff Line

November 2010

Behind the Wheel

by Bob Woodard JR, Club President

As the end of the season draws near there was big news from the crew aboard Chuck Smith's SEA TREK IV. The guys were out on Oct. 16th fishing down South and were running back to an area near the 425 when a swordfish was spotted by Todd Smith in the gyros. Todd, Maurice and Mark all had baits out that were trolled to the fish. Mark came tight on the fish which was brought to the boat with a lot of pressure very quickly. The result was a quick battle with a terror of the deep. Mark and the SEA TREK IV crew prevailed! The fish hit the scales at 174.5 lbs. They also saw three sleepers in the area that did not bite. That's a great way to end a slow season. Congratulations to the whole crew.

There will be Joy! This year we will host a holiday party at the club. The party will take place on the second Friday of the month just like our membership meetings. This falls on Friday December 10th. Time will be 6 PM at The Marlin Club. The BBQ will be going and this will be a Pot Luck dinner so bring one of your Holiday Favorites and /or something for the grill!

There will be a seminar speaker to be announced and we will have a holiday raffle. We are asking all attending to bring a fishing related item to the raffle / gift exchange with a value of at least \$10. Everyone bringing a gift will receive on free ticket and all will go home with something???

A quick note about the dock usage. The rules are the rules so don't push them or risk losing your dock privileges. Three days a week per boat no matter how many members own that boat. This is not a marina. The docks are there for members preparing to go sport fishing or returning from a sport fishing trip. Remember we are keeping track of all boats at the dock and warnings with our office dock log.

On a final note I want to thank all the members who participated and contributed in this year's tournaments. These events bring much needed funds to the club as well as bringing our members together.

Also another big Thank You to Jamie Amstutz for the great job on the 2010 yearbook!

Bob Woodard JR.



The 2010 yearbook is available at the club and you can view it on line.

[2010 Yearbook](#)

www.themarlinclub.com/2010/TheMarlinClub-2010.pdf

Welcome New Members

Alex Garcia CODE 7

Steve Ramirez

Rick Layon LOS TIBURONES

1st Marlin for 2010 and 1st Release for 2010

9/11/10 - Jarrett Simmons - 143.6
CONCUBINE - Richard Keesee

SEA TREK IV - Chuck Smith



The San Diego Marlin Club 2010 Catch Detail

Marlin			Members			Bait/Lure			Line Test		
Released	7	46.7%							16#	0	0.0%
Weighed	8	53.3%	Angler	7	46.7%	Bait	6	40.0%	20#	2	13.3%
Smallest	143.6		Boat	7	46.7%	Lure	3	20.0%	30#	9	60.0%
Largest	204.0		Skipper	6	40.0%	?	6	40.0%	40#	0	0.0%
Ave Weight	162.9								50#	4	26.7%

#	Date	Angler	M	WT/R	Test	Boat	M	Skipper	M	B/L	Location
1	9/11	Maurice Smith		•R•	50#	SEA TREK IV	M	Chuck Smith	M	B	Upper Finger
2	9/11	Chuck Smith	M	•R•	30#	SEA TREK IV	M	Maurice Smith		L	Upper Finger
3	9/11	Jarrett Simmons	J	143.6	30#	CONCUBINE	M	Richard Keesee	M	B	Upper Finger
4	9/13	Barry Brightenberg		204.0	30#	SHANNON ROSE		Jim Kingsmill			
5	9/15	Michael Berry	M	150.0	20#	SIDEKICK	M	Harold Weimer	M	L	178
6	9/17	Mike Farnham		156.0	20#	TWILIGHT ZONE		Hardin, Tom			
7	9/17	Mark Henwood	M	157.2	30#	CONCUBINE	M	Skete Simmons	M		
8	9/18	Mark Henwood	M	•R•	30#	CONCUBINE	M	Skete Simmons	M	B	South of 43
9	9/18	Skete Simmons	M	•R•	30#	CONCUBINE	M	Richard Keesee	M	B	south of 43
10	9/18	Chris Meeker		•R•	30#	DOGHOUSE		Jeff Meeker		L	32 25 117 54
11	9/21	Rick Maxa	M	•R•	50#	LA DULCA VIDA		Mark Wheeler		B	NW of 302
12	9/23	Skete Simmons	M	•R•	50#	PACIFIC EDGE		Mark Wisch		B	5 mi s. of 182
13	9/23	Brent Thalasinis		170.0	30#	REEL NICE & EASY		Clayton			
14	9/23	Geoff Dsena		145.0	50#	END OF THE LINE		Peter Babvos			
15	9/23	Eric Hermann		177.4	30#	SHARK'S PARLOR		Jim Sloan			inside east 43
16	10/16	Mark Henwood		174.5	50#	SEA TREK IV	M	Chuck Smith	M	B	



Spreading the Wealth

October 24, 2010 — by Capt. Dave Lear

With the boom of fireworks still echoing off the nearby mountains, people slowly began leaving the stage and banquet tables for the trek to nearby hotels and bars. As the 30th edition of the Bisbee's Black & Blue Marlin Jackpot Tournament came to a close late last night, one thing was apparent by the large number of giant plastic checks being toted away--nearly \$2 million goes a long way when it's split among multiple teams. "Please bear with us, as we've got a lot of checks to give away tonight," Tournament Director Wayne Bisbee told the crowd.

Michael "Buzz" Colton and his crew aboard C-Bandit were the top winners, money-wise. They pocketed \$614,613 and claimed the third place tournament award and several daily jackpot categories after weighing a black marlin that tipped the scales at 549 pounds.

The 10 Brothers Fishing Team from Chicago also scored a nice payout with angler John Boratto's 484-pound black marlin. Competing aboard Dream Weaver, the siblings and brothers-in-law came in fourth in the overall tournament awards category, along with dailies. The team's total winnings equaled \$440,238.

A 427-pound black marlin earned Team Tiger Spirit \$255,000 after the \$10,000 Daily Jackpot rolled over. Luis Alberto Liera Cesena reeled in the fish aboard the 72-foot Donzi.

John Stonecipher and Team Rehab took home a bunch of trophies after landing two blacks (560 and 347 pounds) during the three fishing days. Those two fish and daily jackpots earned first place tournament honors and \$254,905 in prize money. The team will represent the B&B in the IGFA Offshore World Championship next year in Cabo.

Based on several categories, including second place tournament and daily jackpots, the multi-national team aboard Reelaxe won \$176,530 after weighing the largest qualifying fish of the week, a 599-pound black marlin.

Chuck Grieger and his SoCal/Cabo team aboard Sporty Game took the Day 2 \$10,000 jackpot prize after landing a 426-pound blue marlin. Sporty Game's winnings totaled \$127,500.

El Lobo, skippered by Capt. F. McGrew Rice, claimed first place and \$37,846 in the release division after catching two blue marlin based on time. El Lobo also released a pair of ineligible striped marlin. Auriga also scored two blue marlin releases, good for second place, while Mobius won the third place trophy.

A total of 103 boats with more than 450 anglers aboard competed in this year's event. Contestants caught 78 billfish, including 33 blue marlin and 13 blacks.

Black & Blue Final Standings

TOP 5 TEAMS

REHAB—John Stonecipher—560 & 347 lb. black marlin
 REELAXE—Jose Almanza—599 lb. black marlin
 C-BANDIT—Buzz Colton—549 lb. black marlin
 DREAM WEAVER—John Boratto—484 lb. black marlin
 KW's KARMA—Ron Pascoe—431 lb. black marlin

TOP RELEASE TEAMS

El Lobo—600 pts /2 blue marlin (on time) — \$37,846
 Auriga —600 pts /2 blue marlin (on time) — \$13,100
 Mobius—300 pts /1 blue marlin (on time) — \$7,278

Words of Wisdom

On crab fishing in Alaska: We went every year... stuck through thick and thin. People who are there for glory will never last. Only persistence pays off.

**Captain Sig Hansen
NORTHWESTERN**

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*	September 25 & 26, 2010
Labor Day Tournament	September 4 th 5 th , 2010
BBQ – 5pm	September 6 th , 2010
ILTT Tournament	September 17 & 18, 2010
Dinner Awards Banquet	September 19, 2010

***Open to the public**



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