



The Gaff Line

October 2010

Behind the Wheel

by *Bob Woodard JR, Club President*

What a month September turned out to be. We finally got our first marlin on the board.

The first Release Flag of 2010 went to Chuck Smith and crew congrats! The First Marlin by a member Flag went to Jarret Simmons on his dads boat CONCUBINE. The first Marlin by a man was taken by Michael Berry on the SIDEKICK. Nice going to all of you.

The club has never in its history been so busy and hosted so many tournaments in just one Month. All leaving me very tired but happy to know we helped many great causes and tournaments survive a tough year of Marlin fishing. Surprised was I to receive a phone call from Rod Halpern Tournament director of the series of three Catalina tournaments. The call was brief and to the point. With something like 72 boats in the Church Mouse for no Marlin Hook Ups or releases he asked if we would be willing to host the Zane Grey Invitational or he may have to cancel the event. The only Marlin in or near Southern California were in with the tuna bite and inside by the finger bank. This was simply out of range for day fishing from Avalon. It did not take me long to decide. This was a great opportunity to gain exposure for the Club and see if we could regain some camaraderie with the northern fleet and simply make sure that a classic event of this magnitude could move forward. We accomplished all and even received a generous donation from the event organizers for the Kid's Fishing fund here at The Marlin Club. The SHANNON ROSE skippered by Jimmy Kingsmill came away with the victory with Barry Brightenburg's fish going just over 200 lbs!

Up next our Gene Grimes Memorial ILTT. We had 12 boats compete for a total of 1 weighed fish and 3 releases out of 7 hook ups. Skete Simmon's CONCUBINE took the honors and got the high club award for SWYC. High Angler was Mark Henwood (also on CONCUBINE) with one taken and one release both bait fish on 30lb. Test. Second Place went to Jeff Meeker's DOGHOUSE with his son Chris Meeker on a jig; fish released. Congrats to all and thanks for your participation!

Back to the Catalina series. Rod's plans where to still try to hold the Classic and Avalon Billfish Release Tournament in Avalon as some of the fish seemed to be headed north. This never happened and Rod was once again to make a tough call to move the event to San Diego. This time the Classic utilized The Marlin Club simply as a weigh station and it was great to see some of these high end boats and crews at the clubhouse and show sincere interest in our history. Largest fish in The Classic was a 177.4 caught on SHARK'S PARLOR. Total for the event of 9 fish 2 taken the rest released.

It was unfortunate to see poor conditions a week later for The Small boat tournament, no fish were caught. I would however like to personally thank Don Wroncy for his valiant efforts to chair this event.

The other 3 charity events mentioned below had good success for the tuna and contributed to some great causes. These are just the types of events we are proud to be able to host here at the club.

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The following is a list of events hosted at the club throughout September:

Make-A-Wish "Tuna Challenge"

Zane Grey Invitational Marlin Tournament

The Marlin Club's Gene Grimes Memorial ILTT

The Chuck Byron Memorial "FISH ON" Tournament benefiting Children's Marine Art

The Catalina Classic Marlin Tournament

The Shriners Children's Hospital Fundraiser Tournament

The Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament

Late breaking news as I write this some spots of Yellowfin Tuna have moved in as close as 15 miles from the point near due west. These fish have been on terns feeding on bait balls of small anchovies. It's not over yet, so go get one!

Bob Hoose will be our next guest speaker at our membership meeting this month on Wednesday, October 13. He will be speaking on a variety of subjects and always puts on a great show, so come on down, 5:30pm for the \$5 BBQ and the seminar begins at 6:30pm.

Bob Woodard Jr.



SHIMANO

Shimano Tackle Tour - Fisherman's Landing

Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 9th and 10th, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Shimano is bringing the 2010 "Tackle Tour" to Fisherman's Landing. Representatives will be on hand to show attendees the full product line of Shimano, Power Pro, and G-Loomis products. Participants will have the opportunity to view all of Shimano's new products, including Waxwing Jigs, Terez Rods, Talica, Trinidad A, Curado 300 EJ reels, Power Pro Hollow Ace Line, and much more.

Attendees are encouraged to bring one of their Shimano reels to undergo servicing by one of Shimano's professional reel techs. Shimano will conduct seminars, raffles, and product demonstrations throughout the weekend. One lucky participant will receive a \$1000.00 shopping spree at Fisherman's Landing Tackle.

This is the last chance to see the Shimano Tackle Tour in 2010. Anglers and other interested persons should make sure not to miss this terrific opportunity.

Welcome New Members

Brook Alderfer - SEA BREEZE - 23' Blackman
John Blaine - BELLA VITA - 18.5' Seaswirl Striper
Mark Zimmerman - ROCKANDREEL
Jason Chiodini - DOWNSIZED
Greg Trompas - no boat
Michael Maher Sr - no boat

THE MARLIN CLUB

The 2010 Gene Grimes Memorial ILTT Fishing Tournament September 17th and September 18th

1st Place - Mark Henwood - High Angler total pts 287 -
2 fish on 30lb test both bait

1st Place Team - CONCUBINE - High Team total points 417 -
2 releases and 1 capture al on 30 lb. test

High Club - SWYC -CONCUBINE - 417 points (Skete Simmons)

2nd place Angler - Chris Meeker on DOGHOUSE - 1 release on 30lb. test

2nd place Team - DOGHOUSE (Jeff Meeker)



29th Annual Small Boat Tournament September 25th & September 26th, 2010

Sorry Charlie..... no fish!

The San Diego Marlin Club 2010 Catch Detail

#	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

Words of Wisdom

In great attempts, it is glorious even
to fail.

Vince Lombardi

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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