



The Gaff Line

September 2010

Behind the Wheel

by Bob Woodard JR, Club President

It is with sad news I write to you all today. We have lost one of our 2010 Board of Directors to a battle with Cancer. Matt Monise passed away last month. Matt was a very active and generous member at the club for many, many years. On Saturday August 28th many boats gathered at the club for a goodbye ceremony off Zuniga jetty. Flowers were spread and a nice poem was read as we all said goodbye in our own way. Matt had a love for marlin fishing but his true passion was for swordfish. As did I, Matt grew up in a stick boat family, back in the 70's and 80's when there were no planes or gillnets, simply eyeball fish found by the crew. One of my favorite stories of the day came from James Cardoza. He said when Matt was around 11 or 12 he went to Matt's house to find him playing in his bedroom. He walked in and saw Matt had a bunch of paper swordfish cut out and a plastic boat which he would drive around the floor of his bedroom and harpoon the paper swordfish. Matt successfully harpooned many swordfish from the pulpit of his beloved boat the "LEGACY". We had many great trips on the "LEGACY" which I will never forget. Whether we were halibut fishing, marlin fishing or hunting for swordfish, Matt's passion for being on the sea was there always. We will all miss you greatly Matt and I'm sure the fishing is better up there than down here. Tight lines amigo.

With September upon us and still no Marlin at the club we must still forge ahead. The Labor Day tournament is open to all members and free! If no Marlin are weighed it will go to an open game fish category (no Sharks) The tournament is Saturday and Sunday and there will be a BBQ on Monday evening at 5PM at the club. The yellowfin tuna have made their first showing of the year and are being caught along with bluefin and a few albacore as close as 65 miles. It is with great hope the marlin may move in with the yellowfin for a shot at salvaging a season.

The ILTT will go on! Even if no marlin are in the area, the tournament will move forward with alternate species categories to be determined by the ILTT committee before the captains meeting. Please also note the date change for the small boat tournament to Sept 25th and 26th.

It is with much thought and consideration I am proposing the following change with regards to spectra backing and our clubs rules on such. All board members I have had a chance to discuss this with agree. We are proposing allowing the use of spectra backing with a minimum top shot of 100 yards mono to be allowable for all club trophies and events. We will be putting this to a vote at the next board meeting to accept such modifications for the year then to put it in front of the general membership meeting for a permanent modification to the clubs bylaws. I have also spoken to many different clubs and although they all realize it needs to be addressed but we are leading the way here. As with all game fishing technology changes and with those changes we must also adapt. With spectra comes the ability to fish lighter outfits with more line capacity. This is something that may or may not be eventually addressed by the IGFA but with its widespread use needs to be addressed by the majority of angling clubs now.

Our monthly have become a huge success. Our next Membership meeting Sept. 8th and we will have guest speaker Buck Everingham from Everingham Bros. Bait Company. He will be speaking about the ongoing battle over the MLPA's and give us an update. We will also be holding a raffle with all proceeds going to the fund that is fighting the legal battle for us as recreational anglers and our rights as such! We look forward to seeing you all here. Thanks to Doug and Rick from Fisherman's Landing Tackle for our August seminar they were a big hit and we look forward to having them come back in the future!

Bob Woodard JR.

The Michael Farris, IGFA Juniors 2010 Tournament



The 2010 Michael Farris-IGFA Annual Juniors' Tournament, formally the Marlin Club Junior Angler Tournament, was renamed this year in honor of IGFA Trustee, Michael Farris, who has personally been very supportive of the event for over five years.

Held on August 20th at the Marlin Club of San Diego, the tournament provided a great opportunity for families to enjoy a beautiful warm summer day sharing their love of fishing. In spite of the slow fishing that has plagued southern California coast so far, this event focused on the fishing experience rather than the catches. When lines were out and everyone returned to the Marlin Club, there was plenty of laughter and fun as grandmothers, grandfathers, fathers and mothers sat down with their young ones for an *'all you could eat barbecue'* and shared some of the events of the day. With a little prompting, each child told about their successes or near catches.

After a special award for the winner, each child was given a raffle ticket which allowed them to choose a prize from a table piled high with items provided by the generous sponsors including; Fisherman's Landing Tackle Shop, Costa Sunglasses, along with a DFG California Fishing Passport as well as local merchant gift certificates.

Going the extra distance, Fisherman's Landing Tackle Shop's Doug Kern came by in Mid-morning. There was a Big Brother and a youngster who entered late fishing off the Marlin Club Dock. Doug offered to take them out for the afternoon on his boat. They were grateful for Doug's generosity and eagerly accepted the offer.

The winning angler was Kale'a Woodard, seven year old daughter of MC President Bob Woodard. She caught a two pound/twelve ounce barracuda, the largest fish caught by any of the junior anglers aged 15 and under. Fishing on her grandparents sportfisher, the *Christina Lynn*, with her grandfather, Bob Woodard, as Captain, and her grandmother, Pat Woodard of Point Loma, long-time members of the Marlin Club, Kale'a also caught a calico bass weighing one pound. After weighing the winning barracuda, she released the fish into San Diego Bay.

With giggles from the girls, and a lot of whooping and yelling from the boys, it was easy to see that the tournament was a huge success. Parents' and grandparents' smiles were filled with pride as they enjoyed sharing their past time with their loved ones. Everyone agreed that they would return to be part of this happy event again next year.



Sean and Brennan Mullrooney's Seabass while fishing on Skete Simmons boat CONCUBINE. Sean has been serving the US Navy and has not got much fishing time as of late with his job protecting all of us as a helicopter pilot. It's great to see you back on the water Sean. Nice going to you and the crew!

THE MARLIN CLUB

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

The Invitational Light Tackle Tournament is the oldest and most prestigious event in the history of San Diego fishing. This year will mark the return to a multiple-line class event, using 20-30 lb test to fish for Marlin off the coast of southern California.

The entry fee is \$95 per angler, and includes a tournament t-shirt and lunch. Should no Marlin be caught, there will be an *alternate target species*. Formal rules and grid maps will be given to all participants at the Captains' meeting on September 17th at 5:30 PM at *The Marlin Club*. Awards ceremony and luncheon to follow at The Marlin Club on Sunday, September 19th at 1 pm.

For more information, please contact
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29th Annual Small Boat Tournament

Saturday, September 25th & Sunday, September 26th, 2010

(note Date Change)

see the website for details www.themarlinclub.com

MATTHEW "MATT" J. MONISE - Nov. 7, 1965 to August 17, 2010

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to everyone who showed up on Saturday to celebrate Matthew. I cannot begin to explain what it felt like to be on the Legacy, leaving the point, and looking back to see that line of boats. It was without a doubt one of the hardest things for our family to do, going out on the boat that Matthew so dearly loved, without him but in memory of him. We have so many memories on that boat with him, fishing, 4th of July, and the parade of lights. I can only hope that Matthew, who was a great teacher, was able to share most of his fishing and life lessons with my children especially my son Nico who seemed to have inherited my family's love of the sea. My husband commented, after Saturday, that it was truly the best funeral ceremony he had ever been to, a strange achievement to be sure, but proud also. To know he will be missed by others helps ease the huge emptiness we are feeling right now.

Thank you again for your ongoing thoughts and prayers.

Tracy Pompeo



Words of Wisdom

Men and fish are alike. They both get into trouble when they open their mouths.

Jimmy D Moore

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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