



The Gaff Line

April 2011

Behind the Wheel

by *Marcus Hale, Club President*

Aloha from the Marlin Club

By the time you all get this it will be just about time for the Marlin Club General meeting Tuesday April 5th at 6:00 pm at the South Western Yacht Club. This will be a great event as we have an awesome guest speaker, Gary Graham. Gary will be speaking to us about his extensive travels in Baja. Hopefully he will tell us some great secrets about fishing Mag Bay and spots up and down the Baja coast. He has a great slide show for us as well, that you don't want to miss. We have lots of cool raffle prizes for those who attend. Remember this is a free raffle with your entry ticket. Please sign in at the door and get your raffle ticket. We have rod's, jigs, and lots of other fun stuff. There will also be some important business conducted that we need membership input, discussion and votes on.

We are also proud to announce a new employee at our club. Please join me in welcoming Rob Lane to the Marlin Club. He will be working in the office 3 days a week, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1pm to 5pm, starting in April. We have been looking for a person like Rob to help at the club for a long time. I think he will be a perfect fit.

Rob brings a lot to the table for our club. Rob is a retired electrician looking for some part time work doing what he loves. Rob has an extensive knowledge about the ocean as he has sailed around the world and spent many years at sea. I am sure he has lots of great stories. Rob is also a solid fisherman and has a fishing boat he keeps in the water at the SWYC. Rob has management experience as a foreman. He is very organized and has some knowledge of computers with Microsoft word, excel and outlook. Rob has a great personality and is very friendly and outgoing. It may take him a few to get your name so please introduce yourself to him when you see him. Rob has also been a long time member of our club as well as a member of SWYC. He has helped with the ILTT Tournament and is willing to help out the tournament directors when he is not personally competing in a tournament. Please take some time to meet him at the General Meeting on April 5th.

We are still looking for a Director for the Small Boat tournament. We already have a couple of great prizes along with \$800 for the first and second place. If you are interested in taking the lead on this tournament please contact a board member or myself at the Marlin Club.

The Fred Hall Boat and Tackle show was a great success. Not only did we make some money for the club but we had a great time meeting new members and talking to a lot of old ones. Many people came by the booth and shared stories about how the club has affected them or their family over the 80 years it has been around. It really reminded me why we are all here and what this club is all about. The club is only as good as it's members and I am proud to say that many of the old members are getting more involved as well as some great new ones that want to be a part of our history in the making.

We will be bringing back by popular demand the weekly sundowner BBQ's. We will have guest speakers at many of them sharing their vast knowledge of fishing techniques and new improved tackle. It is also a great opportunity to talk to some of the most informed fishermen in San Diego that fish our local waters regularly and have all the

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latest intel on what's hot and what's not. What's biting and where to drop a jig.

We will also have a couple of social events along with our tournaments for you to bring your significant other and have a night out with good food, music and friends. Look for your local Gaff Line for more details coming soon.

Thank You's

I would like to Thank Jon Wilson for all his work in setting up, getting coverage and breaking down the Fred Hall Boat show booth. Jon has put a lot of time into our club in the last few years including helping paint the new docks as well as he is always there for anything we need. Thank you Jon.

Marcus Hale

President of SDMC

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9 AM to 5 PM

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Boat rides on San Diego Bay, displays by marine artists and fishing tackle experts, great food, entertainment, fishing seminars, open house aboard sportfishing boats, kid's fishing, contests, prizes and more!

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or Download an application at www.themarlinclub.com

White Sea Bass / Yellowtail Division Combined
Side Jackpot for Halibut optional \$15 per person
Split between 1 st (50%) 2 nd (25%) & (25%) Friends of Rollo / SDMC
Early Entry fee is \$50 for adults and \$25 for Juniors/ Includes T-Shirt & Dinner
After 5-7-11 Entry Fee is \$65 for adults

Awards Dinner and Giant Raffle at the San Diego Marlin Club 6PM 5 -21 -11

Words of Wisdom

There will be days when the fishing is better than one's most optimistic forecast, others when it is far worse. Either is a gain over just staying home.

~Roderick Haig-Brown,
Fisherman's Spring, 1951

DATES TO REMEMBER for 2011

Awards/ Trophy Dinner	February 12, 2011
General Membership Meeting	April 5, 2011
Club Clean Up Days	April, 2011
Open House/Day at the Docks	April, 2011
Spring Shootout*	May 21, 2011
Sundowner	May, 2011
Don Blackman Memorial Halibut Derby*	June 18, 2011
Presidents' Tournament	August 13, 2011
Juniors' Tournament	August 20, 2011
Small Boat Tournament*	September, 2011
Labor Day Tournament	September 3, 4, 2011
BBQ – 5pm	September 5, 2011
ILTT Tournament	September 16, 17, 2011
Dinner Awards Banquet	September 18, 2011
Holiday Party 6pm	December, 2011

***Open to the public**



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