



The Gaff Line

December 2011

Behind the Wheel

by Marcus Hale, Club President

It's that time of year again and the holidays are upon us. I just want to take a minute to wish you all an AWESOME Holiday season. From all of us on the board to all of you our members, we wish you many great things, good health, happiness and alot of big fish to be caught in 2012.

Reflecting back on the 2011 season it started with a good White SeaBass bite with some early Yellow tail showing in LJ and the Coronado Islands. Things started to heat up with a few Bluefin early but then stalled out as the bulk of the fish were stuck down by San Martin 150 miles from the point. If you were lucky enough to make the trip you found what we usually get up north, some good Yellow Tail and Dorado on kelps with some Yellow Fin Tuna in the mix. If you looked at a temp chart you saw a big temperature brake where the water was 68-72 degrees on the warm side and 64-66 on the cold side. It was also clean and blue compared to the cold green water we saw in most of the waters around our local banks. There was an unusual two weeks of fishing off the Tuna Pens down by the hidden bank as boats drifted off the pens with bait and scored some good days of fishing Blue Fin.

Marlin fishing was equally as frustrating as very few fish were caught. Even the Catalina tournaments struggled this year to get a decent count. The SD Marlin Club had 7 fish of which 3 were weighed in by members. I know you all worked very hard to get a chance at one. I could go on and on with theories about no real body of fish coming from down south, what we got came mostly from the west, or Marlin not wanting to come up through the colder then usual water especially when most of the season it was green or off color, or perhaps the one the MLPA likes to say it is years of over fishing and the Marlin have not had a chance to mature enough to bread properly. But I wont, lets just say it was a very tough year for all of us and we look forward to 2012 being a much better year. It has been my experience that fishing goes in cycles and we should be nearing the end of this one.

On behalf of the Board of directors and the officers of the San Diego Marlin Club we thank all those who despite the tough fishing year still participated in our tournaments and events. It just shows the caliber of people, fishermen and women we have at this prestigious club. I was proud to be your President this year and navigate through some very challenging times. I look forward to seeing all of you next year good luck and god bless.

Now for some old and new business;

- We had a absolutely huge water bill a few months in a row and one actually totaled over \$1000 so please if you at the club help conserve on water. Don't leave the hose running as you soap down your boat, if you see the water dripping from a hose or anywhere please inform the staff or leave us a note. We did find a leaky hose bib and the men's urinal was stuck on, those problems have been fixed but there was more to it then that. So please help conserve, we don't want to have to raise dues because our water bill is out of control.
- The doc plank donation project is well under way we have over \$500 pledged so far for planks. Thank you to all who have made their pledges. We have decided to put Trex right over the existing planks, (just like the SW Yacht Club) and put a boarder of Red wood around for all who donated to have their names put in history. Be sure to let me or Robb at the club know if you are interested in participating in this project we are taking donations starting at just \$20 dollars a plank. Reserve one for your self or your whole family can get a section.
- We are also starting a New donation for tiles to be placed around the big scale by the docs. Jon Wilson will be leading that project and you can have your own custom tile placed in the history books of the club under the scale if you prefer.
- We are looking for a few new board members to help run our club. To be a board member currently you need to be a voting member. That means that you have weighed in a Tuna over 40 lbs or a button fish. Or you have caught a Marlin for the club. There is a proposal out to change the qualification to be a board member you only need to have been a member in good standing for 3 years and have the panel review your records and standing with the club to recommend you as a candidate to be put on the ballet. This will be voted on in our next general meeting.

- We are also seeking any member who is interested in being on a Tournament committee, this is an exciting and fun way to get to know how our tournaments work and meet a lot of quality fishermen and sponsors in our community. If you are interested in be part of any of the below tournaments please send me a quick email at mholdblue@gmail.com I will pass the info along to the Tournament director.
- Spring Shootout May 19th 2012
- Halibut Derby June 16th 2012
- Juniors IGFA Aug 18th
- Labor Day Sept 1-3rd
- ILTT Sept 21st-23rd
- Small Boat TBD

Now last but not least we are having our anual Holiday Party on December 3rd at the Marlin Club starting at 5pm. below is the flyer.The Marlin Club Annual

HOLIDAY PARTY

DEC. 3rd at 5 PM !

Come enjoy some Holiday Laughs, Tunes and Good Times! POTLUCK FORMAT... BYOB!

LIVE MUSIC Featuring

The Clone Pony's - A Linda Rondstadt Tribute Experience

Special guests the "PUSH PINS"

GIANT RAFFLE

Potluck Dinner so bring your favorite Holiday Dish or something for the Grill. Dress is Fishey Casual Holiday so do your best with that! Starts at 6PM to ? There will be a tent and heaters but bring a coat. Also bring your dancing shoes.

We hope to see you here! Happy Holidays !!! 2445 Shelter Island Drive SD CA 92106 (619) 222-8677

Aloha from the bridge at The Marlin Club,

Marcus Hale

President of SDMC

**Governing a great nation is like
cooking a small fish - too much
handling will spoil it.**

Lao Tzu

DATES TO REMEMBER for 2011	
Awards/ Trophy Dinner	TBD
General Membership Meeting	TBD
Club Clean Up Days	TBD
Open House/Day at the Docks	TBD
Spring Shootout*	May19, 2012
Don Blackman Memorial	
Halibut Derby*	June 16, 2012
Juniors' Tournament	August 18, 2012
Labor Day Tournament	September 1,2, 2012
BBQ - 5pm	September 3, 2011
ILTT Tournament	September 21, 22, 2012
Dinner Awards Banquet	September 23, 2012
Small Boat Tournament*	TBD
Presidents' Tournament	TBD
Holiday Party 5pm	December 3, 2011

***Open to the public**

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