



# The Gaff Line

## June 2011

### *Behind the Wheel*

by *Marcus Hale, Club President*

Aloha from the Marlin Club

Sorry we are a bit late this month I was down in Cancun and Cozumel and just got back. By the way if you ever get a chance to check out that area it is awesome, especially for those who like to scuba dive. The live coral reefs and tropical fish are as nice as anywhere in the world.

Fishing started to show some good signs before I left on my trip, as there were some good catches of Yellowtail south of the islands, as well as a great calico bite in the kelp off Point Loma. Bass fishing in the bay has been fun with a few halibut being caught here and there. The fishing season is just around the corner so make sure your boats are tuned up and fishing gear ready to go. There was rumor of a sport boat catching some school size albacore on the way back home from a long-range trip, as well as some blue fin being spotted less than 200 miles south of the point. Let's just hope our water warms up, the wind stays down and we get a clean line of warm water close to shore to bring those fish up the line.

There are still a few things that need a little help at the club so if you have some free time and want to come on down to the bay we could really use some help prepping the rails on the main dock for a fresh coat of paint. There is always a need for a fresh coat of stain on the gangways as well. Rob is down at the club working Friday through Sunday from 1pm to 5pm and will have a list of things that need help.

With our warm weather, we are bringing back the Friday Sundowners. Back by popular demand starting the 3rd Friday in June (June 17th) from 5:30 to 8pm we will be hosting a BBQ at the club. I will be cooking up some burgers and dogs as well as some fresh fish if I get lucky this next weekend. We have drinks for the kids and for the adults so grab a friend or family member and come on down. We will have the latest intel on what's hot and what's not, as well as just a good time had by all. We will be having another one the third Friday in July and if all goes according to plan and the fishing heats up we will bring them back weekly to give everyone a chance to come on down. We will also be bringing in guest speakers to continue to hone in our fishing skills and stay up on the latest tackle and techniques. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Aloha from the bridge at The Marlin Club,

*Marcus Hale*

President of SDMC

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### New Members

Jim and Mary Francella  
David Saul - **ALL IN**  
Gary Glockzin - **FINISH LINE**

William Woodard  
Tommy Littell  
Bob Purgaive

**DROP BACK**  
**I'M OFF**  
**MOON DANCE**

# “Friend’s of Rollo” Spring Shootout 2011 May 21<sup>st</sup> Fishing Tournament

With high winds a constant this whole spring, we made a decision to open the Spring Shootout up to a night of sea bass fishing as well. This turned out to be a good decision as the night fishing kicked out the only sea bass or yellowtail of the tournament.

Greg Trompas Jr. on his Panga - EL MAYOR fished a secret spot on the San Diego coast, and was able to muster up just enough squid to get it done.

The winning fish was a 52lb. white sea bass. The beauty took the tournament hands down. The rest of the field was rounded out with bass and barracuda.

No surprise in the Halibut jackpot as team Bingham strapped on their boots and went to work. Fishing all day from dawn on, they located the winner at about 3:30 PM with just enough time to make the weigh in. The fish, a 19lb halibut was caught by team captain Mike Bingham.

The event was once again a great success with a huge raffle. The final total is not in, however we made lots of money for "Friends of Rollo" to get kids out fishing. A big ‘Thank You’ to all of our local merchants for their generous support!



The Marlin Club of San Diego will be hosting The 25th Annual Don Blackman Memorial Halibut Derby on Saturday, June 18. We hold this tournament in honor of Don Blackman, renowned boat builder, President of The Marlin Club of San Diego, and IGFA San Diego representative. His legacy will always live on through his wife Shirley ( IGFA world record holder), son Steve, and the rest of the Blackman family, who are still building Blackman Boats here in San Diego today.

This Halibut Derby will also honor a great friend and fisherman, Matt Monise, who we lost to melanoma last year and who inspired our gift to UCSD. We would also like to offer our prayers and support to The Marlin Club's own, Jamie Austutz, who is doing such a great job for us here at the club. Thanks for putting up with us Jamie.

Please go to our web site, [www.themarlinclub.com](http://www.themarlinclub.com) for all info on the Halibut Derby, including rules, entry forms and donation letters (Yes, there is still time to donate something to the raffle and get advertising). Remember this event is open to the public, and the Shelter Island launch ramp and parking lot are only a block away!

Please sign up ASAP so we can plan the BBQ menu. Thank you for supporting The Marlin Club of San Diego and UCSD Moores Cancer Research Center.

Best regards,  
Bill and Wendy McLeod  
The Marlin Club of San Diego



# THE MARLIN CLUB'S 25th ANNUAL DON BLACKMAN MEMORIAL HALIBUT DERBY

**AWARDS, PRIZES,  
RAFFLE & BBQ**

**DATE  
JUNE 18th, 2011**

TO BENEFIT THE

**"UCSD MOORES CANCER CENTER"**

*For information and entry form please go to our website:*  
[www.themarlinclub.com](http://www.themarlinclub.com) or call 619-222-8677  
or call Bill McLeod @ 858-679-8691

## Words of Wisdom

You make your own luck... Pay attention to the guys that catch all the fish, it's not all luck!

Mike "The Beak" Hurt

### DATES TO REMEMBER for 2011

Awards/ Trophy Dinner	February 12, 2011
General Membership Meeting	April 5, 2011
Club Clean Up Days	April 9, 2011
Open House/Day at the Docks	April 17, 2011
Spring Shootout*	May 21, 2011
Sundowner	June 17, 2011
Don Blackman Memorial Halibut Derby*	June 18, 2011
Presidents' Tournament	August 13, 2011
Juniors' Tournament	August 20, 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
Small Boat Tournament*	October 1 & 2, 2011
Holiday Party 6pm	December, 2011

\*Open to the public



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