



# The Gaff Line

## May 2011

### *Behind the Wheel*

*by Marcus Hale, Club President*

Aloha from the Marlin Club

Things are starting to heat up on our local fishing grounds. There have been a few good days for Yellowtail at the Coronado Islands and in La Jolla as the water starts to warm up. There have been spots of water as warm as 64 degrees along the coast and our local fishing grounds. If you can find a day when the wind isn't blowing and the bait is up you may find yourself hooked up to a nice 20-25 lb Yellow. A few Halibut have been taken and lots of Rock Cod and Calico Bass to make for a fun day on the water.

The Third Annual Yellowtail Derby started April 30th and will go through May 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you haven't entered, now may be a good time as the yellows are out and about. John Campbell puts on a great event with awesome prizes and a good time had by all.

The Marlin Club Open House and kids fishing tournament at the club on the 17th was a huge success. We had 19 kids from 5 to 13 years old. They were able to land 21 fish, with a variety of Perch, Opel Eye and a sting ray. The kids really had a great time.

The Winners were as follows;

0-5 years old Winner was Ethan Hale with 5 fish caught the biggest was a 1lb 2oz Perch

6-9 year old winner was Seth Heinrich with 4 fish caught the biggest was 1lb 6oz Opel Eye  
Followed close behind by Haylie with also 4 fish caught and the biggest was 11.8 oz Opel Eye

10-15 year old winner was Mason Wilson with a 1lb 3oz Perch  
followed by Jake Silva with a 1lb 2oz Perch  
followed by Auston Wilson with a 1lb Perch  
followed by Josh with a 15oz Stingray.

The kids really enjoyed themselves and we had a hot dog BBQ for all who showed up. All in all it was a great day at the club.

I want to take a minute to say thank you to Pat Woodard and Wendy McLeod for doing an excellent job cleaning out the inside of the club house. I can't tell you when I have seen it looking this nice. Thanks ladies.

Thank you all who came down for club clean up prior to our open house. I was out of town and don't know exactly who showed but the club looked really good, thanks to all of you.

Thank you to Steve Pitts and Greg Hord and all who helped man our booth at the day at the doc's event. Steve created a log book for anyone who has had a great experiences at the club over the years to share with us. The log book will be located at the club on the main table at all times and will be out for all our events. Please feel free to stop by and share a story about a memorable experience you or your family and friends had at the club over the years.

Many people think of the Marlin Club as a club just for Marlin, and at one time that may have not been too far from the truth. The real truth is that now we are much more than just a club for Marlin fishermen. Marlin are only in our waters for a few short weeks a year and the passion that drives all of us to fish Marlin also drives us to fish for other species. The Marlin Club

now has seven tournaments and only 3 are geared towards just Marlin. The Presidents Tournament, Labor Day and the ILTT. The other four, (Spring shoot out, Don Blackman Halibut Derby, Juniors Tournament and the Small Boat) all focus on other species like Tuna, White Sea bass, Yellowtail, Bass and Halibut. So spread the word and lets grow this club to its full potential. The more members, sponsors and fishermen that we get participating in the tournaments the better the prizes will be. We already have trips to the East Cape, Trips on long range sport boats, Gold reels, CASH and lots of other great prizes for those who like to have fun competing for the biggest fish.

The Spring Shootout is nearly upon us and the deadline to get the reduced early entry fee of \$50 is May 7th after that it goes up too \$65 so get your teams together. JUNIORS are \$25. The entry fees include T-Shirt and Dinner. The event will be better than ever with tons of sponsors and prizes.

So help us get kids fishing and put together a team and sign up ASAP! The date of the tournament is May 21<sup>st</sup>. The focus is Yellowtail and White Sea bass with a Halibut jackpot. Tell a friend and get yourself signed up. The more people the more we can help the Friends of Rollo.

Thanks for your support see you there.

*Marcus Hale*

President of SDMC

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# THE MARLIN CLUB'S 25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DON BLACKMAN MEMORIAL HALIBUT DERBY

**AWARDS, PRIZES,  
RAFFLE & BBQ**

**DATE  
JUNE 18<sup>th</sup>, 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

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



Proceeds from this event benefit “Friends of Rollo” Kids Fishing Foundation  
Sign up at the San Diego Marlin Club 2445 Shelter Island, Drive SD 92106 - (619) 227-LIST  
or Download an application at [www.themarlinclub.com](http://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

Fishin' for a good time starts with  
throwin' in your line....

Tom Waits  
New Coat Of Paint

## **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
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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