



MARLIN TALES

January 2009

Happy New Year. With fuel prices down, I am looking forward to much more activity from the membership and seeing more boats fishing. The first weekend of January, my crew and I on the LIT UP went swordfishing and it was nice to have 4-5 additional boats out there. To me, it is a lot more fun fishing with friends on other boats sharing reports all night. The **TABASCO** was out there as well and here is a good picture of them running in the smooth Gulf Stream waters.



The US Navy was in full force offshore the weekend of the first Wahoo Mini. We saw ships, helos, planes and a nuclear submarine. After catching 11 wahoo in the last 4 trips, we did not get a strike. My crew wondered out loud if the Navy ships sonar's had anything to do with that. It was probably more likely due to the ugly green water and 69 degree water temp out to 600'.

The Market at Camachee has now re-opened under new ownership. Stop by and visit to see what they offer. They are offering lunches for fishermen to take on their boat.

For years, the Marlin Club has paid to take care of the lawn surrounding the club. Camachee Cove has agreed to take over this task and it is much appreciated. When you see Sean or Peter around the marina, tell them thanks for helping us with that. Thanks guys.

2008 YEAR END BANQUET – The banquet is January 24th at the St. Augustine Rod and Gun Club as it has been the last few years. By now, you should have received an invitation. If you have not, please contact any board member. Please RSVP so we can plan appropriately. Guests are welcome as always. Come celebrate the previous year's accomplishments.

NEW MEMBER – Joe Wheeler has joined as General Member and John Gray has joined as an Associate Member. Adrian & Frani Heilman, previous Associate Members have re-joined this year. Adrian has been fishing here for years and used to fish on his father's **BIG KAHUNA** boat. Please seek these new members out and welcome them. Get those dues in. Talk to your boating or fishing friends and crew to see if they are interested in joining this year. **If you are a new member and haven't been recognized in a newsletter, please let me know as the contact info at the bottom of this newsletter.*

FISHING – Congratulations to John Hulsey on winning both the Tournament Series Championship and the Boat of the Year for 2008! No newcomer to either of those titles. **The DOUBLE TROUBLE** remains the boat to beat if you want to come out on top in 2009. Congratulations to Tom Greenhalgh as Angler of the Year for 2008. Tom earned those points fishing on the **DOUBLE TROUBLE**.

Fishing for 2009 has started off a little slow. We need cold weather to cool the inshore waters down and concentrate the wahoo offshore. In the first weekend of the year, the LIT UP caught 2 wahoo and a swordfish. During the second weekend, in the first tournament of the year, the Wahoo Mini, our new Grand Pooh Ba Bucky Odum on the **TREE HOUSE** won the tournament with a 47 lb wahoo among 2 he caught. **DOSA MARIA** followed with a 35 lber and **GET SHORTY** came in 3rd with a 29 lber. Fishing was really slow and catching a wahoo meant you placed and not all boats were able to do that.

TREE HOUSE 47 lber:



***2009 Boat of the Year** current leader is **LIT UP, TREE HOUSE** and **GET SHORTY**.

*** Champion Series** current leader is **TREE HOUSE, DOSA MARIA** and **GET SHORTY**.

***2009 Angler of the Year** leader is **Adrian Heilman**.

2009 MINI TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE – The first tournament in 2009 will be the Wahoo Aggregate on February 7th. You can weigh your 2 heaviest fish. ****Make sure to check with a board member or the website for any changes.**

****IMPORTANT NEW FISHING RULE** – The SAFMC has elected to do nothing, for now, where snapper and grouper fishing is concerned.

WEBSITE CHANGES – The website will be receiving a total update in the near future. Work is on-going and although some changes will be evident as time goes by, an un-veiling of the website will happen in the next few months. Erez Wolf of **WOLF DEN** fame created the website we use today and have for the last 7 years. He has graciously offered to re-create the site at no cost to the club. This is a tremendous amount of money he has saved us. His company is called Cybercom International and I highly recommend him for any IT work your company may require. You can contact him by sending a message to the “webmaster” of the website or contact me at the email that follows. If you have additional website suggestions, please forward them to Tim Martin at Jagsare1@hotmail.com.

****Please take a few minutes to go to your profile on www.nefma.com and update anything that needs updating.** If you cannot remember your password, send me an email at Jagsare1@hotmail.com and I will send that information to you. A lot of information is disseminated via email so I encourage you to add one if you have an email address.

****Please use the NEFMA website to log your fish catches instead of using the cards.** You will find it to be very easy and it will help us keep the points up to date in a timely manner. Simply go to www.NEFMA.co and click on the left side where it says “**SUBMIT CATCH**”. Fill in the blanks and click on ENTER and you are done.

**** *If you do not have an email address in your profile on the NEFMA website, I highly recommend you add one.*** This will allow you to get fishing reports via email and you can still hide the email address if you want. Call me for passwords and website access.

******Please forward any and all news that affects our club to me for inclusion in future newsletters. I really do need your help in making this newsletter interesting to read.**

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