



MARLIN TALES

November 2009

I was not able to get a story of a past club member for this addition but be on the lookout for that in future issues. I received interesting news from Don Combs on the SHARK BAIT. On March 12, 2003, Don caught and released a swordfish estimated at 60 lbs. 4 years later, on December 26, 2007, that fish was re-captured 253nm's south near Miami. It was reported to weigh 160 lbs. 1750 days at large after its first capture and almost tripled in size in 4 years.

Now this is different. No fishing news here but have you noticed all the dead and dying trees that you see as you drive along A1A? You're not crazy, there are a lot of them. They are called "Red Bay" trees and they are in trouble. They are dying because of a fungus that is spread by the ambrosia beetle. This is the same fungus as the "Dutch elm disease". The beetle does not feed on the wood but on the fungi the adult female injects into the tree. This is a problem that will only get worse. Currently all Red Bay trees on Fort George Island that are larger than 6" in diameter are dead. Currently there are field trials of pesticides being conducted but at this time there is no treatment for control of the beetle or the fungus.

GENERAL MEETING on Thursday February 12th where the 2010 Board of Directors will be elected. Please attend. Mitch Roffer of Roffer's Ocean Fishing Forecasting Service will speak to us about his work.

I am still looking for stories from the history of our club. In the future, be on the lookout for more of them and feel free to contact me to tell me yours. Tim Martin 904-674-4552 or Jagsarel@hotmail.com.

THANK YOU – Our blue marlin on the Marlin Club dock looked terrible after many years of weather and sun. The decision was made to try and get it refurbished and after an exhaustive search, Atlantic Taxidermy in Ft. Lauderdale was chosen to do the work. Joe Ribera quoted an exceptional price and promised to take good care of our marlin. After a few short weeks, the marlin was ready and delivered back to the clubhouse where Bucky Odom and Tom Greenhalgh re-installed it. Simply, it looks fantastic. Outstanding work and it will look good for years to come. But best of all and in a surprising offer of generosity, Joe decided not to charge for the work. I can't recommend him enough for his passion for his work and skill in his craft. If you are in need of any type of mount, give him a call and see if he can help you. His website is www.atlantictaxidermy.com or you can call him, Joe Ribera, at 954-785-3090.

REQUEST – We are still looking for someone to write the newsletter. I promise you that it isn't too hard and can be fun. If you want to write the newsletter for the club, please let your president, Bucky Odom, know.

FISHING: October turned out to be a pretty good month. **PEZ VELA** started off the month with a surprise 7 sailfish catch on Day 1 of the El Pescado tied for most sails caught and 2nd place for the day(2nd place by time). Many of the captains and crews who fish that tournament are professionals in every sense of the word so competition is stiff, not to mention that the **PEZ VELA** was the second smallest boat in the fleet. Unfortunately, they could only muster 1 more sail on Day 2 to wind up in 4th place for the tournament and the top NEFMA boat. There was quite a buzz when the **PEZ VELA** came back to the marina with 7 flags flying. **JOY RIDE** ended the El Pescado with 6 sailfish and a good showing as well. You may notice that the current Angler of the Year and Lady Angler of the Year is Joy Korman...fishing on the **JOY RIDE**.

Sailfish is the name of the game for October with the following boats catching sailfish during the month:

DOUBLE TROUBLE	27
JOY RIDE	9
PEZ VELA	8
BY DESIGN	2

The only other fish registered during the month was a swordfish released on the **LIT UP**.

The Sailfish Shootout results finalized the top 2 spots for the Tournament Series Championship. You see, **SHARK BAIT** could only be caught by **DOUBLE TROUBLE**. The third place boat couldn't over-take either of them. With bad weather predicted, the tournament was a go but only 1 boat went and it was not **SHARK BAIT** or **DOUBLE TROUBLE**. No points were given for the tournament and officially, **SHARK BAIT** is the 2009 Tournament Series Champion! **DOUBLE TROUBLE** has secured 2nd place.

***2009 Boat of the Year** current leader is:

1 st Place:	DOUBLE TROUBLE	3050 pts
2 nd Place:	PEZ VELA	2615 pts
3 rd Place:	JOY RIDE	1600 pts

*** Tournament Series Championship:**

1 st Place:	SHARK BAIT	1475 pts
2 nd Place:	DOUBLE TROUBLE	1125 pts
3 rd Place	LIT UP	850 pts

***2009 Angler of the Year** leader is **Joy Korman**.

***2009 Lady Angler of the Year** leader is **Joy Korman**.

2009 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES SCHEDULE – The final event is an Open Mini Event on November 14th/15th. The next tournament will be in January 2010.

UPCOMING EVENTS – Florida-Georgia football game. Now this was just plain fun. Approximately 40 people were in attendance. Thanks to Paul Kassab for showing up at the clubhouse before daybreak to smoke his incredible BBQ. It was nice to enjoy the clubhouse and other members without having to worry about fishing...that is until we contacted **DOUBLE TROUBLE** on the clubhouse VHF and have him inform us of his awesome day, 13-25 on sailfish. Mark your calendars for 2010, we will be doing this again.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – The party will be at the clubhouse on December 9th. Come join us. Details coming soon.

YEAR END BANQUET – Location has been chosen. Unique venue that will be an interesting experience. The date is January 30th, 2010. **THIS IS A DATE CHANGE.** Make your plans now. Guests are welcome and further details will be provided when the location is announced.

**** *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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2009/2010 CALENDAR

- ✓ November 12th – General Membership Meeting-2010 Board of Directors to be elected
- ✓ November 14th/15th – 2 day Open Mini(weather date 21st/22nd)
- ✓ December 9th – Christmas Party
- ✓ January 30 – Year End Banquet
- ✓ January 16th – Wahoo Mini
- ✓ February 6th – Wahoo Aggregate
- ✓ Valentines Day for the Marlin Mates.
- ✓ February 27th – Tentative – Saturday Party/Social – Texas Hold-Em Tournament