



MARLIN TALES

October 2009

The most important thing for each member to take away from this newsletter is this. We need help. We need help with the Corporate Challenge in 2010. We need help with the Bluewater Invitational for 2010. And it is time that someone step in and continue writing this newsletter for 2010. The 2010 Board of Directors will be elected in November of this year and they will help with the Corporate Challenge and the Bluewater Invitational but it is going to take more than that. If you would like to help in these causes, contact an officer of the club and let them know. Remember, the Corporate Challenge and the Bluewater Invitational are 2 of the most important sources of funding for this club. If they don't exist and are not successful, the financial situation of the club will be compromised.

What do you think? We are looking for ideas on how to generate new membership. There are many bluewater fishermen out there fishing in center consoles that think they can't fish in the Marlin Club. How do we show them otherwise? There are many other fishermen in big boats who don't join. How do we reach them and get them excited about the Marlin Club? Please contact a board member and give them your thoughts.

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.

REQUEST – The newsletter is fun to write and with a little imagination, it could be better. If you want to write the newsletter for the club, please let your president, Bucky Odum, know.

SPECIAL THANKS – More thanks are due. Peter and Sean of Camachee Cove put some extra effort into additional maintenance projects on the Marlin Club Dock. The Blue Marlin that adorns the entrance to the Marlin Club Dock was looking pretty worn and a source was located to have it refurbished. Peter and Sean offered to pay the cost and the work on that marlin is underway. And finally, Peter and Sean offered to donate an amount of money towards our year end banquet to be held in January. If you haven't already done so, please, go a bit out of your way and thank them for the help and generosity they have shown the Marlin Club in the last couple of months. I know they would appreciate it.

FISHING – In the past month, fishing reports have been a little scarce but there are a few. **SAVANNAH SUMMER** headed into the wild blue yonder...all the way to the Cape Canaveral weather buoy approximately 163 nautical miles from the St. Augustine sea buoy and caught some yellowfin tuna with the largest coming in at 44 lbs. On the way home, they caught and released a swordfish. Fishing the night before the Indian Summer

Sailfish Mini, **PEZ VELA** boated their 7th swordfish of the year. As of now, Charles is the current leader for the Ben Skinner Award for most billfish released during the year.

Harry Graves on the **C-FAN** snuck out and quietly put 5 wahoo in the boat late in the month. Unconfirmed reports have it that the largest was 60 lbs. Is it wahoo time already? I don't know but I bet after this, some will go find out.

The Indian Summer Sailfish Mini was anti-climactic with a total of 5 sailfish being caught and released with **SHARK BAIT** winning the mini with 2 sails. 2nd and 3rd places were taken by **REEL XCAPE** and **DOUBLE TROUBLE** respectively. **PEZ VELA** was the only other boat earning points with his sailfish release. Don Combs is making it very difficult for anyone to catch him in the final 2 events of the year.

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

1 st Place:	PEZ VELA	1815 pts
2 nd Place:	LIT UP	1300 pts
3 rd Place:	C FAN	750 pts

*** Championship Series** current leader is:

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 **Joey Verdine**.

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

2009 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES SCHEDULE – The next event is the Sailfish Shootout Mini Event on October 17th. The final tournament of the year is the 2-day Open Mini Event on November 14/15. Lines in at 7AM on Saturday and lines out at 4PM Saturday (lines out at 4PM Sunday for the 2 day event).

UPCOMING EVENTS – The Florida Gators and Georgia Bulldogs play in Jacksonville on October 31. But you don't have to go to the stadium to enjoy the company of friends and watch the game. Join us at the Marlin Club and watch the game on the 60" widescreen. Plans are still being made but tentatively, the bar will open but self-serve. There will be a grill available to use and the food will most likely be pot luck. Bring that favorite party dish and share with friends. Game is at 3:30PM and the club will be open by 1PM. If you have any questions, contact Bucky Odum @ 904-868-7642

CHRISTMAS PARTY – Not too early to plan. The party will be at the clubhouse on December 9th. Come join us. Details coming soon.

YEAR END BANQUET – Location and plans are being made. An announcement will be made soon. The date is January 9th, 2010. Make your plans now. Guests are welcome and further details will be provided when the location is announced.

****IMPORTANT** – We are no longer accepting the "catch cards". You will need to register your fish on-line through the NEFMA website. It is very easy and Tim Martin is available to help you do that. If you need his help, call him at 904-674-4552 or email at Jagsare1@hotmail.com.

**** 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

- ✓ October 17th – Sailfish Shoot-out (weather date October 18th or 24th)
- ✓ 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
- ✓ 1/9/2010 – Year End Banquet
- ✓ January date TBD – Wahoo Mini