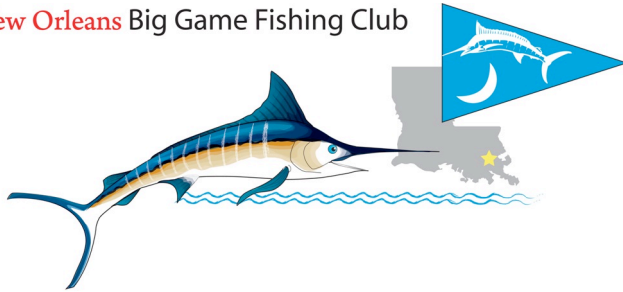


New Orleans Big Game Fishing Club



Ladies Invitational Tournament JULY 14 - 16, 2011

This year's Ladies Invitational Billfish Tournament was a smashing success. Lady anglers as young as 10-years old on seventeen boats tagged and released nine blue marlin, one white marlin, and weighed numerous yellowfin tuna and dolphin. The tournament format was tag and release billfish, so none were killed. Our awards are based on the time of catch. No sailfish were tagged and no wahoo were weighed.

The weekend started Thursday with the mandatory Tournament Bag Check In, Captain's Meeting, and Cocktail Party with hors d'oeuvres prepared by Harbor Seafood and donated by Rene Cross. Rene generously donated the great band that played into the night after the awards ceremony. Leslie Willhoft, tournament co-chair did a spectacular job coordinating the boat bags, which were ice buckets filled with all sorts of fun treats, like hats, visors, cups, marlin cookies, flags, and Tabasco sauces donated by Cameron and Tony Simmons. Cypress Cove added to the goodies. Rod and Leslie Wilhoft donated a white gold marlin that was raffled to a lucky winner. Thank you all!

Boats were allowed to depart after midnight with lines in the water at 7am Friday morning and lines out at 4pm on Saturday. Boats had to be in Cypress Cove by 7pm for weigh in. A delicious barbeque was prepared and served by Capt. Ron Catalano while the fish points were tallied. The awards were original offshore fish paintings by local artist Martin Welsh, who was commissioned by the tournament committee. Presenting the awards was the 2011 Tournament Grand Kahuna, Jimmy Gele, who is definitely a better looking blond than brunette. A dance party led by the Grand Kahuna followed the awards presentation, which turned into a late night pool party until the wee hours. Thanks to all who helped make our 36th Ladies Tournament a wonderful success, especially Leslie and Rod Wilhoft, tournament Co-chairs. SALLY AND BO SANDERS

Top Overall Angler – Johnetta LaSalle – Bushwacker – Gold Marlin Pin

Day 1 Angler- Johnetta LaSalle - Bushwacker

Day 2 Angler- Lynn Cockerin – Share-E

Katie's Kup Award - Johnetta LaSalle - Bushwacker

Tag and Release Team -

1ST-Share-E - Tagged & Released Two Blue Marlin

2ND- Bushwacker - Tagged & Released Two Blue Marlin

3RD-Brother-In-Law - Tagged & Released a Blue and White Marlin

Top Boat Award - Share-E

Fish Awards

**Blue Marlin- 1ST - Johnetta LaSalle - Bushwacker
2ND - Tandi Dillon - Gear Up
3RD - Gia Gary – Psycho Fin**

White Marlin - 1ST - Erica Banks – Brother-In-Law

**Dolphin - 1ST – Rodnelle Hadley – Unreel - 44#
2ND - Paula Davis – Rebellious - 43#
3rd – Gwen Coy – Surprise - 37#**

**TUNA - 1ST -Leslie Duhon – Unreel - 133#
2ND - Angie LeBoeuf – Psycho Fin - 125#
3rd – Greta Frelich – Share – E - 95#**

Grand Slam Award – Erica Banks – Brother-In-Law – Blue Marlin/White Marlin/Dolphin

Backbreaker Award – Leslie Duhon – Unreel - 133# Tuna

Team Participation -Share-E- Sherry Polk, Lynn Cockerin, Greta Frelich