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IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame Announces 11th Induction Class . . .

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Five talented men, all who have made significant contributions to the sport of recreational fishing, will be inducted as the 11th class into the International Game Fish Association Fishing Hall of Fame this fall. The announcement of the class of 2009 includes Carlos Barrantes, Sr, Jack Erskine, Dr. Guy Harvey, Harlan Major and Stephen Sloan.

The annual star-studded enshrinement ceremony and dinner will be held Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 6 p.m. at the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame in Dania Beach, Fla. The public is invited.

Each year the honorees are selected for the significant contributions through angling achievements, literature, the arts, science, education, invention, communication or administration of fishery resources.

The five inductees and their contributions are:

Carlos Barrantes, Sr. • A proactive angler and conservationist, Barrantes opened up Costa Rica and Central America to sportfishing and served as the IGFA's Costa Rican Representative. He founded and was also president of Costa Rica's National Fishing Federation. In 1982, Barrantes was presented the Sportsman's Honor Medal by the president of Costa Rica. Carlos was also a writer and in 1987 he was elected Lifetime Honorary Member of the Costa Rica Journalist's Society

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From 1987 > 1990 he was president of the Conservation Association of Sportfishing in Costa Rica. Barrantes also developed hatchery programs for freshwater game fish in Costa Rica and established the first fishing store in the country, Gilca Ltd.; established the first fishing lodge on the Atlantic side, the Parismina Tarpon Rancho, and was the first angler to be inducted into the Costa Rica Hall of Fame in 2003. Barrantes died in 2004. His son, Carlos Jr. is now the IGFA's Representative in Costa Rica.

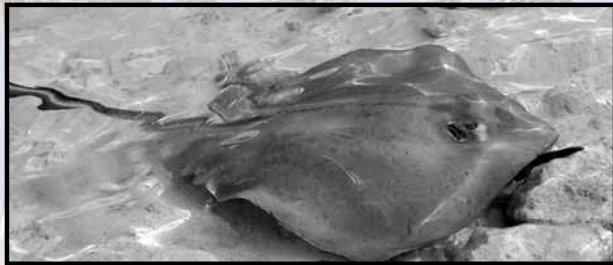
Jack Erskine • For more than 30 years, Jack's name has been synonymous with cutting edge tackle innovations, light-tackle fishing records and many important contributions not only in his home fishing waters of Cairns, Australia, but globally as well. Widely known by his clients and anglers as "Erko," Erskine has been a longtime technical consultant for AFTCO, Penn Tackle, Fin-Nor and Bass Pro Shops. He is particularly noted for his expertise in drag systems, especially for the giant black marlin that roamed the northeastern waters of the continent. Erko's skills as a consummate light tackle angler and his Cairns captures of marlin on super light lines -- i.e. eight black marlin on 2 kg line in a single day setting four consecutive world records -- is legendary. He's been a long time advocate of saltwater spinning tackle for billfish and

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Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament Offers Guaranteed Money . . .

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Fishing Report

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Capt. Nick Borraccino Marathon

Just as it seemed as though the switch had been turned on in January, it's tough not think that someone has just turned it off. We find ourselves in the post spring break but pre-summer period with regards to tourism here in the Keys. The roads restaurants are a bit quieter, and so are the marinas. We are quickly approaching Memorial Day weekend, however, which is always a good time here in the Keys, and promises to be busy. We also suspect that once schools start letting out for the summer, we'll see a good spike in visitors from the mainland coming south in pursuit of their favorite gamefish, or other water activity. One thing is for certain, the fish notice not the comings and goings of tourists, or people in general.


This week past brought us a bit more wind than we're accustomed to for the middle of May. A pretty consistent easterly breeze between 15 and 20 mph discouraged many anglers from leaving the dock this week.

But fear not, the forecast is now giving a more comfortable 5 to 10 for most of the week upcoming. Wind or no wind, the fishing remains excellent. The past two have seen little if any changes in terms of a fishing report. The dolphin bite is still red hot with schoolies, gaffers, and slammers being taken from 200 feet out to as far as you want to go. Just look at some of the results of the recent dolphin tournaments around the keys and you'll have an idea of the fish being caught. As usual, keep your eyes to the sky for birds pointing out fish, and never pass the opportunity to troll up a weed line or by a piece of floating debris.

The tarpon bite actually hit a bit of lull for a few days this week, at Bahia Honda in particular. However Long Key bridge and the other nooks and crannies from there to 7-mile continue to be good. Live mullet, crabs, and pinfish should be in your livewell.

The wreck fishing on the oceanside remains consistent. Permit are stacked up and biting well, providing a great light tackle experience, and mutton snappers and black groupers seem to active and biting pretty good as well. I would suggest taking a local guide or charter boat for this experience, as your chances of finding these wrecks on your own may be not be so good. Also still around is the ever popular sailfish. While bottom fishing one day last week I must have seen close to a dozen free jumping sails in 140 to 160 foot of water. Many other captains are reporting the same thing, so if you still haven't gotten that first sailfish, it's not too late!

Another trip you can make when the weather permits is offshore for not only dolphin, but tuna and swordfish. The tuna bite is good at the humps, and although most people think that the only time to daytime swordfish is in winter, I'm still getting reports of great sword bites with multiple fish caught in a day.

With so many choices, the only logical thing to do is stay for a week and try them all! 

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To All Professional Guides - Important Tarpon DNA Database Needs Your Help!

Hey, I'm going to ask each of you for your help and support for the FFWCC ? FWRI Tarpon DNA data base collection effort of Kathy Guindon / FWRI in St. Petersburg.

The actual collection process is quick, and does not stress the tarpon in any way. Kathy has free DNA sample kits, they don't have to be kept on ice and they have an indefinite shelf life.

I have / am offered to buy and deliver a bottle of adult spirits of personal choice to the tarpon guide or angler who can get the most tarpon FWRI DNA samples - gotta be more than I get - between now and July 1st. If you can beat me, you will be declared the FWRI Tarpon Tagging Champion for 2009.

Contest ends July 1st - DNA sample collection doesn't end then. Kathy Guindon is to be the judge. You can call Kathy at (727) 896-8626 x1514 or you can email her at: Kathy.Guindon@fwc.state.fl.us

Here's wishing each of you a terrific tarpon season . . .

Dave Markett

Expanded Father's Day Dolphin Derby Offers Great Fishing And More Than \$12,000 In Cash And Prizes . . .

MARATHON, Florida Keys – The twenty-third annual Father's Day Dolphin Derby, to benefit Marathon High School Athletics, is set for Friday and Saturday, June 19 and 20, in Marathon FL. This popular dolphin only tournament has been expanded to include both a Pro/Semi Pro and Amateur Division awarding \$5,000 and \$2,500 grand prizes respectively. There are several prize levels and cash prizes and awards total in excess of \$12,000. Also new this year is a Father-Son Team award in each division.

All festivities, including the weigh-in, will take place at Sombrero Resort and Lighthouse Marina on Sombrero Blvd. in Marathon. The tournament is to kick off with final registration and a mandatory Captain's meeting on Friday, June 19 at 6 pm. Fishing is to run from 8 am until 3:30 pm on Saturday, June 20. Weigh-in is from 3 until 5:30 pm with the awards banquet and presentation to follow at 6 pm.

Entry fee is \$175 per angler. There is a three-angler minimum in the Pro/Semi Pro Division, and a two-angler minimum in the Amateur Division. The registration fee includes entry, one meal ticket for both the Captain's meeting and the awards banquet and a tournament shirt. Each team Captain will receive a gift bag chock full of goodies. Early registration on or before Thursday, June 18 is strongly recommended as the first 40 boats registered will receive a free custom embroidered Columbia shirt at a \$70 value. Additional meal tickets can be purchased at each event.

Event organizers, Capt. Byron Goss and Capt. Jack Carlson, owners of Big Time Bait and Tackle, are excited to carry on the rich tradition of the Father's Day Dolphin Derby exclaiming, "We can't think of a better way to spend quality time with your Dad than fishing. Why not combine a memorable day on the water with the chance at some great cash prizes and awards!"

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Lines in will be at 8:00 AM and lines out will be 3:00 PM both days. Weigh-in is at the Cudjoe Gardens Marina from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM daily. Registration can be done on-line or forms can be downloaded at www.piratewellnesscenter.com.

For additional information call Walt Drabinski, (305) 394-0784 (cell), or e-mail: Waltd@piratewellnesscenter.com. Information can also be picked up at the Pirate Wellness Center, 21460 Overseas Hwy., or you can call them at (305) 744-3348. 



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2nd	Jamie Callion	1800	Barbara Hewlett/Nancy Ponzoa	2700	13th	Susie Moore	450
3rd	Kimberly Farnes	1350	Sally Wilmath/Stacy Vankirk	1575	14th	Susan Wiggins	450
4th	Sally Willmoth	1350	Kelly Carter/Joy Doumis	1275	15th	Kristi Alexander	450
5th	Kelly Carter	825	Susie Moore/Gail Ellis	1050	16th	Chris Alter	300
6th	Cherstine Slicklen	600	Judy McKemmi/Kristy Alexander	900	17th	Susie Taute	225
7th	Gail Ellis	600	Cherstine Slicklen/Susan Fisher	750	18th	Stacy Vankirk	225
8th	Judy Mc Kemmi	450	Jennifer Heller/Susie Taute	375	19th	Susan Fisher	150
9th	Joy Doumis	450	Susan Davis/Laurel Keating	150	20th	Susan Davis	150
10th	Nadia Bohlman	450			21st	Jennifer Heller	150
11th	Nancy Ponzoa	450					



Tournament Trophies

First Place Angler

Barbara Hewlett

First Place Team

Kimberly Farnes & Jamie Callion

Second Place Angler

Jamie Callion

Second Place Team

Barbara Hewlett & Nancy Ponzoa

Third Place Angler

Kimberly Farnes

First Place Captain

Butch Hewlett

Most Fish Other Than Tarpon

Gail Ellis

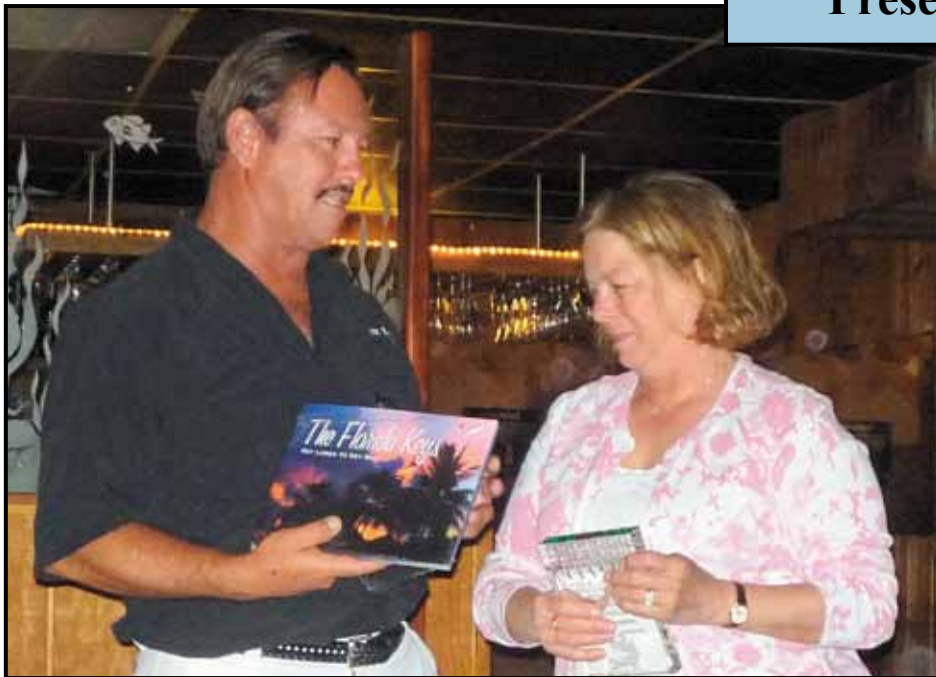
2nd Place Captain

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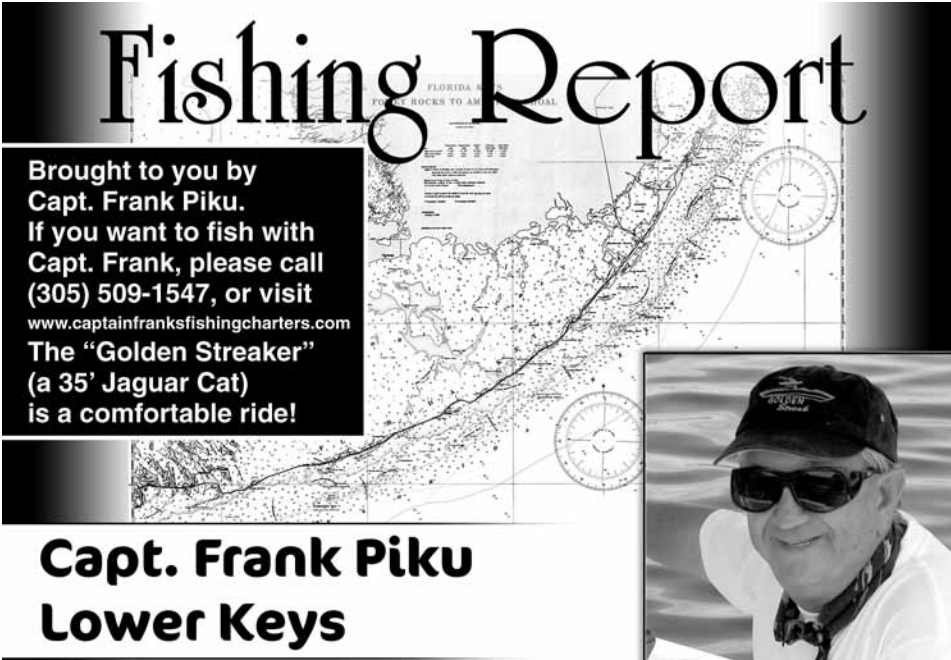
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Capt. Frank Piku Lower Keys

Last month I wrote about the winds calming down!!! Not for long, it lasted 2 days and the high pressure center hung over Florida for the next week. The winds blew and blew. Now in between this weather systems we had a little relief. When we were able to get out to the ocean side of the reef we really nailed the Yellowtail snappers. It's like they were ready and waiting to get fed. It didn't take long to fill the cooler with 16" to 18" snappers. If you could get behind the school that came right up to the transom, you could really get big Flags from 20" to 22".. Filling the cooler didn't take long. The hot weather drove the Grouper to deeper waters and the patch reefs only had lots of shorts. We had nice calm days, and should have kept our evenings open for Sword fishing too. But after hot days on the water we just couldn't get the energy to fish all night too. Than the winds came up again and we missed the calm window to do a Swordfish trip.

The next calm day lasted, yes one day????? Where are all these winds coming from??? On this nice day we boogied out West beyond the Marquesa Islands to some of my Grouper honey holes.

I didn't even have time to rig up my Fly Rods when my anglers were into some nice Groupers. I just bit the bullet and let them catch some big fish. My lady angler Linda waited patiently for my Fly Rod to get rigged up. With a five minute lesson on my Fly rod method!!! Linda hooked up instantly and screamed I can't get him up!!! I instructed Linda on the lift and reel technique and she finally had this bruiser coming up. Don't try to reel him in just lift and gather line as you come down. Let the fly rod do the fighting. Linda caught on very fast and we landed the biggest Grouper yet. The men with Stand up rods looked envious, but wouldn't give in to using a fly rod. Linda boated her limit of big boys and filled



the cooler. When she started catching the men's quotas of keepers. This put an end to her exclusive use of the Fly rod method. I had to break out fly rods for the men anglers or I'd have had a mutiny on board. Everyone started catching Groupers and even the small shorts gave real battles. The men suddenly realized that this technique is awesome. Until you try it and see how effective it works you just can't believe in it.

Now I'm leaving Key West for the summer. Taking my Cat "Golden Streaker" to Detroit for the summer. Fishing Lake St. Clair off of Detroit, Michigan and also the Canadian Side of the Lake. I use my fly rod method for Smallmouth bass fishing. If you get away for the summer, come to Detroit for some cool fishing. Our lake is one of the most prolific fishing lakes in the country. Walleyes, Smallmouth Bass, Perch, Pike, and BIG MUSKIES too. MUSKIES the freshwater Baraccudas are in abundance with over 180,000. reported in residence. 50" Muskies are not uncommon. And catches of 5 to 10 a day are common occurrences.

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Otherwise, I'll see you in Key West in December. 

Anglers Giving Biologists Vital Tarpon Genetic Data . . .

Anglers from across the state are helping biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Fish and Wildlife Research Institute and the Mote Marine Laboratory gather valuable information about tarpon. Results from the Tarpon Genetic Recapture Study yield new insight into how tarpon can survive catch-and-release angling and how tarpon move throughout Florida waters.

FWRI biologists analyze tarpon DNA samples submitted by anglers. Each sample identifies a tarpon's genetic "fingerprint," providing a unique and natural tag for that individual fish. Scientists compare new tarpon DNA samples with cataloged samples to determine if someone caught and sampled the tarpon previously.

Using DNA as a tag is a cost-effective, less-invasive way to identify individual tarpon. Because a genetic code never changes, it is a permanent way to identify fish; conventional tags tend to break or dislodge.

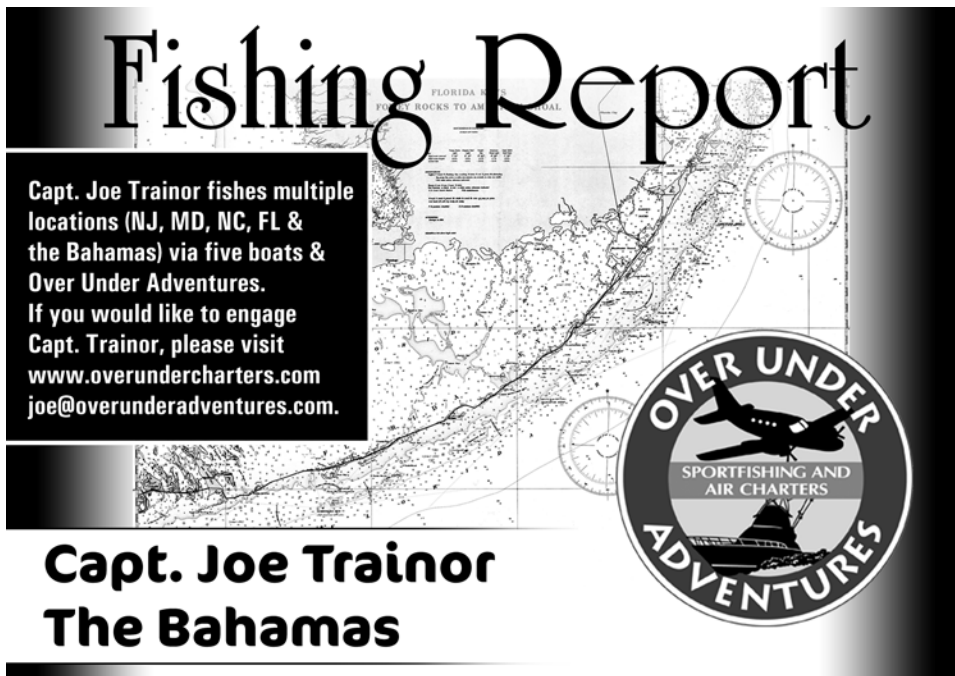
So far, anglers have provided more than 3,000 DNA samples. Biologists have recorded 23 recaptured tarpon from locations across the state, including Miami, the Florida Keys, Fort Myers, Boca Grande, Sarasota, Tampa Bay and the Indian River Lagoon. Biologists welcome samples from tarpon caught regardless of capture location or fish size.

Anglers who would like to participate in this study can obtain a free, easy-to-use tarpon DNA sampling kit by e-mailing TarponGenetics@MyFWC.com or by calling 800-367-4461.

Biologists will send participating anglers an annual newsletter with updates on the Tarpon Genetic Recapture Study. Anglers will also receive additional information about specific fish they caught as it becomes available.

Anglers who submit a tarpon DNA sample to this program are entered into random drawings for various prizes.

For more information on the Tarpon Genetic Recapture Study, visit <http://research.MyFWC.com>. 



Fishing Report

Capt. Joe Trainor fishes multiple locations (NJ, MD, NC, FL & the Bahamas) via five boats & Over Under Adventures. If you would like to engage Capt. Trainor, please visit www.overundercharters.com joe@overunderadventures.com.

Capt. Joe Trainor The Bahamas

Hawks Nest Billfish Blast

The main reason we brought the Low Profile to Cat Island and Hawks Nest Resort and Marina was to fish their Billfish Blast which has been running for 9 years now. They have always run a first-class tournament and resort. It continues to be one of my personel favorite places to fish in the Bahamas.

There were 15 boats entered in this year's tourney and this year was based around the full moon. UHOH!!!! Marlin fishing is usually tough around the full moon as was the case again in this tourney. The tourney is based on a fish 3 of 4 days and we opted to lay the first day. The first day was very slow as just 2 blues were released. The second we left the dock with and started fishing Devils Point in Cat. We were inundated with dolphin throughout the day until we got our first shot at a bill. Our angler made quick work of the white marlin and we hopped into third place overall as there was just another white besides ours caught on the second day. The third day of the tourney started much the same. Deal with the dolphin and wait for you bills. Well we got our shot in the early am at a nice blue and once again made quick work of him to hop into first. With just 20 minutes to go we added a sail to boot to further our lead. Most boats had fished their 3 days already . We still had to compete the last day against some tough competition but it was ours to be had. We did not catch a bill on the last day but our 3 day total was enough to secure us first place in the Billfish Blast!!!

Throughout the Bahamas we continue to see dolphin littered throughout the chain of islands. Everyday you have to be ready however because you will get a shot at a bill. April, May and June continue to be my favorite time to fish in the Bahamas!!

Dolphin and Billfish

Wow!!!! What a couple weeks it has been here in the Bahamas. We have currently been fishing for the past 2 weeks in Cat Island . Fishing has been nothing short of spectacular to say the least. Dolphin are everywhere and amongst them you get your billfish bites. On most days if not all of them, you can easily catch all the dolphin you want to 40 lbs. It is crazy as they have gotten annoying over the past couple weeks. Yea remember a month ago when I was begging for them.... Man how things have changed. We are seeing a good mix of sails , whites and blues but lately we are starting to see more blue marlin filter through the area. If there was anything negative to say about our current fishery is the lack of yellowfin we have in the area. Usually we are seeing them in good numbers by now but have yet to see them in some quantity.

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other gamefish. He and his wife run a small, personal but highly other gamefish. He and his wife run a small, personal but highly technical reel-tuning business plus assorted, specialty equipment in Cairns, far north Queensland. He was inducted into the Cairns Fishing Hall of Fame in 2008.

Dr. Guy Harvey • Renowned marine wildlife artist, Guy became entranced by Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea* while at boarding school. With no formal art training but with a scientist's eye for detail, he began sketching fish. Praise for the 119 illustrations in Guy's 1983 doctoral thesis convinced him to put on a one-man show of his work, and within three years Harvey had become a full-time artist. Guy is a vocal proponent of catch-and-release and generously donates artwork, time and funds for numerous institutions and conservation groups, including the Guy Harvey Research Institute established at Nova Southeastern University in 1999. He shares his knowledge and art in books, TV shows, and DVDs. Harvey became an IGFA Representative in 1986 and has been a member of the IGFA Board of Trustees since 1993. In 2008 Dr. Harvey created the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation. He and his family live in Grand Cayman.

Harlan Major • One of saltwater angling's first historians, Major was an early outdoor writer and a superb tackle technician. Always experimenting with new ideas and techniques, Major, who was from Detroit, Mich., was known for bringing West Coast angling ideas to the East. His *Salt Water Fishing Tackle* (1939) remains a classic reference. Major was the first American outdoor writer to go to Chile to investigate reports of giant swordfish being caught (1935), pioneering the way for the Lerner, Farringtons and Marrons. He saw saltwater angling as the sport of everyman, and in 1933 persuaded railway execs to run special

fishermen's trains from Penn Station to Montauk Point in New York City. Major convinced Pan Am that a big-game sport fishery could be developed in the Pacific islands, which would attract affluent anglers/ travelers to their new "clipper ship" service. During World War II, Major set up a tackle clearing house in New York City and enlisted scores of volunteers who sifted through discarded line, lures and hooks to make up 200,000 usable angling kits to send to servicemen. Major died in 1968.

Stephen Sloan • Sloan has a history to be envied in several phases of recreational angling, fresh and saltwater. He held 44 IGFA world records; authored three books, *Fly Fishing is Spoken Here*, *Thanatopfish* and *Ocean Bankruptcy*; produced and hosted a syndicated radio show, "The Fishing Zone" which discussed the problems and challenges that our ocean and fishing resources face; was a former adjunct professor at the University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine & Atmospheric Science; Chairman of the Fisheries Defense Fund, Trustee of the IGFA; former director of the National Coalition for Marine Conservation and Trustee Emeritus of the American Museum of Fly Fishing. Sloan died in April 2005 after battling cancer.

There are currently 75 men and women enshrined in the Hall of Fame including Zane Grey, Ernest Hemingway, Curt Gowdy, Ted Williams, Lee Wulff, Michael and Helen Lerner, Philip Wylie, Bill Dance, Roland Martin, Johnny Morris, Don Tyson and Stu Apte.

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Calendar of Upcoming IGFA Events

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June 1 > 30, 2009 • BMM (Broward Attractions and Museum Month) is Back. During the month of June anyone with a membership in the IGFA or one of 20 participating museums and attractions in Broward County, will be able to use that membership for reciprocal benefits in all. The theme for the month is "Join one, experience them all." Each institution defines what benefits will be eligible, but at the very least it will be free admission at the same member level. The IGFA will honor admission as well as 10% off in the gift shop. For more information please call Joanie Tomlin at the IGFA at (954) 924-4312 or email her at JTomlin@igfa.org. Visit www.igfa.org or www.bamminfo.org for the variety of participating institutions.

June 2, 2009 • IGFA School of Sportfishing; "Advanced Big Game Trolling Techniques". IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame & Museum, Dania Beach, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ever wonder why some boats catch more big game fish like blue marlin than others? This is for the serious big game fisherman to get inside knowledge on how to get the most out of your trolling time. Learn many secrets from Capt. Josh Brown that took years of trial and error to perfect. This is not your regular fishing seminar series. Each class is limited to only 24 anglers, featuring hands-on instruction letting students interact and learn from some of the best anglers and captains sharing knowledge in their respective discipline. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$100 per class for IGFA members and \$150 per class for non-members. The fee covers the cost of the training class, course materials, and fishing equipment relevant to each topic. For more details go to the IGFA web site at www.igfa.org/schoolofsportfishing.asp or contact Jeff Mackin at (954) 924-4340. You may also sign up online at www.igfa.org/sosform.asp.

June 6, 2009 • The Old Reel Collectors Association (ORCA) annual national convention, IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame & Museum, Dania Beach. ORCA is a voluntary non-profit organization whose membership is dedicated to preserving the history and technology of antique fishing reels and all vintage fishing tackle. ORCA members from across the country will be in attendance bringing with them their displays of historic antique fishing reels, rods and all types of fishing memorabilia. The event is open to the public with lots of antique fishing tackle for sale. ORCA members will be on hand to give free appraisals plus history and value of old reels, rods and lures brought to the event. ORCA will also provide an on the spot auction service for those who wish to sell their antique tackle for the highest prices. For more information about this upcoming event, please contact Ed Pritchard at (561) 748-7508.



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Capt. Andrew Tipler Lower Keys



We had another breezy week here in the Keys. I thought we were done with the wind for a while. The past few months have been windy more often than not. Spring time is generally the windiest time of year but this has been a little ridiculous. We had a few days of nice weather and the fishing was great.

Dolphin fishing remained strong throughout the week. There were some big fish moving through making it worthwhile to have a big bait or two in the spread. The big schools of smaller fish are on there way and will be an offshore staple over the next few months. Keep a mixed spread with an offering for every sized fish. Good numbers of wahoo have been around to add some variety to the fish box.

Gulf fishing has been very good over the past few weeks. There has been loads of cobia roaming around just about any piece of structure. Every once in a while one of the giant schools will pop up around the boat. Have extra rods rigged and ready so that when the opportunity for multiple fish presents itself you are ready. The permit have not been consistent on most spots but there is enough of a chance to warrant having some live crabs in the well. You don't want to make a long run into the gulf without being prepared. For bait I make sure that I have 100 or so pinfish 10-20 crabs a 5lb block of squid and plenty of chum.

Flats fishing dropped off a bit with last week's winds. The tarpon fishing had just started getting good and then the weather slowed it way down. There were still plenty of fish to be found around the bridges but sight fishing was tough. With the winds dropping off and skies clearing it looks like the tarpon fishing will pick right back up.

Good luck and good fishing. 🐟



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With a big holiday weekend approaching, it looks like all of our summer species are in place and hungry. From the flats with tons of bonefish, permit and big tarpon, to fishing around the bridges for tarpon & grouper to reef fishing for yellowtail, especially night reef fishing and the most popular of it all right now, dolphin! Everything is in now and if you haven't been able to take advantage of it, I feel for you. (Really!)

This is the time of year when it is calm like it has been and your boat is broken down, you tend to stand right next to your mechanic and constantly ask him if there is anything that you can hand him to help speed him up. (As most of us have learned, this just tends to slow them down.) If the boat is in good working order and your fuel funds are not what you would like, you tend to take out a loan just to go. Let me tell you, if that is your case, do it! The fishing right now is worth it!

Let's start in the shallows and work out deeper. The flats fishing is just about as good as it gets with cool enough water temperatures to hold fish up on the flats all day long and calm enough to spot them like the pros. (Far enough away to actually plan your cast to them.) The trick is to have the right gear in your hand for what is coming next. The permit, tarpon and bonefish have been so well mixed that it has been tough to have three different rigs ready. Problems like these are things that are fun to complain about. I talked with one wading fly-fisherman on Ohio Key that saw so many tarpon coming at him at one time, he ran from them! He thought that they were going to run right over him.

The worm run, for those of you that know what I'm talking about should be going on in some degree as we have just passed the full moon

in May. (That is if the so-called experts know what they are talking about.) If it does go off on the outgoing tide near sunset, get ready for tarpon action as good as it gets, not to mention a

show of fish that you are not likely to see anywhere else in the world.


To explain in brief, the worm called the (Pa-lo-la) I don't know how to spell it correctly but you get the idea. Anyway, the 'worm' lives in sponges in local waters and once a year it hatches or comes out to spawn. It is usually about an inch to an inch & ½ long with a green head and an orange body. It will wiggle all over the surface as it races with the tide toward the ocean. They are very thin as well so imitating them has been difficult except with a fly. The 'worm fly' is a very effective lure even on a spinning rod. We have worked for years to develop a 'worm fly' that would do just that, work just as well on a fly rod as a spinning rod and to imitate not only the look of the worm but the swimming action as well.

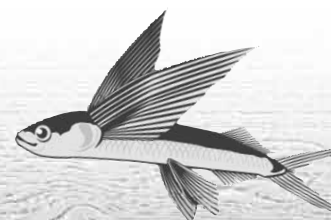
Now when they do come out on the outgoing tide, (towards the ocean,) the tarpon as well as just about every other species in the water goes crazy to eat them. (I mean everything! Shrimp, crabs, pinfish, 'Cudas, bonefish, permit, snapper, sharks & so on.) For the tarpon in particular, it seems to get them, pick your own phrase, drunk or stoned. Now to see a fish over 150 pounds swim right into the side of your boat and have the look of a drunk that just hit a wall is something that you won't soon forget. When the worm run is going on, hooking a fish is very easy but the fight is quite unusual. (For those of you that went to college, it takes you back to the latter hours of one of the wild toga parties.) (Does 'Hey Dude' mean anything to you?)

The reef has been alive with yellowtail action, especially at night. The daytime fishing on the reef has been fair with some good grouper action and scattered 'tails but the heat with the light winds has been tough on anglers. The evenings with the dark of the moon have been best in a wide variety of water depths. From 45 to 110 feet, reports have been very good with some real nice sized flags being brought in. I'm not saying that just anywhere is going to be good; you still have to look for the schools on your fish finder. When you find them, they have been aggressive. Cut fresh mullet has been a very good bait tipped on a yellow 'Cy Fly' flat-lined back in the chum. If the current is strong, add a split shot.

Now to talk about the big one, the one arena that over 80% of the anglers that are going out are going for; Dolphin. For those of you that have been here for most of the month, you remember that the first couple of weeks, we could not even get to 300 feet without having several internal organs switching places. Since it has calmed down, so many people have been fishing offshore that the oil companies have had a several office parties. Yes, the fuel docks tell the story. The fish have been very accommodating as well. Some very large fish have been coming through.

These fish are out there right now and the only thing keeping you from having a shot at them is the fact that you are sitting reading this instead of being out there. (The publisher is going to hate that line.) It is so hot now that it doesn't seem to matter what you drag. I still prefer the 'Billy Baits' because I seem to pull the larger fish out of the school and I can cover so much more ground.

What I can tell you is to go and you will be rewarded with fresh fish for dinner as well as a great time on the water. 



Keys' Vandenberg Reef Project Nears Completion . . .

The highly anticipated sinking of the world's second-largest ex-military ship to be deployed as an artificial diving and fishing reef is almost here. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) continues to work with its project partners on final preparations for the ex-U.S.S. Hoyt Vandenberg to be safely sunk in late May at a site about 6 miles south-southeast of Key West in 140 feet of water.

The Vandenberg is 523 feet long and will provide recreational diving, ecotourism and fishing enhancements to the Florida Keys. The colorful vessel was commissioned in 1943 as a World War II troop transport ship, and later it became a missile range instrument ship in the 1960s, defending against missile attacks and tracking rocket and early space shuttle launches.

The ship is being placed in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary near Key West to help divert fishing pressure and diving pressure away from natural reefs near the ship. The FWC estimates that the vessel's life span of at least 100 years will contribute stable, long-term habitat for scores of marine fish species and provide exceptional diving and fishing opportunities for Florida residents and visitors from around the world.

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration projections, the Vandenberg artificial reef will result in an annual increase of about \$7.5 million in expenditures in the Monroe County economy, and will create about 195 full- and part-time jobs.

"The FWC has played a major role in providing funding and technical assistance for the Vandenberg project since early 2001, including helping the City of Key West secure the necessary permits for the ship and performing numerous inspections of the vessel while it was being readied for its safe deployment," said FWC Chairman Rodney Barreto.

The FWC has been the project liaison among the City of Key West (which owns the ship), Reefmakers, Inc. (the prime contractor for the project), the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The FWC has managed nearly \$2.5 million in funding for the Vandenberg's preparation, cleanup and monitoring out of total project costs of about \$8.5 million. FWC funding partners include the Governor's Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development; MARAD; City of Key West; Monroe County; and Keys Tourist Development Council.

In addition, the FWC's Division of Law Enforcement is taking the lead in working with the Navy, Coast Guard, Key West police and Monroe County Sheriff's office as well as local fire and rescue officers on offshore security operations regarding the sinking event, which is expected to occur sometime between May 21 and June 1, depending on weather conditions.



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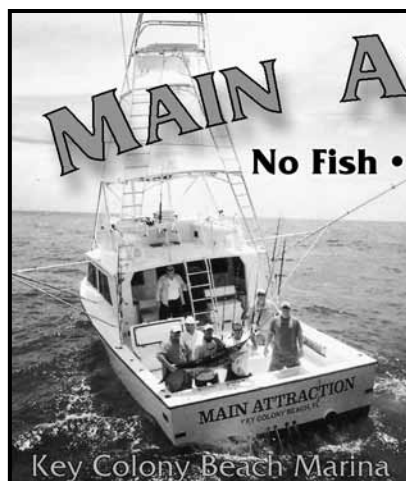
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225 Yamaha 4-stroke - 115 hrs & extended warranty 'til 2012. Color Chart / Sounder; VHF; Stereo; Full cushions, covers & curtains. '07 Galvanized trailer. Good as new - \$54,950. Call (443) 668-6268



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04 / 01

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04 / 01

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04 / 08

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04 / 08

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04 / 15

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04 / 29

2002 STRIKE 29' Center Console

Twin 330 Cummins Diamond Diesels (apx 500 hrs), cutty cabin, console enclosure, Furuno electronics, fresh water system, seat and console covers, live and bait wells, \$98,500. Trades considered. Boat is in Marathon, FL. Call: (315) 649-2861

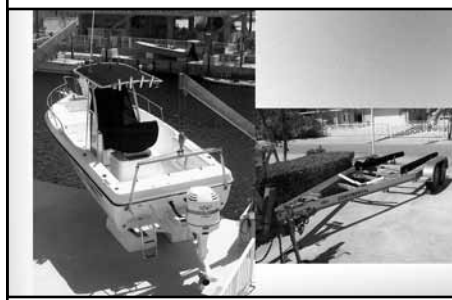


05 / 13

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'02 Twin Mercruiser V-8's w / 450 hrs, freshwater cooled. '02 B / W velvet-drive transmissions. '09 elect.; head; full tower w / dual cont; windlass; trim tabs; sleeps 4; fighting chair; outriggers; Tri-axle trailer. Call: (305) 745-2992, or (860) 529-2084;

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KEY LARGO (Ocean Reef)

		High	Low	High	Low	High
Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
May 20	Wed	05:21 AM / 2.17 ft	11:47 AM / 0.08 ft	06:07 PM / 2.36 ft		
May 21	Thu		12:18 AM / 0.49 ft	06:13 AM / 2.25 ft	12:36 PM / -0.20 ft	07:01 PM / 2.53 ft
May 22	Fri		01:08 AM / 0.34 ft	07:05 AM / 2.36 ft	01:24 PM / -0.46 ft	07:53 PM / 2.69 ft
May 23	Sat		01:57 AM / 0.20 ft	07:56 AM / 2.46 ft	02:13 PM / -0.68 ft	08:44 PM / 2.80 ft
May 24	Sun		02:45 AM / 0.08 ft	08:47 AM / 2.56 ft	03:02 PM / -0.82 ft	09:34 PM / 2.87 ft
May 25	Mon		03:35 AM / -0.00 ft	09:39 AM / 2.63 ft	03:53 PM / -0.86 ft	10:25 PM / 2.90 ft
May 26	Tue		04:26 AM / -0.04 ft	10:32 AM / 2.65 ft	04:46 PM / -0.81 ft	11:16 PM / 2.87 ft
May 27	Wed		05:20 AM / -0.05 ft	11:26 AM / 2.64 ft	05:41 PM / -0.66 ft	

BIG PINE (West Side - Pine Channel)

		High	Low	High	Low	High
Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
May 20	Wed		02:23 AM / 0.18 ft	07:25 AM / 0.80 ft	03:28 PM / 0.02 ft	08:35 PM / 0.61 ft
May 21	Thu		03:00 AM / 0.19 ft	08:02 AM / 0.89 ft	04:17 PM / -0.09 ft	09:33 PM / 0.60 ft
May 22	Fri		03:39 AM / 0.19 ft	08:41 AM / 0.97 ft	05:05 PM / -0.18 ft	10:26 PM / 0.59 ft
May 23	Sat		04:19 AM / 0.18 ft	09:23 AM / 1.04 ft	05:52 PM / -0.25 ft	11:16 PM / 0.57 ft
May 24	Sun		05:00 AM / 0.17 ft	10:08 AM / 1.11 ft	06:41 PM / -0.29 ft	
May 25	Mon	12:05 AM / 0.54 ft	05:44 AM / 0.15 ft	10:56 AM / 1.14 ft	07:31 PM / -0.29 ft	
May 26	Tue	12:53 AM / 0.52 ft	06:31 AM / 0.14 ft	11:47 AM / 1.15 ft	08:23 PM / -0.26 ft	
May 27	Wed	01:42 AM / 0.51 ft	07:22 AM / 0.14 ft	12:42 PM / 1.12 ft	09:16 PM / -0.20 ft	

ISLAMORADA (Whale Harbor)

		High	Low	High	Low	High
Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
May 20	Wed		12:12 AM / 0.29 ft	05:47 AM / 1.24 ft	12:33 PM / 0.04 ft	06:33 PM / 1.35 ft
May 21	Thu		01:04 AM / 0.23 ft	06:39 AM / 1.29 ft	01:22 PM / -0.09 ft	07:27 PM / 1.45 ft
May 22	Fri		01:54 AM / 0.16 ft	07:31 AM / 1.35 ft	02:10 PM / -0.22 ft	08:19 PM / 1.54 ft
May 23	Sat		02:43 AM / 0.09 ft	08:22 AM / 1.41 ft	02:59 PM / -0.32 ft	09:10 PM / 1.61 ft
May 24	Sun		03:31 AM / 0.04 ft	09:13 AM / 1.47 ft	03:48 PM / -0.39 ft	10:00 PM / 1.65 ft
May 25	Mon		04:21 AM / -0.00 ft	10:05 AM / 1.50 ft	04:39 PM / -0.41 ft	10:51 PM / 1.66 ft
May 26	Tue		05:12 AM / -0.02 ft	10:58 AM / 1.52 ft	05:32 PM / -0.38 ft	11:42 PM / 1.64 ft
May 27	Wed		06:06 AM / -0.02 ft	11:52 AM / 1.51 ft	06:27 PM / -0.31 ft	

CUDJOE KEY (Pirates Cove)

		High	Low	High	Low	High
Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
May 20	Wed		03:25 AM / 0.33 ft	10:54 AM / 1.19 ft	04:30 PM / 0.04 ft	
May 21	Thu	12:04 AM / 0.91 ft	04:02 AM / 0.35 ft	11:31 AM / 1.31 ft	05:19 PM / -0.16 ft	
May 22	Fri	01:02 AM / 0.89 ft	04:41 AM / 0.36 ft	12:10 PM / 1.43 ft	06:07 PM / -0.34 ft	
May 23	Sat	01:55 AM / 0.87 ft	05:21 AM / 0.34 ft	12:52 PM / 1.55 ft	06:54 PM / -0.47 ft	
May 24	Sun	02:45 AM / 0.84 ft	06:02 AM / 0.32 ft	01:37 PM / 1.64 ft	07:43 PM / -0.54 ft	
May 25	Mon	03:34 AM / 0.81 ft	06:46 AM / 0.29 ft	02:25 PM / 1.69 ft	08:33 PM / -0.55 ft	
May 26	Tue	04:22 AM / 0.77 ft	07:33 AM / 0.27 ft	03:16 PM / 1.70 ft	09:25 PM / -0.49 ft	
May 27	Wed	05:11 AM / 0.76 ft	08:24 AM / 0.27 ft	04:11 PM / 1.65 ft	10:18 PM / -0.38 ft	

MARATHON (Boot Key Harbor)

		High	Low	High	Low	High
Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
May 20	Wed	06:00 AM / 1.72 ft	01:00 PM / 0.08 ft	07:08 PM / 1.28 ft		
May 21	Thu		12:30 AM / 0.52 ft	06:40 AM / 1.94 ft	01:47 PM / -0.18 ft	08:11 PM / 1.29 ft
May 22	Fri		01:05 AM / 0.56 ft	07:22 AM / 2.16 ft	02:32 PM / -0.41 ft	09:05 PM / 1.28 ft
May 23	Sat		01:42 AM / 0.56 ft	08:05 AM / 2.35 ft	03:19 PM / -0.57 ft	09:55 PM / 1.26 ft
May 24	Sun		02:22 AM / 0.55 ft	08:50 AM / 2.50 ft	04:07 PM / -0.66 ft	10:43 PM / 1.22 ft
May 25	Mon		03:03 AM / 0.52 ft	09:38 AM / 2.59 ft	04:56 PM / -0.66 ft	11:30 PM / 1.18 ft
May 26	Tue		03:49 AM / 0.50 ft	10:28 AM / 2.59 ft	05:47 PM / -0.59 ft	
May 27	Wed	12:17 AM / 1.15 ft	04:40 AM / 0.49 ft	11:21 AM / 2.50 ft	06:40 PM / -0.46 ft	

KEY WEST (South Side Hawk Channel)

		High	Low	High	Low	High
Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
May 20	Wed		12:01 AM / 0.39 ft	06:12 AM / 1.65 ft	01:06 PM / 0.04 ft	07:22 PM / 1.26 ft
May 21	Thu		12:38 AM / 0.41 ft	06:49 AM / 1.82 ft	01:55 PM / -0.19 ft	08:20 PM / 1.24 ft
May 22	Fri		01:17 AM / 0.42 ft	07:28 AM / 1.99 ft	02:43 PM / -0.40 ft	09:13 PM / 1.21 ft
May 23	Sat		01:57 AM / 0.40 ft	08:10 AM / 2.15 ft	03:30 PM / -0.55 ft	10:03 PM / 1.17 ft
May 24	Sun		02:38 AM / 0.37 ft	08:55 AM / 2.27 ft	04:19 PM / -0.63 ft	10:52 PM / 1.12 ft
May 25	Mon		03:22 AM / 0.34 ft	09:43 AM / 2.35 ft	05:09 PM / -0.64 ft	11:40 PM / 1.07 ft
May 26	Tue		04:09 AM / 0.32 ft	10:34 AM / 2.36 ft	06:01 PM / -0.57 ft	
May 27	Wed	12:29 AM / 1.06 ft	05:00 AM / 0.32 ft	11:29 AM / 2.29 ft	06:54 PM / -0.44 ft	

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New: 05/24/09 • First Quarter: 05/30/09

Full: 06/07/09 • Last Quarter: 06/15/09

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