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ASIAN CARP INVASION

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“It’s a huge concern,” IGFA Captain Haydn Northey, who lives in Ontario, Canada shares. “The possibility is just frightening.” “The entire ecosystem as we know it could collapse,” adds Ben Wolfe, another IGFA Captain from Michigan. “It would be devastating.” And William Hiltz, an IGFA Representative in New York, describes the issue as “a disaster in the making.”

Anglers who fish the Great Lakes are increasingly concerned about the possibility of invasive Asian carp finding their way from the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers and their tributaries into Lake Michigan. The fish – silver carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*), which differ from the common carp usually considered a sport fish – have been popularized in online videos depicting them leaping out of the water in huge schools and landing in boats. But they are far from popular with the anglers and fishing businesses along the Great Lakes.

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IGMR CONTINUES WITH SATELLITE TAGS DEPLOYED IN THE INDIAN OCEAN

By IGFA Conservation Director Jason Schratwieser

Momentum continues to build with the IGFA Great Marlin Race (IGMR), with new races in South Africa and Australia. As I write this, 13 new satellite tags have been deployed on marlin in the Indian Ocean and are collecting important data on their migration and vertical movements.

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This year’s honorees include, from left to right, Capt. Al Anderson, Mike Leech, Darrell Lowrance, Monty Padilla and Capt. Bill Poole.

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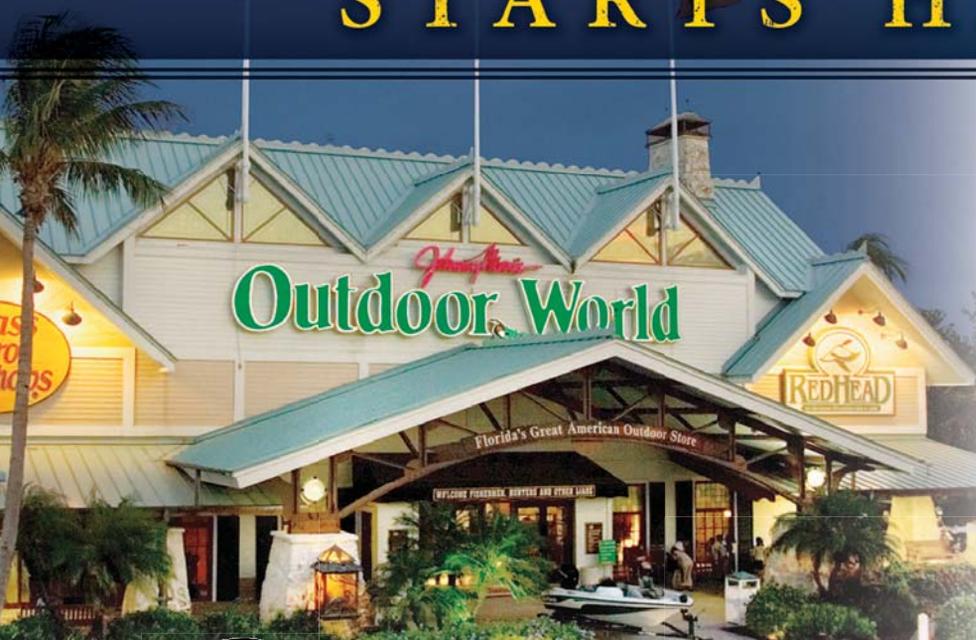
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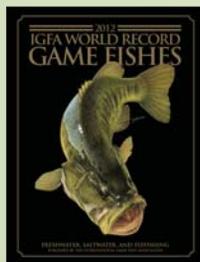
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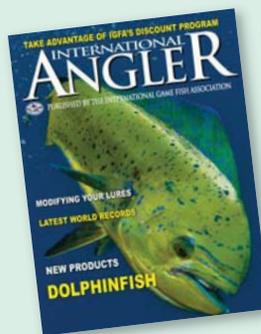
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NEW IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL ANGLER



Beginning next issue, the *International Angler* will be published four times a year rather than six. In it, you will find more fishing reference material. The quarterly magazine also has a digital version, and every issue features how-to videos online.

IGFA members will also be receiving more news and updates than ever before. The IGFA is publishing a monthly e-newsletter with up-to-date news and information from around the world. If you have not been receiving the IGFA e-newsletter, please email hq@igfa.org and we will update your member account.

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IGFA FISHING HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame & Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am - 6 pm, Sunday 12 pm - 6 pm, and is free to IGFA members.

Guest fees are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and children 3 - 16. For event information call 954-922-4212 or visit our website at www.igfa.org

May 19th, 10 am – 1 pm IGFA summer camp open house

Join us for our Summer Fishing Camp Open House on Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 10am-1pm to meet our certified, educated and fun staff. They will be happy to answer all of your questions and will make sure you take advantage of the early registration discount of \$50 OFF total registration. For more information, please visit <http://www.igfa.org/Educate/IGFA-Fishing-Camp.aspx>

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Richard Shaffett's soft, colorful watercolors are the product of a lifelong love affair with tropical islands. He aims to transport viewers to a slower, simpler place through his pieces, where the tropical sunsets, Gulf Stream breeze, warm sand and salty air create a tropical vacation on the wall. See more at www.richardshaffett.com

In the Changing Gallery:

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IGFA CONSERVATION NOTES

TAKE ACTION FOR BILLFISH IN THE UNITED STATES

By Rob Kramer, IGFA President

While many things in US Congress seem stuck, one might hope that the bi-partisan, non-controversial, Billfish Conservation Act would slide through easily. Unfortunately, but probably not surprisingly given this particular Congress, that is not the case. Consequently, the recreational community needs to stand up and let certain key members of Congress know by phone, letter or in-person that they need to pass this important legislation, and pass it now.

A quick background: the bill was introduced in both the Senate and the House with bi-partisan support. Republicans, Democrats, Tea Party members all have provided enthusiastic endorsements. The bill (S. 1451 and HR 2706) bans the sale of billfish in the U.S. to cut off the imports coming in from places like Costa Rica, Ecuador and other Central and South American countries. Believe it or not, the United States is the number one importer of billfish products in the world! Although legal to import Pacific-caught billfish into the United States, many Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico caught billfish are getting intermingled with the Pacific catch and shipped to the US. This undermines recreational billfishing efforts everywhere. It also undermines the jobs and financial benefits we receive here in America from the sale and service of boats, the sale of



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tackle and other equipment for boats, the crews who operate boats, the shore-based service providers for the fishing industry, and more. There is currently no real opposition to the bill. But we need to light more of a fire under some feet because it has not yet had a hearing in either the House or Senate, and it is getting late in the calendar.

So, how do we do this?

One way to drive the bill forward is to have influential constituents pointedly weigh in with key Committee Members to get a commitment to move the bill through the committee and to the floor.

The Key Members of the House are:

Rep. Doc Hastings (R-WA) Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee

Rep. John Fleming (R-LA) Chairman of the Fisheries Subcommittee to the Natural Resources Committee

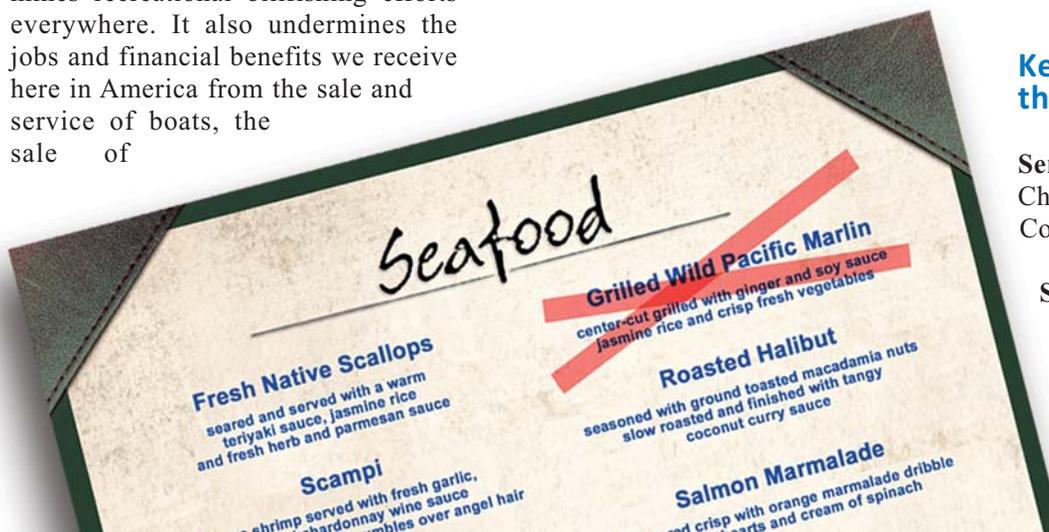
Rep. Jeff Miller (R-FL) Introduced the bill for us and has the most to gain from its passage

Rep. Steve Southerland (R-FL) Co-sponsor of the bill and also has much to gain from passage

Key Members of the Senate are:

Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) Chairman of the Commerce Committee

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) Ranking Member of the Commerce Committee



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The issue is quite simple, it is just being made complex by career bureaucrats in Washington DC. So I urge you to reach out to these Senators and Representatives, and to your local Representatives and Senators. To make the process easier visit <http://www.igfa.org/Conserve/MARLIN-OFF-THE-MENU.aspx> where you can email your Representatives and Senators with a simple click and learn additional information about the need for this important legislation.

Thanks for the help!

These Representatives and Senators have already signed on to support the *Billfish Conservation Act of 2011*, but still need to hear from you!

H.R.2706	Rep Palazzo, Steven M. [MS-4] -
Latest Title:	1/31/2012
Billfish Conservation Act of 2011	Rep Pierluisi, Pedro R. [PR] -
Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1]	11/1/2011
(introduced 7/29/2011)	Rep Rivera, David [FL-25]
Cosponsors (23)	Rep Rooney, Thomas J. [FL-16] -
Related Bills: S.1451	9/26/2011
COSPONSORS(24), ALPHABETICAL:	Rep Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [FL-18] -
Rep Alexander, Rodney [LA-5] -	10/14/2011
9/12/2011	Rep Ross, Mike [AR-4] - 7/29/2011
Rep Bonner, Jo [AL-1] - 7/29/2011	Rep Shuler, Heath [NC-11] -
Rep Boren, Dan [OK-2] - 7/29/2011	7/29/2011
Rep Buchanan, Vern [FL-13]-	Rep Southerland, Steve [FL-2] -
9/22/2011	12/6/2011
Rep Coble, Howard [NC-6] -	Rep Wittman, Robert J. [VA-1] -
9/12/2011	7/29/2011
Rep Diaz-Balart, Mario [FL-21] -	Rep Young, Don [AK] - 11/2/2011
10/4/2011	S.1451
Rep Duncan, Jeff, [SC-3]- 7/29/2011	Billfish Conservation Act of 2011
Rep Flores, Bill [TX-17] - 11/2/2011	Sponsor: Sen. David Vitter (R-LA)
Rep Harris, Andy [MD-1] - 11/1/2011	(introduced 7/29/2011)
Rep Heinrich, Martin [NM-1] -	Cosponsors(8)
10/24/2011	Related Bills: H.R.2706
Rep Landry, Jeffrey M. [LA-3] -	COSPONSORS(8), ALPHABETICAL
12/8/2011	Sen Boxer, Barbara [CA]- 11/3/2011
Rep Latta, Robert E. [OH-5] -	Sen Cantwell, Maria [WA] - 1/24/2012
7/29/2011	Sen Feinstein, Dianne [CA]- 12/6/2011
Rep Michaud, Michael H. [ME-2] -	Sen McCain, John [AZ] - 7/29/2011
7/29/2011	Sen. Nelson, Bill (D-FL)- 7/29/2011
Rep Michaud, Michael H. [ME-2] -	Sen. Rubio, Marco (R-FL)- 10/17/2011
7/29/2011	Sen Whitehouse, Sheldon [RI] -
Rep Napolitano, Grace F. [CA-38] -	7/29/2011
9/29/2011	Sen Wicker, Roger F. [MS] - 1/26/2012

THE IGFA IS DEVELOPING A FISH RECOGNITION APP - allowing anglers to identify their catch with a smartphone - **But we need your help!**

In partnership with Columbia University, the IGFA is currently developing the first ever visual recognition app for fish for the iPhone. This technology will assist anglers in identifying the fish they catch just by taking a picture on an iPhone. The app is in the early stages of development, but the IGFA is asking anglers to take part in the next phase by submitting smartphone pictures of the following fish:

Common snook
Red drum
Spotted seatrout
Gray snapper
Black drum

Gag grouper
Bonefish
Permit
Tripletail
Cobia



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All pictures should be taken on the IGFA All-Tackle Length measuring device (available for purchase at <http://store.igfa.org>). Each picture should display the full length of the fish on the measuring device clearly showing the position of the mouth and tail. The IGFA hopes to receive a minimum of 40 pictures for each species, so if you are on a hot bite, photograph as many of your catches as possible.

To submit pictures, simply upload to Facebook and tag the IGFA in the image, or email your pictures to info@igfa.org.

IGFA GREAT MARLIN RACE UPDATE

By Jason Schratwiser,
IGFA Conservation Director

February 21-25 marked the IGMR's first race in the Indian Ocean during the South African Deep Sea Angling Association (SADSAA) Billfish Classic held in Richards Bay, South Africa. SADSAA President Marius Vermaak was present at the inaugural IGMR race that was held at the San Juan International Billfish Tournament in September of last year. Inspired by the IGMR's goals and the support it generated at the San Juan tournament, Vermaak was determined to hold an IGMR event in South Africa.

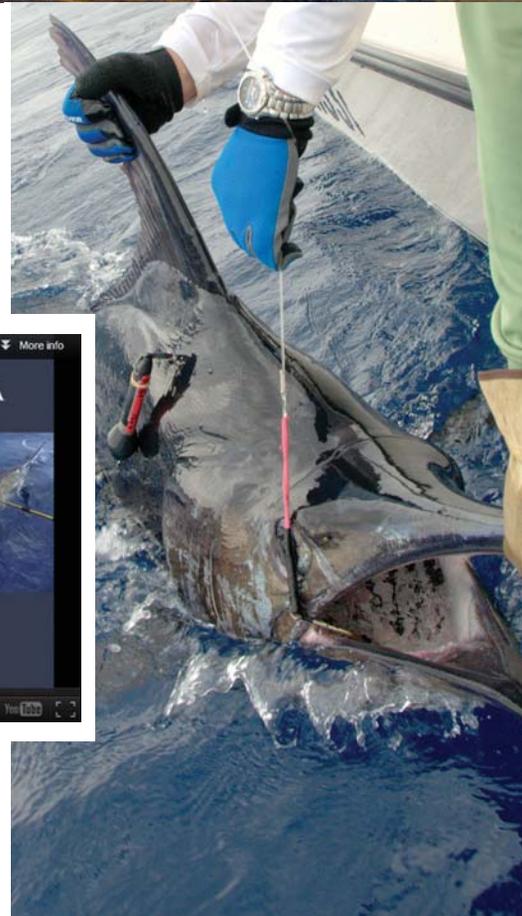
The first day of the tournament saw great weather conditions and 15 marlin and three sailfish released, including a 300 lb blue marlin that was caught by Riaan Chalmers on the *Big W* and outfitted with a satellite tag. With one tag away on the first day things started off great, but the weather conspired against us the next with exceptionally hard southwest winds. For those not familiar with South African offshore anglers, they are among the most hardcore fishermen in the world. They routinely launch small, outboard-powered boats in the surf and make long runs to offshore grounds. However, that day the weather was so severe that it forced a lay day for the entire fleet.

Seas calmed down enough to fish the next two days and another tag was deployed by angler Eric Visser on *Enigme*. Eric's feisty 160 lb blue was brought to the boat in less than 30 minutes, tagged, properly revived and released in excellent shape. Fishing resumed after the tournament ended and an additional three tags were deployed on blue marlin on March 28th during a very hot morning bite. The first fish caught, a 260 lb blue by angler Divan Coetzee on the *Mitsu-fishi*, was tagged and released in good shape. Next up was Malcom Buchanan with a 440 lb



[Top photo] Angler Divan Coetzee (right) and Mate Steve Andrews help revive a PAT-tagged blue marlin on the *Mitsu-fishi* with Capt Hansie van Wyk (standing). Photo by Erwin Bursik.

SADSAA President Marius Vermaak holds the leader and dorsal fin of an estimated 450 lb blue as it is revived after tagging.



For a video clip of a satellite tag deployed during the South Africa Deep Sea Angling Association Classic, visit <http://igmr.igfa.org>, and keep checking back for updates as tags pop up on the IGMR map.

blue marlin on the *Ocean Explorer*. Shortly thereafter, Peet Grobbelaar waged a 55 minute battle with a 480 lb blue marlin that was ultimately tagged by Marius Vermaak on his boat *Hlatikulu*. Marius noted on his tag data sheet that "It was an honor to let the fish go with a satellite tag!"

The next IGMR location was the remote little town of Exmouth in

Western Australia. Through the incredible assistance of IGFA Representatives Jeni and Matt Gates and IGFA Trustee Neil Patrick, we were able to hold a race over not one, but two back-to-back billfish tournaments: GAMEX and the Australian International Billfish Tournament (AIBT). During the opening night of the GAMEX at the Exmouth Gamefishing Club (EGFC) all

10 PATs were sponsored straight away. A special incentive for this particular race was a \$10,000 prize, sponsored by the State Government of Western Australia via Eventscorp and the Department of Regional Development and Lands through Royalties for Regions, for the marlin that traveled the farthest.

Exmouth is a premier fishing destination in Australia and the EGFC had the honor of tagging the most fish in Australia in 2010-11. In addition to blue marlin, black and striped marlin are also caught in the area. During the tournament there was much discussion among teams that had sponsored tags over which would travel farthest: a blue or a black? I was also asked this question multiple times over both tournaments. My answer each time was, “I really don’t know. That’s one of the reasons why we’re doing this project.”

The truth is, most of what we know about billfish movement has come from conventional tagging programs. A global review of conventional tagging programs published in 2003* found that the longest recorded tracks for blue marlin and black marlin were 14,893 and 14,556 km, respectively. These records, however, represent just two tag recaptures and there are other variables to consider when making generalizations on which species travels farther. Case in point: over 90% of tagged black marlin are recaptured within one year at large compared to only 70% of tagged blue marlin. In Australia, where most black marlin are tagged, the recreational fishery is focused in a relatively small area around Cairns. It’s thought that within a year of being tagged, most fish disperse and have little interaction with fisheries (and are thus not recaptured at appreciable levels) elsewhere in the Coral Sea and Pacific. Thus, the true extent of black marlin movements may be largely unknown. Having to recapture tagged fish is one of the fundamental drawbacks to conventional tagging, but this challenge is eliminated with satellite tags. Even though the satellite tags deployed during the



Captain Ross Newton poses with a blue marlin tagged by his wife Tracey Rushford aboard their boat *Reel Teaser*.

IGMR have a duration of only 120 days, they will help to give us a better idea of how far blue and black marlin can travel in a given period of time.

Fishing was slower than usual during the GAMEX and AIBT, but there were quite a few sailfish and small black marlin in the 40 – 80 lb range caught and released. These fish were too small to carry our satellite tags, but five marlin were caught over both tournaments, including the first black marlin tagged in the IGMR. This honor went to angler Greg Anderson fishing

on the *Inner Visions*, and although he and the crew were hoping for a big blue, they did not waste the opportunity to tag the 300 lb black that came to the boat in excellent condition. As you might expect, the week after the AIBT concluded the weather turned perfect and the fishing got hot, with two more marlin tagged for a total of seven tags deployed. The remaining three tags are in the hands of local anglers that fish regularly and are itching to get them on suitable fish.

EXMOUTH, Western Australia

ANGLER	SPECIES	WEIGHT	TAGGER	BOAT	TAG DATE
Dave Thomson	blue marlin	330 lb	Gary Miles	<i>Azura</i>	March 14, 2012
Greg Anderson	black marlin	300 lb	J. Schratwieser	<i>Inner Visions</i>	March 15, 2012
Phil Agate	black marlin	160 lb	A. Zevila	<i>Paradise</i>	March 16, 2012
Rusty Ellis	black marlin	330 lb	Steve Riley	<i>A Lure</i>	March 22, 2012
John Prince	blue marlin	400 lb	John Prince	<i>The Bear</i>	March 24, 2012
Ross Newton	blue marlin	300 lb	Tracey Rushford	<i>Reel Teaser</i>	March 25, 2012
Bjorn Farley	blue marlin	220 lb	Bjorn Farley	<i>Jaime</i>	March 29, 2012

The next IGMR will take place in Madeira, Portugal in July and will be a special event to honor famed record holder and late IGFA trustee, Stewart Campbell. Former IGFA Trustee Jose Luis Bestegui, well-known angler Wayne Whippen, and other friends of Stewart will be present to fish in one of Stewart’s most favorite fishing locations and deploy satellite tags in his honor.

* Ortiz, M., E.D. Prince, J.E. Serafy, D. B. Holts, K. B. Davy, J. G. Pepperell, M. B. Lowry, and J. C. Holdsworth. Global overview of the major constituent-based tagging programs and their results since 1954. *Marine and Freshwater Research*. 54:489-507.



NEWS FROM IGFA INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JAPAN Kohei "Jack" Yamamoto

Earlier this year, IGFA Representative Mr. Kohei "Jack" Yamamoto presented a lecture at the request of the Japan Boating Industry Association (JBIA). The lecture covered the economic impact of fishing in Japan and the possibility of fishing Korean shores, as well as the importance of educating young anglers about proper angling techniques and the importance of conservation. With the help of IGFA President Rob Kramer, Yamamoto was able to relay a message from the IGFA to the JBIA to highlight the importance of conservation through education to ensure the survival of marine species for generations to come.



AUSTRALIA – Coffs Harbour Glen Booth

Circle hooks, tag and release and seven days filled with fishing; these were some of the elements that made the Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club's 28th Golden Lure Tournament a success. With 28 boats and 140 anglers entered, there were a number of marlin tagged during the nine day tournament. IGFA Representative Glen Booth, who was present at the tournament, took this opportunity to promote the IGFA among the attendees. Complimentary copies of the *International Angler* and membership brochures were distributed and well received. Booth also attended the second edition of the Solitary Islands Game Fishing Club heavy tackle tournament in Coffs Harbour, Australia where he also promoted the IGFA among participants and spectators.



ESTONIA Endrik Tõnsberg

Although it may be hard to believe, -13°C seems to have been the perfect weather for the Pärnu City Ice-fishing Championship in Estonia. IGFA Representative Endrik Tõnsberg and the Estonian Sportfishing Federation (ESSF) organized the Championship which brought more than 1,000 people out to enjoy the event! Tõnsberg, who serves as Chairman of the ESSF, also publishes the *Sportfishing* magazine *KALASTAJA* and runs children's sportfishing camps in Estonia.



MEXICO Nassim Joaquin

After starting the first Bonefish & Tarpon Trust (BTT) Tagging Program in Cozumel, Mexico, IGFA Representative Nassim Joaquin and the BTT team hosted the first kids fishing clinic of the Program. The kids, who received rods and reels, enjoyed a day filled with activities and learned about bonefish as an important fish to the environment and local economy. Biologist Rafael Chacon talked about the importance of mangroves to bonefish's environment and about catch-and-release practices. "We had a great time - I've never done something like this before and it felt great!" says Joaquin, who plans to expand the clinic all over the Q.Roo State (East Yucatan, Mexico).



TONGA Steve Campbell

Congratulations to IGFA Representative Steve Campbell and his boat *Reel Addiction*, named the International Top Blue Marlin Tag and Release Captain/Boat for the 2010/2011 New South Wales Department of Primary Industries Game Fish Tagging Program (NSW DPI) by Program Manager Phil Bolton.

With more than 361,000 tag cards returned and more than 6,800 fish recaptured, the NSW DPI has become one of the largest saltwater tagging programs of its kind since it began in 1973. Information collected from the tags is used to study the biology, distribution, movement, growth and exploitation of billfish, tunas, sharks and sport fish.



USA – Missouri
George Bayless



IGFA Missouri Representative George Bayless has utilized his passion for angling to help the environment – and fellow anglers. Bayless founded RGM Outdoors, Inc., a dealer-based sales organization which produces a line of environmentally safe tackle as well as a full line of equipment for disabled anglers

Through his involvement with the industry, Bayless and his family developed the RGM Foundation to help youth fishing programs and camps acquire the equipment they need and to assist disabled groups and others with acquiring state of the art equipment which allow them to fish. The foundation also raises funds for the Institute for Neurological Disorders at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

RGM Outdoors helped the young disabled angler pictured here with the necessary prosthetic equipment to give him the ability to go fishing without a wheelchair. The IGFA applauds George Bayless and the RGM Foundation for working to make recreational fishing accessible to all.

New IGFA International Committee of Representative Members

Roberto Cantu, Mexico



Having recently completed his PhD studies in Regional Science at Texas A&M University, Roberto Cantu's mission is to apply his knowledge and promote healthy and sustainable fisheries management. A strong supporter of the IGFA mission, Cantu plans to work with local fishing clubs to spread greater awareness of the importance of natural resources to the angling community. Additionally, he hopes to work with other IGFA Representatives to promote IGFA Rules and Regulations and spread the word on the importance of catch and release practices at fishing tournaments.

Sanchia Glaskin, Australia



Twenty six years ago, Sanchia Glaskin accompanied her husband to their first meeting at the Canberra Game Fishing Club. She fell in love with the sport, was quickly appointed to their Committee and went on to become the Club's President. She represented the Club at New South Wales Game Fishing Association (NSWGFA) meetings. It didn't take long before the NSWGFA asked her to be part of the Executive Committee and later, their President. Glaskin is the first female to hold the office of President for both organizations. She presently works as the Southern Zone Chairman of the NSWGFA and has 12 clubs under her direction. As an IGFA Representative, Glaskin hopes to work with fishing clubs in New South Wales and Australia to promote ethical angling practices, conservation, and the IGFA.

Martini Arostegui, California – USA



At age 4, Martini Arostegui caught his first fish - a pinfish. Now at age 19, he has caught 143 IGFA World Records and is the youngest person to become an IGFA Representative. Arostegui and his father, IGFA Trustee Dr. Martin Arostegui, are staunch supporters of catch-and-release practices and the use of circle hooks. Together they have been developing methods to successfully land, weigh and release large game fish in order to reduce stress on the animal while ensuring the safety of the angler and crew. Currently a marine biology student at Stanford University, Arostegui strives to educate fellow students about ethical angling practices and conservation.

Patrick Brown – Uruguay



River Plate Outfitters has been sharing the best of South America's fishing and hunting since 1986. Through his position as Manager, Patrick Brown has continuously promoted ethical angling practices to his guests. With his great experience as a fly fisherman, Brown currently runs a fishing operation for dorado in Uruguay and peacock bass in Brazil. He has been involved in tagging dorado in Salto, Uruguay for several years. Mr. Brown's goal is to work closely with the IGFA and further promote the IGFA's mission, philosophy and rules throughout Uruguay.

US Great Lakes, Great Fishery, Great Business

For freshwater anglers, the Great Lakes offer fantastic opportunities to fish for brown trout, rainbow trout (steelhead), lake trout (tougé), coho salmon, king salmon, pike, smallmouth bass, and a plethora of other game fish. One hundred and twenty-nine IGFA world record catches have come from the Great Lakes, but an estimated annual 1,506,000 anglers fishing in the Great Lakes have surely produced a great many more memorable catches. As one of the largest sources of fresh water on the planet, the five lake system also plays a major role in sport fishing economics.

In the United States alone, four Great Lakes states rank in the top 10 states by angler expenditures, and two rank in the top five for non-resident fishing destinations, according to a recent study by the American Sportfishing Association. The same study found that the total economic impact of Great Lakes fishing, including retail sales, salaries, business earning, taxes and other factors, is more than \$12 billion dollars per year.

“Our livelihoods depend on this resource,” says Captain Wolfe, speaking of the estimated 58,291 jobs that recreational fishing supports in the Great

Lakes region. “Some of the solutions proposed for this Asian carp problem may be drastic, but so is losing the Great Lakes as we know it.”



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Since their introduction, Asian carp have spread throughout the Mississippi River Delta creating havoc among the resident species of fish as well as the people who fish and use the river and its tributaries.

Asian Carp as Filter Feeders

- Filter feeders (a sub-group of suspension feeders) are animals that feed by straining suspended matter and food particles from water, typically by passing the water over a specialized filtering structure. Some animals that use this method of feeding are clams, krill, sponges, baleen whales, and many fishes (including some sharks).

- Because Asian carp are filter feeders, scientists are concerned that the massive fish may deplete Great Lake zooplankton populations. Zooplankton is the main food source for many native species. They may compete with native planktivorous fishes, which in North America include paddlefish (*Polyodon spathula*), gizzard shad (*Dorosoma cepedianum*), and young fish of almost all species.

- Asian carp, like all *Hypophthalmichthys* species, have no stomachs; they are thought to feed more or less constantly.

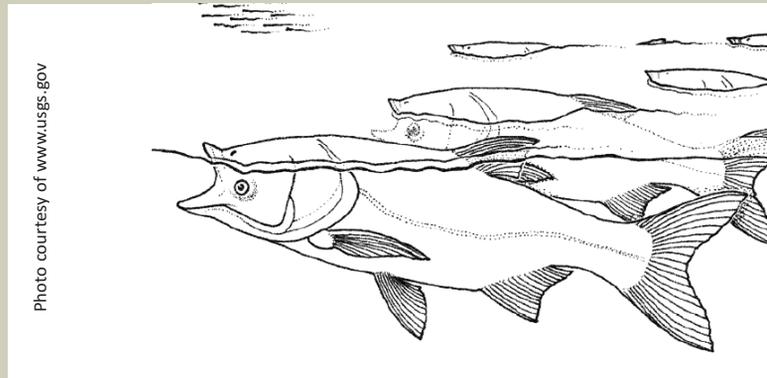


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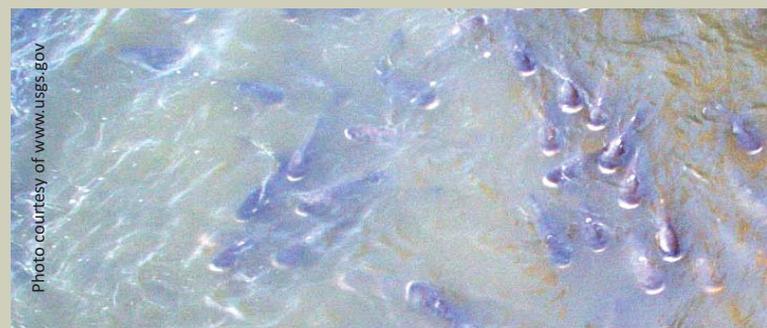


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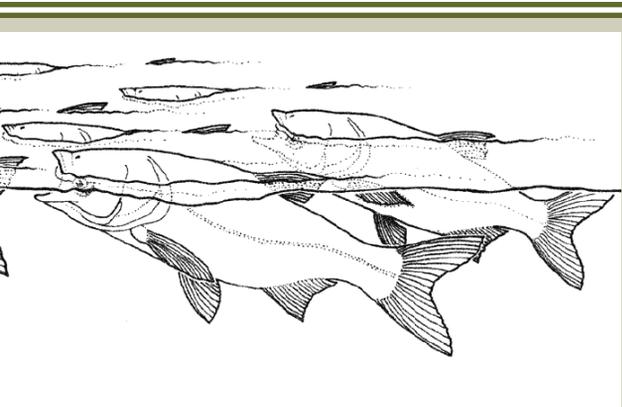
The carp problem worrying Captain Wolfe and a growing number of recreational anglers is invasive silver and bighead carp that have grown prolific in the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers and are now found in the Chicago Shipping Canal – a point of access to Lake Michigan.

“These things are massive,” Captain Northey describes. “A large common carp might be 30 – 40 pounds, but one of these Asian carp can grow to 100 pounds or more. And they are literally injuring people.”

Apparently spooked by the noise of motor boats, schools of invasive carp will leap from the water and often pelt the unfortunate boaters travelling through. “They travel in huge schools and can almost fill a boat when they start jumping,” according to New York IGFA Representative William Hilts. “Imagine being hit with one of these things while your boat is traveling in the opposite direction.”

But the danger of being hit by a carp pales in comparison to the damage the fish can do underwater. Behind their enormous girth is a like-sized appetite, adept at consuming algae, eggs, and the young of other species with ease. They are also notorious for tearing up vegetation, which provides a vital spawning area for many species.

“The Great Lakes is a fragile ecosystem,” Captain Northey explains. “Fish like the chinook salmon may not be as impacted mid-cycle, but if the carp come in and wipe out all the eggs on the bottom, they could potentially destroy an entire year class of game fish.”



Asian Carp Identification

Several species of carp native to Asia have been introduced into the United States. Species of particular concern include the black (*Mylopharyngodon piceus*), bighead (*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*), grass (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*), and silver (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*) carp, collectively known as “Asian carp.” These non-native fish species were imported into the United States and can cause significant ecological and economic impacts when introduced into natural water bodies, as demonstrated in the Mississippi River system. While self-sustaining populations of Asian carp have yet to be established in the Great Lakes ecosystem, many consider the threat of their invasion imminent.

Silver Carp:



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(*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*) a deep-bodied fish that is laterally compressed. Silver carp, similar in body shape to the bighead carp, are also large and deep-bodied. Coloration of the body is silver when young, developing into a green color along the spine with age. The silver carp has a moderately large and broad head with a large mouth, toothless, upturned lower jaw, and low-set eyes. The species is known for leaping out of the water when startled (e.g., by noises such as a boat motor). Silver carp grow to about 3.3 feet in length and 60 lb in weight.

Bighead Carp:

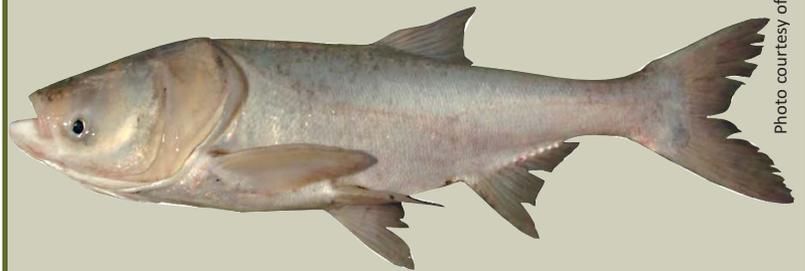


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(*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis* (Richardson, 1845), bighead carp are large and deep-bodied, with a very large head. Coloration of the body is dark gray, fading to white toward the underside, with dark blotches on the sides. The head has no scales, a large mouth with no teeth, and a protruding lower jaw. The eyes are located far forward and low on the head. The bighead is very similar to the silver carp, but can be distinguished by the dark coloration on its sides. Bighead carp can grow to lengths of 5 feet and weigh up to 88 lb.



The Best Answer is Anyone's Guess

As the anglers and operators in the Great Lakes cast a wary eye towards the Chicago Shipping Canal, which many agree is the most likely point of entry, there is much debate over the best solution to the problem. Some adventurous anglers have taken matters into their own hands, using compound bows, shotguns, and even baseball bats to make a dent in the carp population. But a larger scale solution is needed to truly curb the carp.

An electric barrier is currently in place along the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. But as Captain Tom Marks, New York Director of the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council, explains, the effort is too little, too late against the carp: "The water column is 20 feet deep where the barrier is installed, but the barrier is only really effective up to six feet – all the electrodes are at the bottom because it was originally designed for invasive bottom-feeding round gobies. They have turned up the voltage now, but while an older, bigger fish with more surface area may feel it, smaller, younger juveniles are less affected and could get through."

According to Marks, the next step is ecological barrier methods but there are many ideas and opinions on what those might be. Proposals include turning off the aeration pumps in the Chicago canal, thus lowering the oxygen level so much that fish could not pass through; allowing local power plants to discharge hot water into the canal, creating a zone too warm for the fish to cross; introducing yellow perch, which would feed on carp eggs; and introducing chemicals to

specifically target and poison the carp.

But Captain Wolfe could well be questioning any of these ideas when he asks, "How do you know the trickle-down effect? These options are unfortunately all just guesses at what will work against these fish."

There are those who suggest making the most of the carp infestation and developing a commercial fishery. Duane Chapman, a research fish biologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, has put together a number of recipes for the white, flaky meat of the invasive species (which he likens to the taste of cod) as well as a how-to video on filleting the fish. But many anglers balk at the idea of eating the bony fish, and think that pet food or fertilizer would be a more suitable use. Still others reject the concept, arguing that if there were money to be made, enterprising businesses would move the fish to other waterways to ensure their survival – thus doing more



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From gillnets to electrified barriers, there are many ideas and opinions on how to stop the Asian carp population from spreading into the Great Lakes region.

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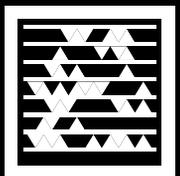
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damage to the recreational fisheries.

But the most hotly debated option might be the proposal to disconnect the Chicago canal from Lake Michigan by installing a solid physical barrier. IGFA Captain Joel Rieser, who fishes about 20 miles north of the canal, believes this is the only viable option against the carp, “but the argument is political...the recreational fishing business is pitted against the shipping industry that makes use of the Great Lakes through the shipping canal, and has a lot of lobbying dollars to spend on keeping it open.”

What Now?

While there is a loud cry for immediate action from those who make a living fishing the Great Lakes, many agree that those outside the region do not seem to understand – or care – what’s at stake.

“I’ve lived on the Great Lakes all my life,” New York IGFA Representative Hilts reflects. “I know the value of this resource and the fishing we have here. This is a major problem – we have a disaster in the making.”

But an hour and a half away from Lake Superior, Wisconsin IGFA Representative Cooke Bausman reports that, “People here in the North Woods hunt musky and are largely unaffected by this carp issue – there’s really not a lot of concern here.”

“People need to be educated,” Captain Rieser warns. “People don’t realize how badly this will affect Lake Michigan, and the other lakes will follow. Billions of dollars could be lost, and future generations would never know the great fishing that the Great Lakes now have.”

And the great fishing the Lakes now offer is key in keeping tabs on the situation while a solution is being sorted out. Anglers are the eyes and ears of a fishery, and can be the first to notice a change in species catch rates or if an invasive species starts appearing in numbers. But unless the Asian carp are stopped soon, Tom Marks worries that, “we should be enjoying the fishing while we can, because it isn’t going to last forever.”



Asian carp are an excellent fish to eat, offering large, low-fat, nutritious filets. This video provides background information about these fish and describes one of the first steps in the cleaning process- removing the filets. This segment is the first in a series of three that teach you how to turn flying fish into a great dish!
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1NVUV8yhmU>

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What are some U.S. States doing to be proactive?

- New York State has banned the import and possession of live bighead carp, with the exception of New York City, where they still may be legally sold in live food markets (but they must be killed before they leave the premises). Possession of live bighead carp has been illegal in Illinois since 2005.

- Since February 2007, using bighead carp as fishing bait has been illegal in Missouri. In December 2010, the U.S. Congress banned the importation of bighead carp.[1]

- Live bighead carp are also banned from sale in Canada. Several greater Toronto area Asian supermarkets have been fined in the past for selling them. The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources banned their live sale and importation into Ontario in 2004. Fines are \$3500 CAD and have done little to deter the possession of this fish; underground selling continues to happen in several Chinese supermarkets in the region. One live carp was found in Toronto's Don River in 2003. [1]

- The northernmost spread of the invasive silver carp is believed to be North Dakota. Officials say the carp have migrated upstream through South Dakota. District fisheries supervisor Gene Van Eeckhout tells *The Jamestown Sun* (<http://bit.ly/H8TafQ>) that the discovery of “flying” carp in the James River has led to a ban on the taking of live bait from the river, to guard against small silver carp being accidentally transported to other lakes.

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FIVE MEN TO BE ENSHRINED INTO THE IGFA FISHING HALL OF FAME

Inductees into the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame are anglers, captains, scientists, conservationists, writers, and fishing industry leaders nominated for their significant and lasting contributions to the sport of recreational angling. They are selected by the Nominating Committee of the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame and approved by the IGFA Board of Trustees. This year's inductees are:

Captain Al Anderson:



Al Anderson received a Master of Science degree from Adelphi University and has taught on the secondary and collegiate levels for 20 years. In 1967 he started part-

time charter fishing on the *Prowler* out of Snug Harbor in Rhode Island, and that same year began tagging bluefin tuna for the late IGFA Hall of Famer Frank J. Mather III, who started a tagging program at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in the United States. At the same time he began tagging striped bass for the American Littoral Society. Anderson has been a strong proponent of tagging, with nearly 60,000 game fish marked in his career, and is credited by the IGFA with tagging more fish for science than anyone worldwide. He has tagged and released over 1,000 bluefin tuna in a season multiple times, and he reportedly has more bluefin tuna recaptures than anyone else. Anderson has been an IGFA Representative since 1989. He has authored five books to date; *The Atlantic Bluefin Tuna*, *To Catch A Tuna*, *Gamefish Tag & Release*, *Over-Winter Striper Secrets*, and *Island Stripers*, along with hundreds of articles for both regional and national publications.



Mike Leech:

Mike Leech has served the IGFA for 23 years, 10 of which were as the organization's President (1992-2002).

He created the Junior Angler World Record Program in addition to the Offshore, Inshore and Junior Angler World Championship Tournaments. Leech was instrumental in the construction of the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame & Museum and raised millions of dollars over 17 years with the annual IGFA Auction in Palm Beach, FL, USA. He started the IGFA Captain, Observer and Weigh Station programs. Additionally, he has been a conservation columnist for *Marlin* magazine since 1996 and has served on various governmental advisory panels. He continues to serve national conservation organizations.

Darrell Lowrance:



In 1957, Darrell Lowrance established the Lowrance Sonar Electronics Company and in 1959 the company introduced the first little green box, the first

portable fish-finding instrument for anglers, revolutionizing the way people fished. More than a million were produced between 1959 and 1984. Lowrance is a leading advocate of the United States tackle industry. He played the key role in the old American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association (AFTMA - ASA), developing a greater focus on fishery management and resource issues and led the effort to move the headquarters of the AFTMA from Chicago to Washington D.C. to ensure that this happened.

Monty Padilla:

Monty Padilla is one of Mexico's most influential sportfishing officials and has been an IGFA Representative since 1973 (38 years). He has been a personal advi-



sor on recreational fisheries to the Secretary of Fishing since 1990, and is the first President of the Mexican Sportfishing Federation. He is the founder and former

commodore of the Acapulco Yacht Club (Mexico's oldest yacht club) and in 2008 received the Rybovich Lifetime Achievement Award. Monty Padilla has also participated in satellite tagging research trips in numerous countries.

Bill Poole:



Considered the "father of long-range fishing" in California, Captain Bill Poole's career as a sportfishing boat skipper has spanned six decades. Over the course of his career, he built

the world's largest long-range boats, owned three sportfishing landings, two marinas and two fuel docks. He helped found the Sportfishing Association of California (SAC) and a chapter of Safari Club International. He skippered anglers to world-record tuna and was among the first to explore Mexico's rich fishing grounds, creating angling opportunities for thousands of anglers over the years. Mike Farrior IGFA Trustee and Historian commented, "Bill Poole's influence on our West Coast multi day sport fishing over the past 60 years is immeasurable - today San Diego has the finest fleet in the world, because of his leadership." Poole passed away in 2009

SAVE THE DATE: IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Tuesday, October 23, 2012

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IGFA CHAIRMAN PAXSON OFFIELD SEARCHING FOR BONE MARROW DONOR



When it comes to conservation, Paxson Offield has given generously to protect some of the ocean ecosystem's most majestic animals. "Packy" is a past chairman of The Billfish Foundation and the Peregrine Foundation, past president of the Avalon Tuna Club, current Chairman of the Catalina Seabass Fund and the International Game Fish Association, and has been involved in almost every recent effort to save billfish. But since his leukemia diagnosis in December of 2011, efforts are now being made to find a bone marrow donor to help save his life.

"Packy Offield has given so much to protect billfish and support the international angling community," IGFA President Rob Kramer said. "I hope that a donor search will help find someone who can give back to him."

A search is being conducted through Be The Match, a national organization that provides bone marrow and umbilical cord transplants to patients in need. Seventy percent of those diagnosed with blood cancers like leukemia or lymphoma do not have a donor in their family and depend on the Be The Match Registry to find a match to save their life. At this time, a matching donor has not been found for Packy among those who are already registered.

The test itself is a simple cheek swab that is painless and only takes a second or two. Collection kits are available through Be The Match at <http://join.marrows.org/offield2012>. For more information on how you can help, contact Pat Conlee at 714-800-1630 or pconlee@nmdp.org.



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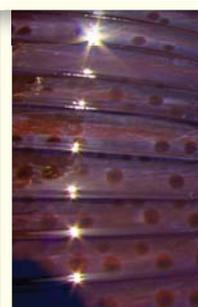
There's nothing like a day on the water – and four days is even better. Guests on IGFA Expedition: Costa Rica were treated to the opportunity to fish at one of Costa Rica's most beautifully refurbished locations, The Zancudo Lodge in Golfito. Following a welcome party in San Jose and a quick plane ride over the Costa Rican jungle, they found the Lodge nestled in nature, surrounded by exotic fruit and nut trees, howler monkeys and crocodiles, and of course – fish.

This year's expedition party included a special guest: Capt. Loren Monterroso, winner of the 2012 IGFA-Chester H. Wolfe Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. Capt. Monterroso was nominated for this award for giving up his tournament standing to assist a fellow angler in need of aid. For his quick thinking and ethical decision, Monterroso won an all-expenses paid trip on the Expedition as part of his prize package, as well as recognition at the IGFA Annual Auction & Banquet.

This was a trip of firsts for many of the expedition members. Father and son team Rich Miller Jr. and Rich Miller III along with Capt. Monterroso each caught their first roosterfish – a lifelong goal for the father and son pair. Chris Peterson fulfilled his goal of swimming with a sailfish; in fact, he swam



Loren Monterroso of Roatan, attended the Expedition by virtue of winning the IGFA-Chester H. Wolfe Outstanding Sportsmanship Award



Jim Sauls with a gorgeous Pacific sailfish



Chris Peterson of Hell's Bay Boatworks fulfilled a life-long dream of swimming with a billfish and had the opportunity to do it twice during the IGFA Expedition.



Both Rick Miller Jr. and Sr. crossed roosterfish off their bucket lists.

with two of his sailfish catches as they were released, and caught the whole experience with his GoPro. The adrenaline of being so close to such a magnificent animal was exhilarating – Peterson returned to the boat high-fiving everyone with excitement.

Not every hope was satisfied on the trip, but there was still plenty of fishing fun to be had. Hugh McCauley and Chris Peterson were eager to catch a sailfish on fly, but ended up catching them on trolled mullet. Even though the flies did not produce on this trip, the Zancudo Captains and mates were still able to teach them the basics of offshore fly fishing for billfish.



Bill Crozier, 89 years old and a staple of every IGFA Expedition trip, only fishes stand-up gear for billfish and with the lucky fighting belt that he travels with. Crozier managed to make short work of the sailfish he baited on split-tail mullet. Jim Sauls caught, tagged and released sailfish and also caught a roosterfish in the 30 lb class.

At the end of every fishing day, the Expedition members were happy to return to the wonderful amenities of the Zancudo Lodge. Outfitted with a sporty tropical flair, friendly staff and a well-stocked, delicious kitchen, the porch lounges provided a great place to unwind and trade stories at the end of the day. And between the sailfish, roosterfish, swimming with fish and other adventures had, there were plenty of stories to trade.



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WORLD RECORDS



Fishing with Captain Jason Wootton out of Cape Karikari, New Zealand on May 23, 2011, Kiwi angler Eilish Hargen landed this 81.5 kg (179 lb 10 oz) swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*). The young lady needed only 20 minutes to boat this female Junior record swordy after it ate the Yo-Zuri squid she was trolling.



Australian angler Mark Hope knows how to successfully catch big barramundi (*Lates calcarifer*) on light tackle. With the recent approval of this 1 kg (2 lb) line class record barra that he caught on September 21, 2011 while fishing Australia's Lake Tinaroo, Mark now holds the 1 kg (2 lb), 2 kg (4 lb), 3 kg (6 lb), 4 kg (8 lb) and 37 kg (80 lb) line class records, and also has a 6 kg (12 lb) line class record pending approval. Mark fought this newly approved record for 20 minutes after it hit the lure he was trolling. Weighing in at a thick 23.7 kg (52 lb 3 oz), Mark's 1 kg (2 lb) line class record more than doubles the existing record that stood at 11.6 kg (25 lb 9 oz).



Angler Alexandre Lafage, of Saint Perdon, France traveled to southeast Florida, USA last fall to target big snook during the mullet run. Fishing the Stuart Inlet with local guide Andy Tasker on September 8, 2011, Lafage landed this impressive 92 cm Atlantic snook (*Centropomus spp.*) after the fish crushed the Sebile Magic Swimmer he was casting. The fish was brought to the boat in seven minutes and was quickly measured, photographed and released alive; earning Alexandre the new All-Tackle Length record for this species.

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Angler Matt Snyder and a few of his buddies headed out into the Gulf of Mexico on September 16, 2011 for a day of bottom fishing off the coast of southwest Florida, USA. Twelve minutes after Matt's live grunt was inhaled, the angler pulled this massive black grouper (*Mycteroperca bonaci*) from the bottom. Back at the docks, the grouper tipped the scales at a whopping 47.63 kg (105 lb); earning Matt the new men's 24 kg (50 lb) line class record and the envy of all bottom fishing enthusiasts.

RECORDS



While hogfish (*Lachnolaimus maximus*) are very popular among the spear-fishing community, angler Wesley Adair Covington was armed with only a rod and reel when he headed offshore from his hometown of Charleston, South Carolina, USA on September 11, 2011. Fishing with a natural crab in the infamous Georgetown Hole, Wesley landed this nice hog to qualify for the new All-Tackle record. The tasty fish took Wesley 10 minutes to land, and weighed in at 9.95 kg (21 lb 15 oz).



Angler Hugo Silva, of Azeotap, Portugal was vertical jigging with a Barros Amberjack Jig off Algarve, Portugal on July 3, 2011 when he hooked into something big. After a tough 18 minute fight, guide Jeronimo Joana boated this beautiful new All-Tackle record pink dentex (*Dentex gibbosus*) that weighed in at 15.94 kg (35 lb 2 oz).



Lithuanian angler Darius Petrauskas traveled to Argentina last November to target golden dorado (*Salminus brasiliensis*) on the Uruguay River. Darius was not disappointed, as he landed this gorgeous dorado on November 7, 2011 while casting a Lindy MG Spinner with local guide Enzo Rico. After the 15 minute fight, the fish was quickly measured, photographed and released alive; qualifying Darius for the new All-Tackle Length record at an impressive 97 cm.



New Jersey, USA native Dr. Mark "Doc" Hatton took advantage of the fantastic fishing in Canada's Northwest Territories last summer. Fishing with local guide Chad Beck on September 26, 2011, Doc pulled this quality northern pike (*Esox lucius*) from the Taltson River, after it ate the Eppinger Husky he was casting. Measuring 118 cm before it was released alive, this toothy critter qualifies "Doc" for the new All-Tackle Length record.



Aussie angler and light tackle fly enthusiast, Frank Bluch, made his annual trip to Canada last summer to target the different freshwater game fish species available around Great Bear Lake, in the Northwest Territories. Guided by Mike Harrison on August 13, 2011, Bluch landed this 9.64 kg (21 lb 4 oz) Arctic char (*Salvelinus alpinus*) in 20 minutes, after it ate Frank's well presented dumbbell strip tease fly. Even more impressive is that this new 2 kg (4 lb) tippet class record was released alive after being properly weighed, measured and photographed.

INTERNATIONAL GAME FISH ASSOCIATION WORLD RECORDS

The IGFA has granted 93 game fish World Records since the publication of the March/April *International Angler*. Records listed include 16 All-Tackle records, 25 All-Tackle (Length) records, 17 Line Class records, 15 Fly Rod records, 16 Junior & Small-Fry Records, and 4 US State Freshwater Records.

ALL-TACKLE

COMMON NAME (SCIENTIFIC NAME)	LINE CLASS	WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	ANGLER (CAPT/GUIDE)
Akahata (<i>Epinephelus fasciatus</i>)	All-Tackle	3 lb 2 oz 1.42 kg	Yonouza, Oita Japan	21-Dec-11	Natsuki Kagehira (Kenji Mizumoto)
Codling, southern bastard (<i>Pseudophycis barbata</i>)	All-Tackle	3 lb 2 oz 1.43 kg	Cape Brett, Bay of Islands New Zealand	07-Sep-11	Sue Tindale (Scott Tindale)
Coney, Gulf (<i>Epinephelus acanthistius</i>)	All-Tackle	24 lb 11 oz 11.2 kg	San Jose del Cabo, Baja Mexico	22-Oct-11	George Bogen (Modesto Miranda)
Cowfish, roundbelly (<i>Lactoria diaphana</i>)	All-Tackle	1 lb 3 oz .55 kg	Jogasaki, Shizuoka Japan	02-Oct-11	Takashi Nishino
Dainan-anago (<i>Conger erebennus</i>)	All-Tackle	9 lb 9 oz 4.35 kg	Togawa, Choshi, Chiba Japan	12-Nov-11	Yoshikatsu Higuchi (Minoru Fukuda)
Dentex, pink (<i>Dentex gibbosus</i>)	All-Tackle	35 lb 2 oz 15.94 kg	Algarve Portugal	03-Jul-11	Hugo Silva (Jeronimo Joana)
Emperor, Pacific yellowtail (<i>Lethrinus atkinsoni</i>)	All-Tackle	1 lb 6 oz .63 kg	Higashison, Okinawa Japan	12-Oct-11	Noboru Endo
Flounder, gulf (<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>)	All-Tackle	7 lb 2 oz 3.23 kg	Bogue Sound North Carolina, USA	04-Oct-11	Charlie I. Aman
Flounder, slime (babagarei) (<i>Microstomus achne</i>)	All-Tackle	5 lb 8 oz 2.5 kg	Shikabe, Hokkaido Japan	25-Sep-11	Kiyoshi Iwata (Akio Izumo)
Grouper, areolate (<i>Epinephelus areolatus</i>)	All-Tackle	3 lb 3 oz 1.46 kg	Jogashima, Kanagawa Japan	14-Aug-11	Yuuki Kosuge (Yuji Kosuge)
Hogfish (<i>Lachnolaimus maximus</i>)	All-Tackle	21 lb 15 oz 9.95 kg	Georgetown Hole, Charleston South Carolina, USA	11-Sep-11	Wesley Adair Covington
John Dory (<i>Zeus fabes</i>)	All-Tackle	3 lb 3 oz 1.46 kg	Titoki Point New Zealand	28-Sep-11	Sue Tindale (Scott Tindale)
Leaffish, Malayan (<i>Pristolepis fasciata</i>)	All-Tackle	1 lb 6 oz .65 kg	Khao Laem Dam Thailand	13-Sep-11	Benchawan Thiansungnoen
Maomao, pink (<i>Caprodon longimanus</i>)	All-Tackle	2 lb 3 oz 1.01 kg	Burgese Island New Zealand	23-Sep-11	Sue Tindale (Scott Tindale)
Pellona, yellowfin river (<i>Pellona flavipinnis</i>)	All-Tackle	6 lb 9 oz 3 kg	Rio Preto da Eva, Amazonas Brazil	18-Sep-11	Gilberto Fernandes (Gabriel Pinga)
Snakehead, emperor (<i>Channa maruloides</i>)	All-Tackle	11 lb 5 oz 5.15 kg	Palm Tree Lagoon, Ratchaburi Thailand	10-Sep-11	Benchawan Thiansungnoen

ALL-TACKLE LENGTH

COMMON NAME (SCIENTIFIC NAME)	LINE CLASS	LENGTH	PLACE	DATE	ANGLER (CAPT/GUIDE)
Arawana (<i>Osteoglossum bicirrhosum</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	67 cm	Tocantins Brazil	16-Sep-11	Claudio Iglesias (Fernando Romani)
Bass, kelp (calico) (<i>Paralabrax clathratus</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	51 cm	Cedros Island, Baja California Mexico	26-Sep-11	Wendy Tochihara (Eduardo Lalo)
Bass, striped (<i>Morone saxatilis</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	98 cm	Delaware Bay New Jersey, USA	09-Nov-11	Maureen Klause (Richard D. Wheeler)
Bass, striped (<i>Morone saxatilis</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	106 cm	Delaware Bay New Jersey, USA	26-Nov-11	Maureen Klause (Richard D. Wheeler)
Bonefish (<i>Albula spp.</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	71 cm	Aitutaki Cook Islands	30-Sep-11	Brett Patterson (Itu Davey)
Dorado (<i>Salminus brasiliensis</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	97 cm	Uruguay River, Concordia Argentina	07-Nov-11	Darius Petruskas (Enzo Rico)
Mackerel, Spanish (<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	58 cm	Marathon Florida, USA	23-Nov-11	Heather Michelle Harkavy (Chris Morrison)

COMMON NAME (SCIENTIFIC NAME)	LINE CLASS	LENGTH	PLACE	DATE	ANGLER (CAPT/GUIDE)
Mackerel, Spanish (<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	52 cm	Marathon Florida, USA	22-Nov-11	Heather Michelle Harkavy (Chris Morrison)
Pickereel, chain (<i>Esox niger</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	56 cm	Deep Pond, Wading River New York, USA	25-Nov-11	Wesley C. Winters
Pike, northern (<i>Esox lucius</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	118 cm	Taltson River Northwest Territories, Canada	26-Sep-11	Mark "Doc" Hatton (Chad Beck)
Salmon, chinook (<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	87 cm	Salmon River, Pulaski New York, USA	18-Oct-11	James Sollecito
Salmon, chum (<i>Oncorhynchus keta</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	76 cm	Stamp River, Vancouver Island, Canada	30-Oct-11	Peter F. Binaski (Carey Evans)
Salmon, coho (<i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	71 cm	Karluk River Alaska, USA	14-Sep-11	Michael Ellsworth
Salmon, coho (<i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	72 cm	Karluk River, Kodiak Alaska, USA	15-Sep-11	Jon Nash
Salmon, pink (<i>Oncorhynchus gorbuscha</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	63 cm	Chilliwack British Columbia, Canada	17-Sep-11	Bo Nelson
Salmon, pink (<i>Oncorhynchus gorbuscha</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	65 cm	Chilliwack British Columbia, Canada	18-Sep-11	Bo Nelson
Snakehead (<i>Channa spp.</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	84 cm	Kenarong Malaysia	07-Oct-11	Philippe Plentincx (Jean-Francois Helias)
Snapper, red (<i>Lutjanus campechanus</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	88 cm	Gulf of Mexico Texas, USA	25-Sep-11	Wilton Lee Bull (Raul Reyes)
Snook, Atlantic (<i>Centropomus spp.</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	92 cm	Stuart Florida, USA	08-Sep-11	Alexandre Lafage (Andy Tasker)
Taimen (<i>Hucho taimen</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	80 cm	River Onon Mongolia	21-Sep-11	Shusuke Hirano
Trahirá (<i>Hoplias spp.</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	91 cm	Sinamary River Guyana	26-Sep-11	Darius Petrauskas (Thor Francois)
Trout, brown (<i>Salmo trutta</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	71 cm	Milwaukee Harbor Wisconsin, USA	09-Nov-11	James Schmid
Trout, bull (<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	81 cm	Fernie British Columbia, Canada	20-Aug-11	Bo Nelson (Kim Sedrovic)
Tunny, little (<i>Euthynnus alletteratus</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	71 cm	Key West Florida, USA	27-Nov-11	Brielle Bennett (Brian Bennett)
Yellowtail, southern (<i>Seriola lalandi</i>)	All-Tackle (Length)	112 cm	Maori Rock New Zealand	22-Sep-11	Sue Tindale (Scott Tindale)

LINE CLASS

COMMON NAME (SCIENTIFIC NAME)	LINE CLASS	WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	ANGLER (CAPT/GUIDE)
Barracuda, Pacific (<i>Sphyræna argentea</i>)	W-08 kg (16 lb)	7 lb 6 oz 3.35 kg	Golfito Costa Rica	24-Oct-11	Jennifer Gates Flourmoy (Bobby McGuinness)
Barramundi (<i>Lates calcarifer</i>)	01 kg (2 lb)	52 lb 3 oz 23.7 kg	Lake Tinaroo Australia	21-Sep-11	Mark Hope
Barramundi (<i>Lates calcarifer</i>)	02 kg (4 lb)	55 lb 8 oz 25.2 kg	Lake Tinaroo Australia	24-Aug-11	Mark Hope
Grouper, black (<i>Mycteroperca bonaci</i>)	M-24 kg (50 lb)	105 lb 0 oz 47.63 kg	Gulf of Mexico Florida, USA	16-Sep-11	Matt Snyder (Matt Snyder)
Jack, horse-eye (<i>Caranx latus</i>)	W-15 kg (30 lb)	16 lb 2 oz 7.31 kg	Bimini Bahamas	05-Aug-11	Jane Vinas (Brett Dudas)
Nembwe (<i>Serranochromis robustus</i>)	03 kg (6 lb)	6 lb 11 oz 3.05 kg	Zambezi River Zambia	03-Sep-11	Donald John Bousfield
Nembwe (<i>Serranochromis robustus</i>)	08 kg (16 lb)	5 lb 1 oz 2.3 kg	Zambezi River Zambia	02-Sep-11	Donald John Bousfield (Doug Bousfield)
Piranha, red (<i>Pygocentrus nattereri</i>)	01 kg (2 lb)	2 lb 3 oz 1 kg	Miranda River Brazil	16-Sep-11	Fernando de Almeida
Piranha, red (<i>Pygocentrus nattereri</i>)	04 kg (8 lb)	1 lb 9 oz .72 kg	Miranda River Brazil	10-Sep-11	Felipe Siqueira de Almeida
Piranha, red (<i>Pygocentrus nattereri</i>)	08 kg (16 lb)	1 lb 1 oz .5 kg	Tocantins Brazil	30-Jul-11	Maximilian Hampl (Fernando Romani)
Shark, mako (<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>)	W-02 kg (4 lb)	126 lb 12 oz 57.49 kg	Ocean City New Jersey, USA	10-Oct-11	Maureen Klause (Ricky Wheeler)
Shark, tiger (<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>)	M-06 kg (12 lb)	574 lb 8 oz 260.6 kg	Damier, W.A. Australia	01-Aug-11	Brett Sinclair (Arron Piekarski)

COMMON NAME (SCIENTIFIC NAME)	LINE CLASS	WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	ANGLER (CAPT/GUIDE)
Threadfin, giant African (<i>Polydactylus quadrifilis</i>)	W-24 kg (50 lb)	20 lb 8 oz 9.3 kg	Kwanza River Angola	28-Aug-11	Lydia Nicolson (Dr. Iain Nicolson)
Tigerfish (<i>Hydrocynus vittatus</i>)	15 kg (30 lb)	24 lb 9 oz 11.14 kg	Lake Kariba Zimbabwe	08-Aug-11	Justyn Folwer (Glen Fowler)
Trevally, golden (<i>Gnathanodon speciosus</i>)	W-01 kg (2 lb)	4 lb 13 oz 2.2 kg	Dampier Archipelago Australia	14-Aug-11	Joanne Tatham (Steve Tatham)
Trevally, golden (<i>Gnathanodon speciosus</i>)	W-02 kg (4 lb)	11 lb 10 oz 5.3 kg	Exmouth Australia	07-Aug-11	Nikki Murray (Leigh Mitchell)
Trevally, golden (<i>Gnathanodon speciosus</i>)	W-04 kg (8 lb)	22 lb 11 oz 10.3 kg	Exmouth Australia	07-Aug-11	Nikki Murray (Leigh Mitchell)

TIPPET CLASS

COMMON NAME (SCIENTIFIC NAME)	LINE CLASS	WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	ANGLER (CAPT/GUIDE)
Bass, striped (<i>Morone saxatilis</i>)	Tippet M-02 kg (4 lb)	24 lb 5 oz 11.03 kg	Ortley Beach New Jersey, USA	18-Oct-11	Ron Mazzarella (Ron Mazzarella)
Char, Arctic (<i>Salvelinus alpinus</i>)	Tippet 02 kg (4 lb)	21 lb 4 oz 9.64 kg	Tree River, Nunavut Canada	13-Aug-11	Frank Bluch (Mike Harrison)
Char, Arctic (<i>Salvelinus alpinus</i>)	Tippet 03 kg (6 lb)	16 lb 4 oz 7.37 kg	Tree River, Nunavut Canada	12-Aug-11	Frank Bluch (Mike Harrison)
Kahawai (Australian salmon) (<i>Arripis spp.</i>)	Tippet W-03 kg (6 lb)	3 lb 2 oz 1.42 kg	Cape Brett, Bay of Islands New Zealand	07-Sep-11	Sue Tindale (Scott Tindale)
Salmon, pink (<i>Oncorhynchus gorbuscha</i>)	Tippet 08 kg (16 lb)	9 lb 4 oz 4.2 kg	Sumner Strait Alaska, USA	07-Aug-11	George P. Mann
Seabass, Japanese (Suzuki) (<i>Lateolabrax japonicus</i>)	Tippet W-03 kg (6 lb)	4 lb 1 oz 1.85 kg	Negishi, Kanagawa Japan	14-Sep-11	Mari Kitagawa (Keiichiro Okamoto)
Seabass, Japanese (Suzuki) (<i>Lateolabrax japonicus</i>)	Tippet W-04 kg (8 lb)	4 lb 3 oz 1.9 kg	Yokohama, Kanagawa Japan	20-Aug-11	Mari Kitagawa (Akihiro Shikanai)
Snakehead (<i>Channa spp.</i>)	Tippet 10 kg (20 lb)	12 lb 8 oz 5.67 kg	Taketoyo, Aichi Japan	14-Aug-11	Takeshi Kandori
Snapper (squirefish) (<i>Pagrus auratus</i>)	Tippet M-01 kg (2 lb)	1 lb 9 oz .71 kg	East Cape, Little Barrier New Zealand	28-Sep-11	Scott Tindale
Snapper, mutton (<i>Lutjanus analis</i>)	Tippet W-03 kg (6 lb)	3 lb 0 oz 1.36 kg	Islamorada Florida, USA	22-Nov-11	Kate Burke (Capt. W. Camp Walker)
Tarpon (<i>Megalops atlanticus</i>)	Tippet M-03 kg (6 lb)	88 lb 0 oz 39.92 kg	Florida Bay, Flamingo Florida, USA	13-Oct-11	Thane Morgan (Dustin Huff)
Tarpon, oxeve (<i>Megalops cyprinoides</i>)	Tippet M-04 kg (8 lb)	3 lb 4 oz 1.5 kg	Uruma, Okinawa Japan	11-Sep-11	Kaoru Hata
Trevally, bluefin (<i>Caranx melampygus</i>)	Tippet W-02 kg (4 lb)	1 lb 0 oz .45 kg	St. Francois Seychelles	18-Nov-11	Mrs. Julia Bell (Andrew Mayo)
Trout, bull (<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>)	Tippet 02 kg (4 lb)	13 lb 12 oz 6.24 kg	Fernie British Columbia, Canada	20-Aug-11	Bo Nelson (Kim Sedrovic)
Trout, tiger (<i>Salmo trutta x Salvelinus fontinalis</i>)	Tippet 02 kg (4 lb)	5 lb 12 oz 2.61 kg	Dodger's Lake, Central Highland, Australia	11-Sep-11	Frank Bluch

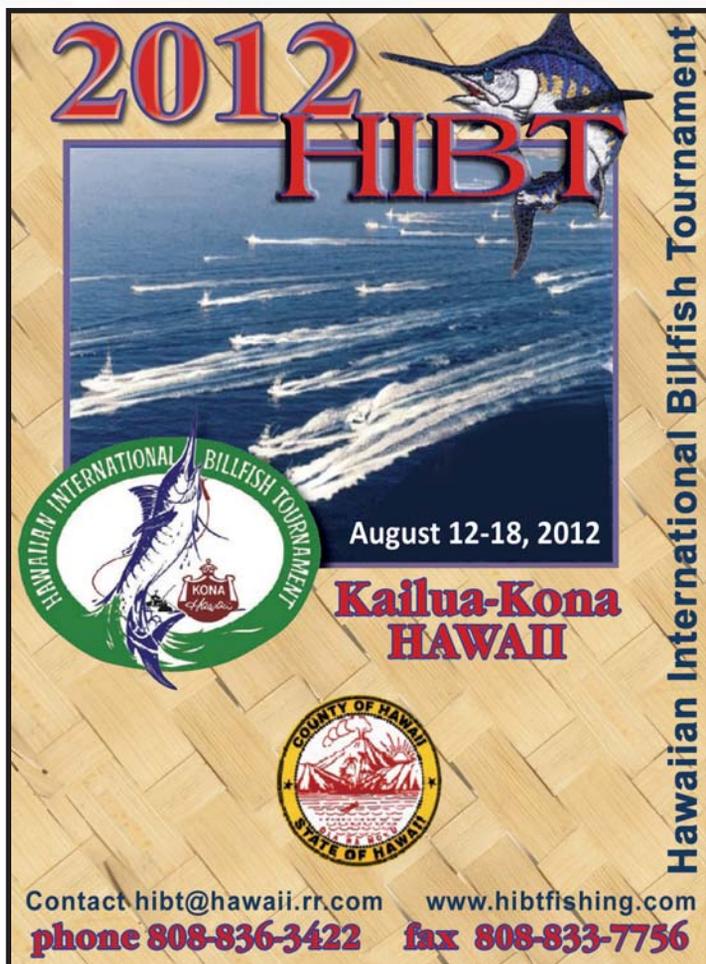
JUNIOR & SMALL-FRY

COMMON NAME (SCIENTIFIC NAME)	LINE CLASS	WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	ANGLER (CAPT/GUIDE)
Arawana (<i>Osteoglossum bicirrhosum</i>)	M-Junior	4 lb 11 oz 2.14 kg	Tocantins Brazil	17-Sep-11	Christopher Hampl (Fernando Romani)
Dorado (<i>Salminus brasiliensis</i>)	F-Small fry	6 lb 8 oz 2.96 kg	Miranda River Brazil	11-Sep-11	Luisa Macedo Costa de
Mackerel, cero (<i>Scomberomorus regalis</i>)	F-Small fry	4 lb 14 oz 2.21 kg	Key West Florida, USA	27-Nov-11	Brielle Bennett (Brian Bennett)
Madai (<i>Pagrus major</i>)	M-Small fry	9 lb 3 oz 4.17 kg	Jogashima, Kanagawa Japan	07-Aug-11	Yuuki Kosuge (Yuji Kosuge)
Marlin, black (<i>Istiopax indica</i>)	F-Junior	368 lb 9 oz 167.2 kg	Cairns Australia	11-Oct-11	Alexandra Czabayski (James Bladin)
Nembwe (<i>Serranochromis robustus</i>)	F-Small fry	7 lb 4 oz 3.32 kg	Zambezi River Zambia	31-Aug-11	Michaela Dominic Bousfield (Donald Boufield)
Payara (<i>Hydrolycus spp.</i>)	M-Junior	11 lb 1 oz 5.03 kg	Rio Tocantins Brazil	11-Sep-11	Maximilian Hampl
Pickereel, chain (<i>Esox niger</i>)	F-Small fry	3 lb 3 oz 1.45 kg	Deep Pond, Wading River New York, USA	18-Oct-11	Julia Grace Ketner

COMMON NAME (SCIENTIFIC NAME)	LINE CLASS	WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	ANGLER (CAPT/GUIDE)
Piranha, red (<i>Pygocentrus nattereri</i>)	M-Junior	1 lb 1 oz .5 kg	Tocatins Brazil	30-Jul-11	Maximilian Hampl (Fernando Romani)
Pompano, African (<i>Alectis ciliaris</i>)	F-Smallfry	34 lb 0 oz 15.42 kg	Key Biscayne Florida, USA	23-Dec-11	Laurel David (Jimmy David)
Swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>)	F-Junior	179 lb 10 oz 81.5 kg	Cape Karikari New Zealand	23-May-11	Eilish Hargen (Jason Wootton)
Threadfin, giant African (<i>Polydactylus quadrifilis</i>)	F-Junior	20 lb 8 oz 9.3 kg	Kwanza River Angola	28-Aug-11	Lydia Nicolson (Dr. Iain Nicolson)
Threadfin, giant African (<i>Polydactylus quadrifilis</i>)	M-Junior	23 lb 9 oz 10.7 kg	Kwanza River Angola	14-Aug-11	Alex Nicolson (Dr. Iain Nicolson)
Tigerfish (<i>Hydrocynus vittatus</i>)	F-Smallfry	13 lb 3 oz 6 kg	Zambezi River Zambia	02-Sep-11	Jessica Bousfield (Donald Bousfield)
Tigerfish (<i>Hydrocynus vittatus</i>)	M-Junior	24 lb 9 oz 11.14 kg	Lake Kariba Zimbabwe	08-Aug-11	Justyn Fowler (Glen Fowler)
Tuna, bluefin (<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>)	M-Smallfry	48 lb 9 oz 22.03 kg	Wachapreague Virginia, USA	03-Jul-11	Dalton Jacob Aigner (Wayne Evans)

US STATE FRESHWATER

COMMON NAME (SCIENTIFIC NAME)	LINE CLASS	WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	ANGLER (CAPT/GUIDE)
Maine					
Pike, northern (<i>Esox lucius</i>)	06 kg (12 lb)	5 lb 0 oz 2.27 kg	Belgrade Lakes Maine, USA	16-Oct-11	Dennis Triana
Massachusetts					
Bass, smallmouth (<i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>)	06 kg (12 lb)	3 lb 0 oz 1.36 kg	Merrimack River Massachusetts, USA	15-Oct-11	Dennis Triana
Michigan					
Salmon, chinook (<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>)	Tippet 10 kg (20 lb)	16 lb 8 oz 7.48 kg	Muskegon River Michigan, USA	16-Oct-11	Bo Nelson (Dustan Harley)
Minnesota					
Walleye (<i>Sander vitreus</i>)	Tippet 06 kg (12 lb)	2 lb 8 oz 1.13 kg	Cass Lake Minnesota, USA	13-Aug-11	Bo Nelson



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IGFA SPECIAL CLUBS UPDATE

Paul Nute with two 10 lb bonefish in one day on fly



IGFA's 10 lb Bonefish Club is one of the most prestigious groups in the angling world, especially for inshore fishermen. In fact, since its inception more than a decade ago, the program has received only 44 applications from 34 different members - a testament to the difficulty of accomplishing this feat. And while only a handful of skilled anglers have multiple 10 lb bonefish certificates to their name, only once has an angler submitted two applications for fish caught on the same day on fly - light tackle fly enthusiast Paul Nute.

When Paul set out for Biscayne Bay, FL on the morning of March 9, 2012, he already accomplished the 10 lb bonefish feat three times before - but it wouldn't be that way for long. Fishing with Capt. Tim Klein on a 16' Dolphin Super Skiff, Nute started the day with a 10 lb 8 oz bonefish that ate a well-presented "TK Special" fly on 15 lb tippet, peeling drag across the flats for just under ten minutes before being landed. Already having a day that is the envy of most inshore anglers, Nute and Capt. Klein continued their hunt for the elusive "ghost of the flats".

Their persistence and patience paid off, and before long Captain Klein had spotted another sizeable fish. Once again, Paul placed the custom fly perfectly, resulting in another hook up that kept his Loomis 8-weight rod bent for more than 10 minutes as the fish raced across the shallow turquoise flats of Biscayne Bay. Both angler and captain knew they had a good fish, and their thoughts were confirmed when their certified Boga Grip read 11 lb - the second fish of the day over 10 lb.

Congratulations to both Paul Nute and Capt. Tim Klein on an amazing day, and two fantastic catches. We look forward to seeing more from Paul as he continues his search for this truly remarkable game fish.

PLEASE SEND DIGITAL PHOTOS FOR IGFA WORLD RECORD APPLICATIONS



The IGFA's World Records Department requests that, when possible, all photo submissions for world record applications be provided in digital format, which can be accomplished by using a CD, DVD, flash drive, or a JPEG attachment in an email to jvitek@igfa.org.

With digital cameras and inkjet printers gaining popularity around the world, printing photos of potential world records catches is easier than ever. As a result, the IGFA's Records Department has received an influx of world record photos printed on household ink-jet printers. While the printed images provide the required documentation needed for a record submission, the quality of the printed images does not give justice to the amazing catches. **Therefore, the IGFA requests that, when possible, all photo submissions be provided in digital format, which can be accomplished by using a CD, DVD, flash drive, or a JPEG attachment in an email.** These higher resolution digital files allow for easier transfer and higher quality publishing of world record catches on the IGFA's website, publications, and many international magazines that publish IGFA record submittals from around the globe. All potential record photos can be emailed to IGFA Record Coordinator, Jack Vitek at jvitek@igfa.org.

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BRAIDED LINES AND WORLD RECORD CONSIDERATION

Q: *I am planning to start targeting a few line class records and wanted to make sure I have all of my "ducks in a row" before hitting the water. I currently have my reels spooled with different sizes of braided line because I like the extra sensitivity and feel it provides. Is it IGFA legal to use braided line, spectra, or multifilament line for World Record catches? I know it usually breaks higher than what is advertised on the spool, but do you have any specific advice?*

A: According to IGFA rules, it is perfectly legal to use braided line, spectra, and multifilament lines. The only type of mainline prohibited by the IGFA is wire line (leadcore line is legal by IGFA rules).

That being said, there are some very important things anglers should know about what are commonly referred to as "super-braids". Primarily, it is important to know that many super-braids will actually break higher than the manufacturer's advertised breaking strength, which has unfortunately led to a few records being rejected. To avoid having line overtest the targeted line class category, anglers have started to use a smaller/lighter braid, predicting that it will break in the higher line class (e.g., using a 30 lb super-braid line for the 50 lb IGFA line class category). And while many anglers have had success with this technique, there have been occasions where the line has actually tested at or near the manufacturer's stated strength, and the record was rejected because the fish was not

heavy enough for that line class. IGFA rules permit an angler's record to be "bumped up" into a higher line class if the line overttests and the incoming record is heavy enough to replace the existing record in the higher line class. However, the IGFA does not move records to a lower line class category, should the line "undertest" the targeted line class. This rule exists to prevent anglers from "line class shopping", where the angler arbitrarily chooses the line class depending on the size of fish landed. In summary, anglers are welcome to down size their line to break within the limits of the targeted line class. However, the IGFA will not show special consideration for records in which braided line breaks lower than the angler anticipated.

If you have any question about the line-rating of any line you purchase, IGFA provides line testing for members only at a fee of \$30 per line sample.

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IGFA LEGENDARY CAPTAINS & CREW AWARDS

PACKED HOUSE AT IGFA FISHING HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM

It wasn't that long ago that there were only a few boats and those that wanted to go big game fishing had to "charter a boat". Captains like Tommy Gifford struggled to support their charter business to do what they loved. A few of the wealthy people that fished with captains like Tommy also fell in love with the sport, and went on to build boats and then find crews to help them find the fish and new places to fish.

The IGFA has acquired much of the history of the sport that these owners had documented, but a lot of the old film lacked sound and even the names of the people.

In reviewing the movies, one thing stood out, the Captains and crews remained the same. They were the backbone of the industry. They were the ones that could show someone a really good time, whether they were new to the sport or seasoned fishermen, even when the fishing was slow.

The IGFA, in trying to recognize these pioneers, decided to hold an event that would honor them with their peers in attendance. It was decided that the award would be called the Tommy Gifford Award as Captain Tommy was an innovator, a professional guide and more. He was the ultimate Captain of his time.

In 2011 the inaugural awards were held at the IGFA. IGFA Hall of Famer Mark Sosin, the Master of the Ceremonies, started the night off announcing "You can fool the public, but you can't fool your peers." To earn the respect of your peers is something you cannot buy -- you have to earn.

In February 2012 more Captains were honored. Bill Curtis, a Miami guide, led off the event. With over



From left to right: Capt. Bill Curtis, Capt. Peter B. Wright accepting for Capt. Laurie Woodbridge, Capt. Chip Shafer, Capt. Bark Garnsey, and Carolyn and Devin Mott.

50 years of fishing Biscayne Bay and throughout the Florida Keys, and fishing many of the sport's best anglers and many celebrities, he became the first guide to be honored.

Others honored this year included Bark Garnsey for his leadership and numerous world records; Joe Mott for his innovations; Chip Shafer for his numerous tournament wins and leadership in turning deckhands into top Captains; and Laurie Woodbridge, one of the first and best Australian Captains to fish the Great Barrier Reef. All of these top Captains have showed their leadership and earned the respect of their peers.

The LCCA committee consists of Captains Karl Anderson, Bobby Brown, Bark Garnsey, Steve Lassley Charles Perry, Bouncer Smith, Skip Smith, Gary Stuve, Laurie Wright and Peter Wright.

<http://www.igfa.org/Museum/IGFA-Legendary-Captains-and-Crew.aspx> to read more about the event and the honored Captains and crews.

Criteria for the Legendary Captains & Crew Award Nomination

The primary criteria for receiving the LC&C Award from the IGFA is that the captain or crew member must have provided leadership in their trade and have earned the respect of their peers, thus making a meaningful contribution to the sport of recreational angling over an extended period of time.

The first class included Allen & Buddy Merritt, Ron Hamlin, Charles Perry, Omie Tillett and Charlie "Split tail" Hayden, all leaders and innovators of the sport.

Allen Merritt fished EK Harry and Bill Carpenter, two past presidents of the IGFA who really made the Association what it is today. Had Allen not shown these anglers some of the best fishing at that time, who knows where all that history would be today.

Ron Hamlin has been an innovator for many years, but it was his dedication to the sport and the fish that elevated circle hooks to where they are today. The same goes on for Omie Tillett, leading by example, giving of himself and sharing his boat building skills and knowledge with others. Charlie Perry is the best big game wireman in the business and Charlie "Split tail" Hayden, who made the mullet a famous bait of choice, was known for wiring many granders in Australia in the early days.

IGFA SCHOOL OF SPORTFISHING

TIPS & TECHNIQUES: VERTICAL JIGGING FOR TUNA

BY ANTHONY DIGIULIAN (www.saltwaterprofessionalconsulting.com)

Vertical jigging has been around for quite some time. With the advent of the butterfly jig, braided line, and high torque, high retrieval rate reels, this technique has gained widespread popularity in the last five years or so. Not only is it effective for catching wreck fish and bottom dwellers like grouper, snapper, cobia, and amberjack, vertical jigging can also be most effective when targeting big game pelagic species such as tuna. There are several factors to consider if you want to target tuna with the vertical jigging technique.

Spinning reels need to be able to handle a great deal of torque and pressure. To effectively work the jig, you must be able to retrieve line powerfully and quickly. The same goes for conventional reels. A reel that is light enough to jig with and has a high retrieval rate but still can take heavy drag is a must.

Both spinning and conventional reels should be filled with braided line. Braid will cast further, sink in a current better, and let you feel the action of the jig and the strike from a fish. Line sizes from 40 to 80 lb test are standard for tuna.

Rods range from 6' to 7' in length and must combine a medium-fast tip with a stout backbone. Rods with a parabolic bend are preferred for big tuna as the workload will be better distributed through the rod, causing less stress on the angler. The shorter the rod, the easier it is to gain leverage on a large fish while standing. When choosing a jigging rod, be sure to consider the type of guides it is built with. Cheap guides are not made to withstand the cutting power of braided line.

Vertical, or butterfly, jigs come in a variety of shapes, sizes, and weights. For surface feeding fish like large schools of yellowfin tuna, a smaller jig is recommended. Because the fish are in the upper water column, it is not as important to worry about the current's effect on the jig. Try to mimic what the tuna are currently feeding on, or "match the hatch," when choosing your

jig's size, shape, and color.

Fluorocarbon leader material sinks better and is more abrasion-resistant than monofilament. Use a 60 to 80 lb wind-on leader, tied or crimped to a single-hook jig, for tuna.

You can work your jig a number of ways. When approaching a school of tuna, try casting into the school and letting it sink to about 20 feet below the surface. Then start your retrieve by yanking the rod up and only reeling as you drop the rod back down. Vary the speed of the retrieval from very fast to slow until you figure out how the fish respond.



Another method is to get on top of the school and try a true vertical approach. Glide into the school as quietly as possible and pitch your jig over the side as you mark fish under the boat. Let the jig drop to 80 or 100 feet and then simply wind straight up at varying speeds.

Another retrieval method is to violently whip the rod up to about 11 o'clock overhead and then straight down to the surface of the water all the while reeling the jig back to the boat. It's important to vary the method and speed of your retrieval until you get the fish to strike. Vertical jigging is deadly for tuna; with the right equipment and technique, you'll be prepared to take on these brutes of the sea.

Tuna photo by Al McGlashan
www.almcglashan.com

WHO IS MAKING

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF CAPTAIN JOSE WEJEBE AT THE IGFA

The amazing life of celebrity fishing TV host Jose Wejebe came to a sudden and tragic end on Friday, April 6, 2012 when the experimental single-engine plane he was piloting crashed shortly after takeoff from Everglades City, Florida, USA. His life and the thousands of people he inspired with his fishing legacy were celebrated Sunday, April 15th at the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame & Museum in Dania Beach, FL USA.

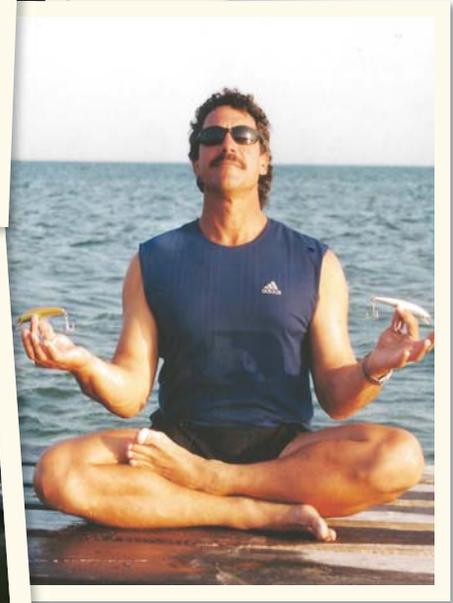
Hundreds gathered at IGFA headquarters to show their respect. Equal amounts of sorrow and laughter flowed during the ceremony as noted guests, including IGFA Fishing Hall of Famers Stu Apte and Steve Huff, as well as close friends and family members recanted stories about Wejebe's life. Each noted how approachable, kind and humble Wejebe was and how he had a gift for making everyone he interacted with feel special.

"No matter how big or how small you were he always called you My Little Bro," said Mikey Torbisco, Wejebe's best friend and assistant on the TV show "Spanish Fly".

"He was so down to earth, he made you feel like you'd known him for years," said Gary Ellis, of the Redbone Celebrity Fishing Tournament series.

Larry Redken of Raymarine told a story about a half-hour signing appearance at a West Marine store ended up lasting for hours as Wejebe met and talked with each and every person standing in line for his autograph.

"I was so lucky to have such a special dad," said his daughter, Krissy Wejebe, "and to share him with so many people who loved him."



The Jose Wejebe "Spanish Fly" Memorial Foundation will memorialize and honor Jose's compassion by continuing his charitable efforts. Through your donations, this foundation will continue his efforts and ensure that Jose's generosity and charitable legacy lives on.

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P.O. Box - 420661, Summerland Key FL, 33042

WAVES AT THE IGFA



IGFA CORPORATE PARTNER KING SAILFISH MOUNTS

King Sailfish Mounts, Inc. of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, USA in response to numerous angler requests, is now offering to create molds of potential World Record catches for trophy seeking sportsmen in the field.

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KSM's marine artist Raymond Douglas has been credited with creating hundreds of game fish molds over the past 20 years. Douglas recently traveled to Grand Cayman to mold Charles Ebank's world record escolar, which now resides at the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame & Museum.

For more information visit

www.kingsailfishmounts.com.



Charles Ebank's world record escolar, molded by Raymond Douglas, now resides at the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame & Museum.

The Creation of Fish Mounts: For history and conservation

King Sailfish Mounts was originally formed in the early 1990's to promote the "Release Mount" concept for Atlantic sailfish. At the time, nearly every sailfish mount produced in south Florida was based on a dead fish. These days Release Mounts are considered the in-thing, and nearly every fish mount produced by the Marine Taxidermy Industry worldwide is based on a release. Having molds for a variety of fish species in certain size ranges allows an angler to release their fish after taking proper size measurements and photos. Then, a fish mount can be ordered based on the measurement and painted by the artist to reflect the details of the fish as seen in the photos provided of that trophy fish.

KSM marine artist Raymond Douglas molded the 202 lb 8oz tarpon caught by Jim Holland Jr. on May 11, 2001. The fish, caught on fly (20 lb tippet) off Chassahowitzka, Florida is considered by many as the "holy-grail" of fly fishing. Douglas recognizes the importance of molding such fish for historic value and the mount of the fish welcomes many who enter through the front doors of the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame & Museum in Dania Beach, Florida, USA.



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Within minutes after turning on the lantern, the repellent creates a 15 X 15-foot (225 square-foot) mosquito-free zone, the size of an average deck, patio, or campsite. All ThermoCELL Mosquito Repellent products use the same refills, which contain both repellent mats and butane cartridges. MSRP \$31.99 (USD). For more information visit www.thermacell.com.



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Solar-Powered and Waterproof iPhone Case is a Fisherman's Dream

AQUA TEK S case for iPhone 4 and 4S, the first that is battery-charged, waterproof and solar-powered for your outdoor adventures.

Snow Lizard has unveiled their AQUA TEK S case for iPhone 4 and 4S, the first that is battery-charged, waterproof and solar-powered for your outdoor adventures.

This case isn't a thin, sleek case for keeping in your pocket, it's made for people who take their phones into more extreme situations and need a little more padding. The case is built from thick, dirt-resistant poly-carbonate with rubber grips and it is waterproof up to 20 feet. It features a built-in battery that can be recharged by the solar panel on the back of the phone. All of the phone's features and controls -- camera, volume, speakers and display -- are still accessible when using the case, meaning you can finally put the improved 4S camera to the test with some underwater photos.

For more information visit www.snowlizardproducts.com.



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- Batteries: Tracker: 4 AA Energizer Ultimate Lithium; Keypad: 2 CR2032; Key FOB: 1 CR2032
- Battery Life: Tracker: 19-336 days; Keypad: 1 1/2 to 6 years; Key FOB: 240 days to 1 1/2 years
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- Waterproof: Mfr.-rated IP67 waterproof

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IGFA CAPTAIN/GUIDE FEATURE

CAPTAIN ROBERT DAY
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA



San Diego Bay is a marvelous fishery that En La Mosca Adventures would love to share with you. Captain Robert Day is a Coast Guard-licensed captain, a California Department of Fish and Game-Licensed guide and an International Game Fish Association Captain/Guide. His specialty is fly fishing and light tackle fishing the Bay for spotted bay bass, yellowfin croaker, the elusive Pacific bonefish and many other species. He can also venture to the inshore kelp beds depending on weather and water conditions.

When fishing San Diego Bay, Robert likes to fish in the more remote areas, south of the Coronado Bridge. He generally launches from the Chula Vista Marina and arrives at the prime fishing area in only 5-10 minutes. When fly fishing the bay, he prefers to use a 6-weight fly rod with a 250-grain shooting head with a 6-pound test fluorocarbon leader. The water depths vary from 3 to 15 feet on the flats to 25 feet in the channels, depending on the tide. In water less than five feet deep, a floating line with a 6-8 foot leader can work well. Water less than 10 feet deep can be fished very successfully with an intermediate line and 6-8 foot leader as well. The shooting head is always the number one option.

Light tackle fishing is done with light spinning or bait casting gear, using 6-8 pound test line. Live ghost shrimp and a variety of plastic baits are used primarily.

Captain Day is an Orvis Endorsed Guide and will provide all of the necessary Orvis fly rods and reels, flies, lures and other necessary items or you can bring your own. He prefers to practice CPR, Catch, Photograph and Release, with all species, especially Pacific bonefish.

If you bring any child under the age of 16 years Captain Day will discount your trip 50% in order to help get more kids fishing. Go to www.enlamosca.com for more information on En La Mosca Adventure or email rday@enlamosca.com.

NEW AND RENEWING CAPTAINS

JANUARY 9, 2012 – MARCH 16, 2012

AUSTRALIA

Alexander Scholz, Fremantle, WA

CANADA

Guy Bouffard, French River, ON
Jamie Gauthier, Rusticoville, PEI
Thomas Schmidt, Half Island Cove, NS

FRANCE

Christian Benazeth, Auch

ITALY

Dario Balzanelli, Rome
Antonio Cuccadu, La Maddelena
Federico Gabrielli, Rome
Gian Luca Magri, Piombino Livorno
Arturo Montagnese, San Severo
Massimo Rotondaro, Catanzaro

MADAGASCAR

Manuel Amat, Nosy be

PORTUGAL

John Traynor, SB Messines

SOUTH AFRICA

Johann Jooste, Strand Western Cape Province
Richard Scott, Mbazwana, KZN ZAF

UNITED KINGDOM

Justin Anwyl, Chichester, West Sussex
Chris Guest, Bristol, Avon

UNITED STATES

Alaska

Jimmie Jack Drath, Soldotna
Clayton Moore, Ketchikan

California

Keith Covey, San Diego
Bill Divens, Red Bluff

Florida

George Ballard, Pace
Chris Chesley, Okeechobee
Eddie Herrington, Plant City
Lee Kaplan, Fort Lauderdale
Jaime Lomeli, West Palm Beach
Jeffrey Pfister, Key Largo
James Savaglio, Valrico
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Georgia

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Illinois

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Maryland

Gregory Ignash, Ocean City
Tom Murphy, Goldsboro

Massachusetts

Phil Cronin, Newtonville
Josh Eldridge, Nantucket

Michigan

Ben Wolfe, Traverse City

New Jersey

Bob Morrell, Port Monmouth
Martin "Matt" Myszka, Point Pleasant Beach

New York

Jesse Cromer, Hicksville

North Carolina

Kyle Fronrath, Sylva

South Carolina

Clifford (Dean) Ray, Aiken

Texas

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Lisa Everett of the International Women's Fishing Association and The Billfish Foundation's President Ellen Peel.

At the TBF Awards Ceremony in Miami on February 16, 2012, Mrs. Lisa Everett of Nags Head, North Carolina, USA, was awarded TBF's coveted Top Lady Angler for 2011, which is given to the female member who catches and releases the greatest number of billfish. Achieving this award is, indeed, a great accomplishment. Lisa caught and released sailfish and blue marlin in Guatemala with Captains Brad Philips and Eddie Bairez, and Atlantic sailfish in Stuart, Florida, USA. Her releases include 30 Pacific sailfish, two Atlantic sailfish and two blue marlin.

Over her many years of billfishing, Lisa has always been a passionate marine conservationist, starting with her first billfish, a white marlin, when she was just age 12. But her passion for billfishing really came to the fore when she met her husband to be, Clint. Together they made the Presidential Challenge Central America Tournament rounds.

Lisa currently serves as President-Elect/First Vice President of the IWFA (International Women's Fishing Association), one of the world's most prestigious women's fishing organizations. The organization was formed in 1955, and has grown into a dedicated group of women anglers who share their love for fishing. The IWFA embodies stewardship of the environment, protection of the ocean's resources and has established the IWFA Scholarship Trust. Over 200 scholarships have been awarded, which provide aid to marine science graduate students, endeavoring to contribute to the education of future generations. For more information about the IWFA, please visit www.iwfa.org.

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JANUARY 18, 2012 - MARCH 16, 2012

BENEFACTOR CLUBS

CHINA

Macau Sport Fishing Federation-China, Nam Fong, Macau

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Washington

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Cairns Rod & Reel Club, Cairns QLD
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BERMUDA

Bermuda Anglers Club, Hamilton

CAYMAN ISLANDS

Cayman Islands Angling Club, Grand Cayman

FRENCH POLYNESIA

Toa Huri Nihi/Sport Fishing, Uturoa Raiatea

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Houhora Big Game & Sports Fishing Club, Houhora

Kawhia Boating & Angling Club Inc, Kawhia Via Te Awamutu

Mahia Boating & Fishing Club Inc, Mahia Beach

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Mangere Boating Club Inc, Manukau

Manukau Cruising Club Inc, Auckland

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New Zealand Angling & Casting Association Inc, Rotorua

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Waihou Bay Fishing Club, Bay of Plenty

Waikato Sport Fishing Club, Hamilton

Whakatane Sportfishing Club Inc, Whakatane

Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers Club, Whangarei

NIGERIA

Apapa Boat Club, Apapa

PAKISTAN

Pakistan Game Fish Association, Clifton, Karachi

PUERTO RICO

Puerto Rico Light Tackle Anglers (PRLTA), San Juan

UNITED STATES

California

Dana Sportfishers, Orange
Little One Tournament Association, Huntington Beach

Southwestern Yacht Club Anglers, San Diego

Florida

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Highway just a stone's throw from the ocean.

With an emphasis on "basics" Pacific Coast Bait & Tackle offers tackle for every style of salt water fishing practiced in the area: everything you need to catch a fish. Offshore anglers, kayakers, pier and surf anglers are all at home in this "community store," as one customer labels it. Annual derbies for shore-caught species are popular features, drawing hundreds of participants.

A true bait and tackle store of the old "mom and pop" variety, the folks at Pacific Coast Bait & Tackle recognize most of their customers, and often converse on a first-name basis. Although there are several big-box stores nearby, they do not threaten the existence and continued success of Pacific Coast Bait & Tackle. : pacificcoastbaitandtackle@gmail.com, Website: www.pacificcoast-baitandtackle.com

NEW & RENEWING WEIGH STATIONS

JANUARY 9, 2012 – MARCH 16, 2012

AUSTRALIA

Bransfords Tackle Shop, Clifton Beach, QLD
Game Fishing Club of South Australia, Outer Harbour, SA
Newcastle & Port Stephens Game Fishing Club, Shoal Bay, NSW

BAHAMAS

Bimini Big Game Club, North Bimini

MADAGASCAR

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NEW ZEALAND

Scotty Outdoors Ltd, Silverdale

PAKISTAN

Pakistan Game Fish Association, Karachi

SOUTH AFRICA

Global Alliance Lodge, Cramerview

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Trinidad & Tobago Game Fish Association, Diego Martin

UNITED STATES

Alaska
Homer Jackpot Halibut Derby, Homer

California

Marlin Club of San Diego, San Diego
Mission Bay Marlin Club, San Diego

Florida

Destin Marina Services Inc, Destin
MarineMax Inc – Florida East, Key Largo
Sunrise Boat Marina, Cape Canaveral

Massachusetts

Dick's Bait & Tackle, Oak Bluffs

CHASING SILVER BY JAMIE HOWARD FEATURED IN THE IGFA FISHING HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM THEATER



Come visit the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame & Museum to watch Jamie Howard's award-winning film titled *Chasing Silver* on the big screen. The film will be showing in the IGFA Theater each day at 3 pm seven days a week.



Chasing Silver, the new film showing in the IGFA Theater each day at 3 pm, takes viewers from the hand lines and row-boat of A.W. Dimock in the 1880's to the fly rods and flats skiffs of today's greatest tarpon fishermen. The most accomplished

anglers in the world, who have devoted their lives to chasing the mysterious tarpon, share the oral history of the sport – and personal techniques used to convince trophy tarpon to eat a fly.

Chasing Silver is the award-winning mini-series that changed how fishing-related films are produced and filmed. The tarpon series features ex-Olympian and five-time Gold Cup Fly Tarpon Tournament Champion Andy Mill and fishing TV Celebrity Tom Rowland patrolling the flats of the Florida Keys. They both try to do one of the hardest things in sport - catch a giant tarpon with only a fly rod.

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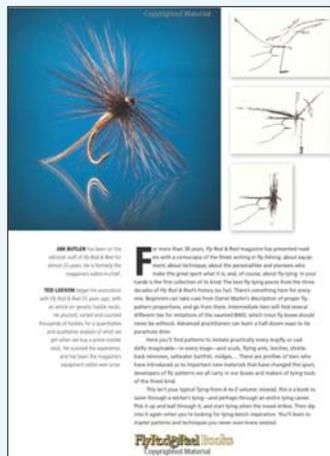
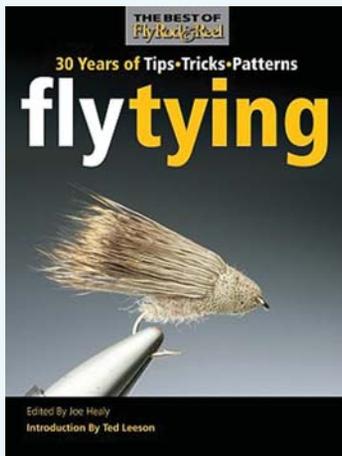
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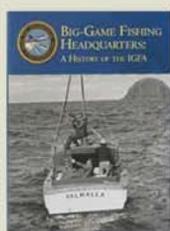


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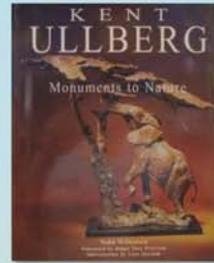


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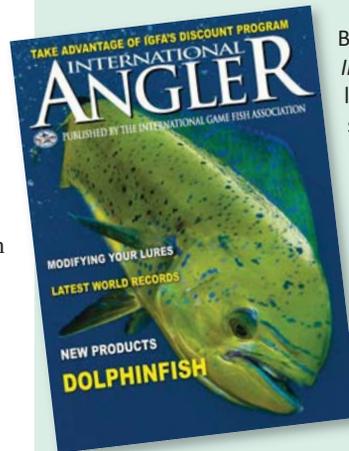
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