



Fishing Post Oct-Nov 2012

Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club

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Atlanta Saltwater Anglers Invade Fort Morgan, Alabama

Tournament Report by Paul Kindzia

Gulf Shores Marina at Fort Morgan, Alabama played host to the Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club tournament on October 19th and 20th of 2012.

Fort Morgan, Alabama provides saltwater anglers a fishing paradise due to its variety of fish species indigenous to the region. Inshore anglers can test their wits and skills pursuing trophy redfish, along with black drum, flounder, and trout.



For those anglers interested in venturing into the Gulf of Mexico, the area offers a variety of natural bottom and manmade structures that attract tasty varieties of fish including but not limited to grouper, snapper, kingfish and amberjack. In addition to natural bottom, the area is home to an incredible amount of shallow and deep water oil and natural gas rigs that provide the necessary structure to support entire sea-born natural food chains. These mega structures end with all of the ingredients to support a fantastic fishery for those interested in the pursuit of pelagic fish such as tuna, wahoo, billfish, sharks, and amberjack.

Club anglers took full advantage of two full days of tournament fun filled fishing and had ample time to

allocate their time amongst various fishing techniques and locations within the region. With so many fishing options available within the area, club members were afforded the opportunity to mix and match techniques moving from one fishery to another.

Keith Mozena's 34' Pursuit "Where To Next" started out fishing some natural bottom hooking up with some nice snapper, grouper and tuna before moving on to open water trolling and landing a nice wahoo. By nightfall, the boat was circling the Petronius deep



water oil rig which is co-operated by Chevron and Marathon Oil Company. The structure is 2,001 feet (one of the tallest free-standing structures in the world). It pumps out approximately 50,000 barrels of oil and 70 million cubic feet of natural gas daily.



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The total cost of the platform was \$500 million dollars and came online in July of 2000. It was at the Petronius that two other club boats, operated by Tom Holt and Otto Mutzberg, were fishing hard and landing plenty of fish. Tom Holt, captain of the tournament winning 30' Baha Cruiser "Pam's Competition" scored big with a variety of fish including tuna, amberjack, scamp grouper and a few warsaw groupers that would make your jaw drop. Leave your ultra-light gear at home and bring in the artillery. These fish get big and fight hard.

If your idea of a bachelor party is aboard a 35' Sea Vee center console jigging for yellowfin and blackfin tuna off of the Petronius Oil Rig all night long, then you would have had a mountain of fun with Otto Mutzberg and his sons Otto II



and his brother Brian. Otto II will be getting married in a few weeks and the boys were fishing hard and landing fish and teaching the other club members the tricks of the trade, as their home fishing port is Orange Beach, Alabama. These boys are no strangers to the area and are outstanding fisherman and hardcore anglers. We appreciated their insight into the area and some of the techniques that they utilize to maximize their fishing results as they were fishing on their home turf.



Do you enjoy saltwater fishing? Do you want to meet other anglers who enjoy saltwater fishing? Do you want to fish new areas and learn new techniques with a great group of fisherman? Whether you enjoy inshore fishing, venturing out in search of deep reefs and structure, or open water offshore fishing for mighty pelagic species, you need to check out the Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club.

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Visit our website at <http://www.aswsc.org/> or better yet, we welcome you to join our monthly meetings which are held on the second Tuesday of every month currently held at the Wyndham Garden in Duluth, GA located at 1948 Day Drive, Duluth, GA 30096. We would love to have you join us! No boat is necessary to join the club or to learn more about saltwater fishing and participate in club activities.

By Paul Kindzia

Next Club Event: The Christmas Party: Dec 1st.



Paul Kindzia with a Tuna aboard the boat "Where To Next?"



Grouper by tournament winning boat "Pam's Competition"



Otto Mutzberg II collecting his \$100, "Lenny Big Fish prize"



Ken Barnhart, captain of the "JoySea" collecting his award

Chasing Pacific Yellowfin Tuna

Member Fishing Trip Report by Dan Haggerty



I joined the Atlanta Saltwater Club this year and I'm a good friend of Ben Lazar's. Last month, October 2012, my significant other, Joy, and I joined Ben and Laura Lazar for a trip to a little Mexican town north of Puerto Vallarta called Punta de Mita. Of course, we had to relax and enjoy the surf and sun while partaking of some local refreshments. However, 3 of us are avid anglers. We chartered a 27' super panga for a couple days. The first day was a bit blustery due to a recent passing hurricane. So the water was sloppy and I was feeling a little "off". Must have been some of the local refreshments I enjoyed the day before. Either that or the local water.

Whatever it was, I was struggling to not puke my guts out while catching 60 - 90 lb Yellowfin Tuna. These suckers pull like a train, but when you've got decent gear you can put a hurt on them with the right amount of drag and technique. Day one ended with five fish in the boat, 3 in the 70- to 110-lb class and two smaller fish but we were bruised and battered due to the rough water.

Day 2 of fishing dawned with a little nicer weather on the water, but not by much. We headed out roughly 30 miles offshore. The place was very fishy with lots of baitfish running from large schools of Bonita and other small school fish. We were fishing with 50 class reels and rods that were spooled with 100-lb braid. The Mexican captain had okay equipment but nothing top notch. Little did I know we would need it. As we reached the fishing spot, Corbetaña, we quickly made bait catching a couple perfect sized skip jack. We rigged the two Skippies and set to slow troll and it was not two minutes when we had a freight train strike. The hook set and the reel began screaming! This was a heavy fish and it felt like nothing else we had caught so far. After an hour, I had gained some line on the fish but we were into the Mexican Standoff phase of the fight. Thank goodness I was feeling better that day, as the next 30 minutes was just a battle.



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Chasing Pacific Yellowfin Tuna

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I was sweating like a stuck pig, but I slowly began to get an inch or two of line with short pumps and quick short strokes on the reel handle. Then it felt like the rod was coming apart and I looked down. It WAS coming apart! The locking ring for the rod shaft to the butt had come loose and the rod was beginning to separate. The mate helped hold the two parts together and Ben Lazar was able to tighten the locking ring while I was still fighting the fish. Finally, with a good amount of luck and determination, we saw color and the fish circled up to the surface. It was huge compared to the other Yellowfin we had caught. We couldn't weigh it since there was no scale around to use, but we measured the length and girth to calculate an estimated 298-lb fish! This monster had to feed most of the local town as the chunks of beautiful tuna meat seemed like they were a foot thick. I know the sashimi we had was awesome.



I highly recommend making a trip to the Pacific side of Mexico. The offshore fishing is great and the fish are tasty! If you have never taken this trip and fished Mexico, put it on your bucket list. It is well worth it to fight lots of these big Yellowfins. There are a couple of Atlanta Saltwater Club members who have arranged group trips October 2013, Dan Reese and Ben Lazar. The trips they've arranged are on a long range fishing charter out of Puerto Vallarta, Maximus Sportfishing.

- by Dan Haggerty

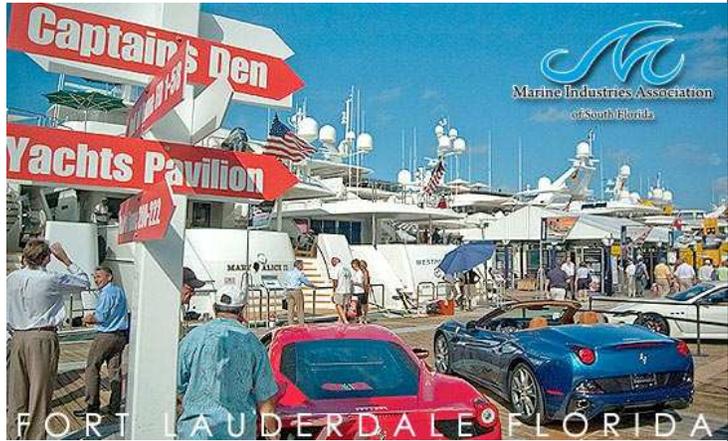
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2012 Ft Lauderdale Boat Show - It Was Incredible.

By Keith Mozena

Darrin Maietta, Richard Watkins and myself made the trip south to the Fort Lauderdale boat show Oct 25-28, 2012. You may have heard about a hurricane called "Sandy" which was blowing up the east coast during the first two days of the show. Lots of wind and rain, enough to flood some outdoor venues and blow out some commercial tent walls but the show went on. Sandy was still a couple hundred miles offshore and messing with the Bahamas before she decided



to become a bitch and slammed the New Jersey and New York coasts. Once Saturday came around the weather was Chamber of Commerce beautiful. Of course, we had been all over the show and decided there were many beautiful boats on display. I'll ignore all the mega yachts and throw our top votes for two particular boats:

1) the 392 NorTech Superfish and 2) the 82ft Viking Skybridge.



The NorTech boys have worked hard to build an awesome center console fish killer. Heck, the one at the show had quad 350 HP Mercury Verados. That will get the boat up and going pretty quick and you can find almost any fish grounds with 500+gallons of fuel on board. The range of this 39-footer is pretty long when you're getting 1.5mpg. Not only does this sucker have all the trick details and finish work, you've got to love the number of rod holders they can put on her. In the crappy cell phone photo below, Darrin



asked Keith to count how many rod holders this Superfish had on her. I think the official count ended up a "oodles".

The Viking was striking in a completely different manner. It wasn't about the number of rod holders per square foot but how big that boat is when you're standing on it. This 22-ft beam, 82-ft long battlewagon is a dream for all of us. But when she's packed with 5 cabins and 5.5 baths you know she is big. Heck, the owner's cabin is the FULL BEAM width of the boat and sits under the salon!

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2012 Ft Lauderdale Boat Show

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Needless to say, it would impress any of our lady friends or wives. Also impressive, the enclosed skybridge helm is a great place to stay out of the weather and with five 19-in multifunction displays, you can keep track of everything from air conditioned comfort. However, the view from the upper helm, in the open air, is flat incredible. This upper deck was only 4 to 5 feet lower than the tuna tower upper helm stations of the 50- and 60-foot sporty's which crammed the Bahia Mar Marina. So you're waaaaay up there in terms of height.

The view was great and Richard Watkins was "Jones'en" to fire up the twin 2600 HP MTU turbo diesels (16 cylinders each!) and head out for parts unknown (see the photos below: upper helm, Richard, and view of foredeck). Heck, she carries Four 3750 gal-



lon fuel tanks. Talk about cruising range! She could stay offshore for a week or more with that kind of fuel capacity. Of course a boat that weighs over 165,000 lbs will eat up some fuel, so you'd probably just want to stay on the troll while you aim for a distant shore. I wouldn't want to look at the fuel flow gauges when this girl picks up her skirt and beats the sea into submission at over 40 knots. Just to put it in perspective, filling one diesel tank would run you \$19K. Now, think about how many friends you would need to invite to make sharing the fuel bill "reasonable" for everyone.

Okay, enough of the craziness. Even with the bad weather for two days, the Ft Lauderdale show was a blast. The three of us were like kids in a candy store, just without the sticky fingers. There are lots of other more affordable things to see and do at these boat shows. Oh, one more really practical boat, a center console, we had a chance to see, the Iguana. Just what we all need, an all terrain center console fishing boat. This crazy



invention came from the mind of Antoine Brugidou, a Frenchman who spent 31 years at the consulting firm Accenture. It debuted at the Ft Lauderdale show to some amazed Americans. Y'all plan on going next year, ya' hear?



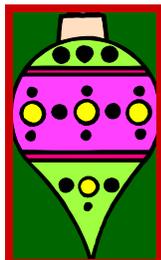
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Christmas Party



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Boat	Apalach	Orange Beach	Ft Morgan	Total
<i>Pam's Competition</i>		20	20	40
<i>Outlaw</i>	20	5		25
<i>Where to Next?</i>	3	3	15	21
<i>Bad Buoys</i>	5	15		20
<i>Nikki Girl</i>	15			15
<i>Close Cut</i>	10			10
<i>Fish Tale Too</i>		10		10
<i>ReelDog</i>			10	10
<i>JoySea</i>			5	5

AOY Standings (Final)

Men's Division

ANGLER	POINTS
1ST John Russell (J.R.)	275
2ND Bill Hesketh	225
3RD Marty Miller	150

Ladies Division

ANGLER	POINTS
1ST Patty Wilkins	275
2ND Kelly Mozena	150
3RD Annie Woo	75

Junior Angler Division

ANGLER	POINTS
1ST Jonathan Spencer	500
2ND Kendall Spencer	150

See Website for Complete Breakdown by Category

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<http://www.aswsc.org/wp-content/uploads/2008/11/GulfCouncilNewsOctNov2012.pdf>

New Federal Policy Will Destroy Gulf Reefs
http://keepamericafishing.salsalabs.com/o/6394/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=4048

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Upcoming Club Events, Reminders and Deadlines

NEXT CLUB MEETING:

Tuesday, November 13, 2012 / 7PM

Wyndham Garden Duluth/ 1948 Day Drive, Duluth / 770-814-2800

See website for directions: www.aswsc.org

Raymarine® Scheduled Speaker: **Greg Porter** **Raymarine®**

Greg has been in the marine industry over 13 years, first with Boat US and now Raymarine. He belongs to a dedicated fishing and boating family. Not only is Greg's family into boating in a big way, Greg married a wonderful woman who's family has a 34ft Pursuit down in St Petersburg, FL and a pontoon & ski boat up at their cabin in the North Carolina mountains. So you'd easily guess Greg has his own boat. Yep! A beautiful burgundy colored hull Pursuit 235OS he keeps on Lake Allatoona.



Greg Porter is the SE Regional Sales Manager for Raymarine. Greg was born into boating up on Lake Erie out of Buffalo, NY and enjoyed his first boating experience on a classic 33 ft Chris Craft. He will be presenting to the ASWSC on the advancements which have developed in Raymarine's product line. This will include cool stuff like:

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Christmas Party - Dec 1st, 2012

Location: Marriott Gwinnett Place (see Pg 8 for Details)

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