



Fishing Post

Atlanta Salt Water Sportsman's Club

October 2007

DUEL AT DESTIN 2007



This year Destin greeted us with great weather conditions for fishing.....Nine Club boats and 35 members came to do battle.

At the Captain's meeting our speaker Pat Dineen, a local Captain with 25 years experience, gave us helpful insight as to the current conditions and fish activity. Steve Guntner, Tournament Director, with his helpers, cooked up a meal of spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, salad and fixings.

1st Day - All planned an early start for Friday morning, meeting on the dock at 5 a.m. Dockside was bustling with activity long before first light, loading bait from traps, rods, tackle and food. One more stop 8 miles away at Harbor Walk to get ice and coffee, and we are underway. I fished with Pat Thai on his boat Nikki Girl, along with Dawn Brady and Tom Holt. Our plan was to go to the wreck Ozark about 35 miles out. It sits in 322 feet of water and we wanted to try for some AJs. When we arrived no other boats were in sight and we looked for some structure to fish on. We fished some of the humps that came up to 270 feet around there but only caught small Red Porgys. Two other boats showed and anchored on the wreck but as we watched them they only caught small AJs and released them.

As we motored to another area, Pat came across a

6-foot fiberglass boat cover loaded with small Dolphin. I hooked up the first one and for the next 30 minutes we had a Chinese fire drill, Dolphin flying all over the back of the boat. Pat and Tom dropped down some live bait and shortly both hooked up nice Bulls.... Tom's came in after about 15 mins but Pat's stayed down for 30 mins. When we finally saw it, it was a beautiful big green Bull over 26 pounds. Turned out to be the largest Dolphin caught at the tournament.

Back at the dock, Tom and I spent 2 hours cleaning the 40 fish we had. Then it happened: Mike Springer (Outlaw) arrived and man he had a load. 4 AJs to 35 lbs., 1 Dolphin, 1 Snowy Grouper, and a Triple Tail. That catch put his team in first place with 900 points. No other boats had much to weigh-in the first day.



2nd Day - Saturday morning the sea conditions were even better than Friday's, with just a foot of chop. We headed for the Timber Holes, which had been good to us last year. As we arrived in the area we marked some good fish and dropped a float. I kept the boat on the site as the anglers proceeded to haul in some nice snapper, triggers and porgys. Nothing big, but some keepers. We had some fun with a big 'Cuda (25 lbs) too, when he took our

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live bait we had out as a drift line. On the radio, we picked up Kirt (Bounty Hunter), announcing Vad had caught a nice Sailfish. This was his first ever and a long time dream of his. Big hi fives for sure. Back at the dock it was great to listen to the story and see the picture Kirt's son Matthew took of the



big sail. Then it happened again: Springer arrived with another load of fish. I think he found a fish market offshore or something. Anyway they had like 5 Wahoos - no big ones, but good keepers. And a new Club record Triple Tail, (6.5 lbs) - beat my record from the Keys in June by 2/10th, go figure...



Isaac Rollor also caught a nice sailfish aboard Ed Seiz's Ocean Eagle (Ed's son Allen pictured holding the sail); they also caught some Dolphin. Murphy's Law hit Tom Adrien, (Sea Sickness) as they lost one motor 60 miles out and had a long slow ride

back to the docks; later it was determined to be water in the fuel. Denny Gibbons (Un-Reel) also needed a jump start while out there. Denny has had some hard luck with batteries this season. Jim Mason, (The Last Bastian) had to cut loose an anchor in 300 feet of water, when it became terminally set. All in all, not too bad of a day.

3rd Day - Sunday was an off day for our crew. We had scored 2 days and needed a break anyway. At the scales Sunday afternoon, Mike Springer's crew had more to brag about. Norm Bowen hooked up with a 46 lb. Wahoo - yes he was all smiles for sure. At the awards dinner, the standings ended up:

- 5th place: Bill Rhodes – 2 Bills**
- 4th place: Kirt Stotter – Bounty Hunter**
- 3rd place: Pat Thai – Nikki Girl**
- 2nd place: Ed Seiz – Ocean Eagle**
- 1st place: Mike Springer – OutLaw**

- The Big Fish Reward (\$100) went to Norm Bowen for the 46 lb. Wahoo.
- The Bob Lynn Junior Angler Award (\$50) went to Daniel Adrien's 8.3 lb. Dolphin aboard the Sea Sickness.
- New Club Record - 6.5 Lb. Tripletail / Matt Brown



Just another fun event for the Club members. For several new members this was their first Club Tournament and I'm sure many more to follow. A big thanks to Steve Guntner and Mike for putting this one together, enjoyed it.

Article by: Lenny Pisarski

Pensacola Florida 2007



What a great way to end our 2007 season at Pensacola Florida. With 10 boats and 37 members, we gathered at the Island Cove Marina Clubhouse for our captain's meeting. This is a neat place for us to gather, with a nice marina and free Clubhouse for our meeting.

Scott Rowe contacted our sponsor, Outcast Bait and Tackle. They provided over \$700. worth of tackle for our drawing. If your ever in P,cola stop by their store and thank them for the support.

Mike Springer's crew prepared the Hot Dogs and Burgers and I fried up some Keys Dolphin, as an appetizer.

The main discussion was the weather for sure. With winds to 20+ MPH, it did not look good for the off-shore fisherman. But with the huge Pensacola Bay, we were going fishing.

In the morning at the "House", (Dawn Brady secured a large house near the beach and 12 of us stayed there) with coffee in hand we checked the sea buoys via laptop. Looks like 5 to 7's off-shore.....bad day for us small boaters. But we were going fishing, packed our lunches, got ice and loaded up.

In the Bay we found the birds hitting the water over the Spanish Mackerel and rigged up. In short order we had enough for the weigh-in and headed for the Pass to see how bad it was out there. We passed Two Bills coming in. He had picked up a nice 20 lb. King at the pass but indicated it was too rough outside. We trolled out and agreed with his assessment and headed for the 3 mile bridge. We picked up a few bottom fish, but no prizes. The Bay was good to a few of us as Jim Mason picked up the largest Red Snapper of the tournament in the bay. Jace Spencer picked up a nice King there and also did battle with a 6-7 ft. shark. Any takers for a swim in the Bay? It was a light turn out at the

weigh-in with only a few boats going off-shore. Catches were small overall.

Saturday looked better as we check the sea buoys again, calling 3 to 5's. A little rough for our 22 footer, Nikki Girl. But with no crew members opposing, Pat Thai laid a course for the Trysler Grounds, 25 miles from the sea buoy. It was a bit of a wet ride, but as we arrived on site the bottom machine lit up with fish all over the water column. I backed us into the wind and, Ding-Ding, we dropped down. Shortly we had hook ups on Lesser Amberjack in the 5 to 7 lb. range. We stayed in the area for the next 3+ hours and loaded up on Kings, Snapper, Triggers and AJs. The Kings hit live bait on floater lines. The AJ also liked live baits. The Reds and other bottom fish were eating chunk baits of all kinds. The ride in wasn't bad, with quartering seas, we pretty much stayed dry.

Back in the Bay we came across several Club boats trying to pick up last minute Spanish Mackerel. We had stopped on the way out in the morning and picked up 17 Spanish. Dawn had a triple hook-up and Pat had a grand slam, with 4 on one rig. Nice ones up to 22 inches. Back at the dock most every boat beat the rain storm in and we had a mess of fish and stories too. Richard Watkins had the only Sailfish of the tournament and his very first. We still owe him a pool dunking.



Bill Rhodes said it best of our group, "These catches under these conditions speaks very well for the abilities of captains and crews." We sat under the roof at the weigh-in, out of the rain, enjoying our stories and laughing a lot.

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Big Fish Reward went to Mike Springer for his 28.6 lb. King Mackerel.

Just about everyone enjoyed Pensacola, bad weather and all. Tom Adrien had some water trouble and couldn't go out on Saturday. We had fun and returned safe and sound.

So goes the 2007 season and looking forward to next year already....

The Awards Dinner was held at The Shrimp Basket restaurant, just a little north on Navy Blvd. Nice little place with good food and service. Quiet enough for our presentation too. Mike did the honors, first off giving recognition to Jim Mason for Most Improved Boat of the year. Seems like just yesterday Jim was falling off the dock at Apalachicola, well that's another story.



The final places were:

- 5th Place: Two Bills----- Captain Bill Rhodes
- 4th Place: Glory Days----- Captain Ted DuBose
- 3rd Place: Nikki Girl-----Captain Pat Thai
- 2nd Place: Lil'Ti-----Captain Richard Watkins
- 1st Place: Outlaw-----Captain Mike Springer

Big Thanks to Jim Argo and Mike Springer for putting Pensacola together. Lets do it again next year...
Regards, Lenny

Article by: Lenny Pisarski

2007 BOAT OF THE YEAR - FINAL STANDINGS

	Boat	Captain	West Palm	Apalachicola Hard Bottom	Hawk's Cay	Orange Beach	Destin Ft Walton	Pensacola	Points Total
1	Outlaw	M. Springer		3	15	15	20	20	73
2	Nikki Girl	P. Thai		20		5	10	10	45
3	Sea Sickness	T. Adrien	15			20			35
4	Two Bills	B. Rhodes		15			3	3	21
5	Farside	B. Michael	20						20
6	Glory Days	T. DuBose	5	10				5	20
7	Dream Chaser	L. Pisarski			20				20
8	Ocean Eagle	E. Seiz					15		15
9	Lil' Ti	R. Watkins						15	15
10	Easy Does It	S. Guntner	10						10
11	Endeavor	T. Mauldin			10				10
12	Truffle Shuffle	J. Craig				10			10
13	Broken Line	N. Murphy		5					5
14	Phishski2	B. Brannen			5				5
15	Bounty Hunter	K. Stotter					5		5
16	Fish Dancer	J. Dunbar	3						3
17	JoySea	K. Barnhart				3			3

Save the date!!

Saturday, December 8, 2007
Winfield Hall — 7PM

The ASWSC 20th Anniversary Christmas Party will once again include wonderful food, great music, lots of dancing, extra special raffle and silent auction items as well as the "special" raffle of a pair of Penn rods and reels, visiting with friends you may not have seen in a while.....

Plus...you will meet your officers & tournament committee for 2008!

And all of this for only \$10.00 per member,
\$15.00 for non-members

Tickets for the Party (\$10 Members / \$15 Non-Members) and for the Penn raffle (\$10 per ticket) will be available at the November meeting, as well as by mail:

Galen Forbes
2639 Hwy 52 E
Ellijay, GA 30536

The nearby Country Inn and Suites offers rooms for the night at a special rate of \$69.00
call 678-405-2900, use the code "saltwater"

Food, Fun, Prizes, Dancing...Don't Miss It!

Upcoming Events, Reminders and Deadlines

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 13th / 7PM

Winfield Hall - 3890 Satellite Blvd., Norcross, GA - 770.495.8088

NOTE: Members, bring your completed Committee Ballot and Survey!

COMMITTEE BALLOTS DUE: Tuesday, Nov 20th

(Members) bring your completed ballot to the 11/13 Meeting; if you can't attend, or if you prefer, mail your ballot to arrive no later than Nov 20th:

P.O. Box 29551, Atlanta, GA 30359-0551

COMPLETE THE SURVEY - Your opinion counts!

(Members) please complete the enclosed survey and bring it to the next meeting. If you can't attend the meeting, mail it to the club's P.O. Box.

COMPLETE THE ROBERT L. LYNN AWARD BALLOT - (Members) please complete the enclosed Ballot for the Robert L. Lynn Award. Nominate the club member who you feel best represents the generous and helpful spirit so often exhibited by the late Bob Lynn. Bring to the Nov meeting or mail to the P.O. Box.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Saturday, December 8th

Winfield Hall — 7PM (see insert for details)

2008 MEMBERSHIP DUES: Renew your membership - or become a New Member! Please complete the enclosed Membership Application and return with payment to the P.O. Box or bring to the next meeting.

NEXT TOURNAMENT: Annual Sailfish Classic

West Palm Beach ♦ January 9th - 12th, 2008

(Captain's Meeting 1/9; Fish 1/10 - 12; Awards Dinner 1/12)

Sailfish Marina reports that room availability is already dwindling.

If you plan to stay at Sailfish Marina, you should make your room & slip reservations quickly: (561) 844-1724

ARE YOU IN THE LOOP? If you are not getting emails from the club, please send an email message to Lenny Pisarski at skidoable@juno.com. He will add your address to the list so that you can receive all of the latest tournament updates and club information.

For latest club information check out www.aswsc.org