

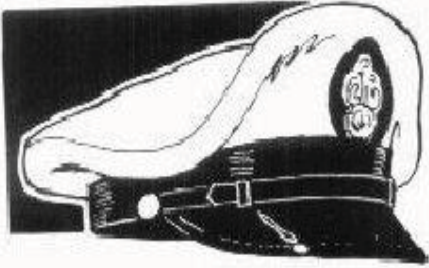
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September, 2014

BIG FISH TOURNAMENT

September 13-14

Big Fish Banquet
Sept. 14, 12 noon at the Bali Hai



President **Alex Williamson**

Greetings all,
I don't know when I have seen fishing any better in San Diego. Several of you are letting me know that you are bringing in limits on each trip. The temporary ban on Blue Fin in Mexico was a bit of a hitch, but apparently the bluefin has moved into US waters. Me? Well, I will be doing quite a bit of fishing in the next couple of days. Several of us from the club have bought tickets on the OuterLimits (overnighter) and the Chief (two and a half day) and, of course, I'm in the Big Fish (Oh Yeah) Tournament. I am still thinking of going on the Chief on Sunday the 12th of October (two and a half days). So, if you are interested, I need to know so we can start getting the boat full of our members. It will probably be the last great day for fishing for me.

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San Diego Rod and Reel Club

What has the club been doing of late? If you missed HarborFest, you missed a lot of fun. We started sponsoring a kid's booth at the event last year. This last event was on Saturday the 16th and was the second time we have done it. Several club members showed up to join in the fun. Tim decided to do something new and did a bit of surfing in the bay. He was trying to put some hoops in the water off the Chula Vista Pier for kids to cast into. Now, watching Tim frantically paddling the surf board and not moving for ten minutes due to the heavy winds was just hilarious. He was a great sport and finally he got the hoops into position. I was really surprised at the interest these kids had, it was fun for all. Thanks to all of you that came out and made it successful. Events like these are doing something great for our community; it gives kids something to do and teaches them a new skill. If you have not come out to one of our events, give it a try, you might be surprised how much fun you have, and it gives back to your community.

Have you seen our web page of late? I made some big changes. I added a Big Fish page that will keep you up to date on all activities, times, and work being done for the tournament and seminar. I also changed the Bulletin page to now be the NEWS page. It will keep you up to date on anything happening that you should be

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aware of... Like the Blue Fin Band in Mexico, Local events and the such. The member's page was getting crowed so I broke it in two. Now you have events and tournaments in the member's area, and I added a Standings page. If you want to know where you or someone else is at in the standings, just go to the Standings page and find the latest standing. Ugg, The boat! Yeah, there is an update, not real pretty though. The last couple of weeks we've been drinking more Ice Tea than working. It's been hot in Santee. I got the battery box in, but that is all I have really done. Of course, Jon doesn't really enjoy watching as he is stuck until I got the box in. There is something to be said about drinking Ice tea, smoking a cigar, under a tree when it gets hot. I hope to report more next month, so stay tuned... Yes, it will launch, so hold on to your bets; we have not thrown in the towel for this year yet.

Until next month
Best regards,
Alexander Williamson

Picture of the Month



Millie Velez, she caught this local striped marlin(121 lbs.) and a 19.4 Yellowfin Tuna on the same trip.



VP
Rhonda Ito

Hello FCM's
A huge heart felt thank you to everyone who came out and helped at Shelter Island. The day was beautiful and as a club we had a great turn out. Thanks to Hector Lopez for posting photos on Facebook for everyone to see. Our next event was right around the corner ... For the second year in a row, we volunteered to help

out at Harbor Fest in Chula Vista. This year we tried something different - we did a kid's casting event. The morning started out quite comical as Tim boarded the surf board to secure the hoola hoops out in the bay. The wind started to pick up and poor Tim was paddling and getting nowhere fast. But, trusty Tim secured those hoops and the kids had an awesome time casting and winning prizes all day. As a club, it has been great seeing so many of you coming out to help, so THANK YOU!!

On a side note, (wearing my other hat), we have ordered a lot of new clothing, and we will have that available at the October meeting. Stop by and check out some of the new hats and visors and bags that we have ordered and are available now for purchase.

Get Hooked,
Rhonda

Yaking Tim Foote:



Weigh Master
Curt Itogawa

Weigh Master's Report August 2014

The August Patty Hopping Tournament was well named for this event. It was a day of searching for little stingers of kelp that might qualify as a patty, and looking for Tern birds and puddling fish. For our boat, when we found one, we slow trolled the Mac's we got for bait and it worked to get a bite. We got the quantity at seven YFT, three YT and one nice size Bonita, but we did not get the quality that the other competitors got; although, 3rd place wasn't bad!

The tournament results are as follows:

First place; Rex Finney, 23.94 lbs. Yellowfin tuna.
Second place; Tim Foote, 22.06 lbs. Yellowfin tuna.
Third place; Curt Itogawa, 15.80 lbs. Yellowfin tuna.

Two **junior anglers** did very well in the tournament:
Trevor Trussell caught a 19.86 lbs. Yellowfin tuna for the junior's first place, and **Matthew Jordan Jr.** is

becoming quite the angler with his 17.20 lbs. Yellowfin Tuna for junior's second place finish.

All the tournament anglers opted to spend their time off shore, so no one entered the side pot.

Until our next weigh-in, stay safe and have fun.
Curtis Itogawa.

1st Place, Rex Finney:



2nd Place, Tim Foote:



Jr's Trevor & Mathew:



Raffle Master Lou and Ellie Duchene

Hello FCM'S,
Well, the donations are rolling in! We received a Tallus 70 rod from Shimano yesterday. Heard from Hector - he got 2 nights at Crystal Pier so everyone needs to plan on attending the BIG FISH BANQUET. This event is the one big money maker that carries the club throughout the year, so it is important to get everybody's support. I know Michael has been receiving donations and Rollie has been at the landings and fish processing places to collect donations. We had a nice raffle table at the seminar and we will have a huge raffle and ladies baskets at the banquet. It takes months of hard work and dedication to make this tournament a success, so special thanks go to Rhonda and Michael. It is letters, e-mails, phone calls and constant follow up to make this all happen. It really does take every board member and club member to participate, so if you have a boat or just want to attend, please plan on entering the tournament and attending the banquet on September 14th. We

also have many silent auction items, so plan on bidding - you can get some good deals and awesome fishing trips. Thanks for your continued support!
Lou and Ellie



Membership Margie Williams

Fellow Club Members:

Just a reminder that if you bring a guest to our next meeting, both you and your guest will receive 10 tickets each to our fabulous raffle! And, if your guest signs up as a club member at the meeting, your guest will receive an additional 10 tickets.

Considering that our 2014 memberships are currently at half price (\$30), that is quite the deal.

We hope to see you (and your guest) at our next club meeting at the Bali Hai!

-Margie Williams



Big Fish Director
Michael Williams

Hello all

We have been working hard to bring you a great event. This year is our 31st Anniversary of the Big Fish Tournament. The tournament started off with a seminar on August 26th at the beautiful Bali Hai Restaurant (our home) with Pepe's free fish tacos. It was a great event and well attended. We were very fortunate to have Darin Dohi as our speaker for our seminar. Darin Dohi, former CEO of Seeker Fishing Rods, is now with United Composites and Fish and Hunt Baja. Darin is a leader in the fishing rod industry, having devised innovative manufacturing techniques. He is also well known for his fishing talents in San Diego and Mexican waters.

Don't forget to thank Pepe and Crew for all the hard work creating those mouthwatering fish tacos and salsa. It has been great that Pepe is willing to do this for us each year. We have had some great donations of

fresh fish from a lot of you (thanks), so it will be freshly caught meat on those tacos.

Next will be the tournament. It starts off with the captains meeting at the Wave on September 12th (mandatory for all captains to attend). The tournament fishing starts at 12am Saturday and ends at 10am Sunday. There is much more information on the web at http://sandiegorodandreel.com/big_fish.html. It looks like we are going to have one of the best years of fishing we have seen in a long time. Basically the pot will pay out \$10,000 if we get 120 people signed up. Otherwise, it will be prorated based on the \$10,000 divided by the number of entries; for example, 60 people would pay out \$5,000. I really think we can get 120 people with the fishing so good this year.

The banquet will be on Sunday September 14th starting at 1pm at the Bali Hai. We will be outdoors in our regular meeting room for the banquet, so show up early and have some drinks. It is really going to be great food and a fantastic raffle. It is open to the public, so bring a friend.

See you all there

Michael



Editor
Gary Mouritzen



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Hello FCM's,

Fishing is absolutely Epic this year, but I am very surprised we don't have as many Dorado as we've had in the past. The water is perfect for them, but the numbers haven't been there.

My last trip on FCM Alan Beilstein's boat was certainly Epic. On the way to our fishing grounds, we had a patty that we left biting Yellowtail at. Then we came across terns, boils and a patty. We were limited out by 9:00am and then caught and released until noon! Alan had the right kind of net with rubberized netting to protect the fish. I never thought I'd find myself putting a bent pole in a rod holder to help release two other fish. What a blast!

Get Bent!

Gary



San Diego Rod and Reel Club Patty Hopping Tournament results.

Aug. 23, 2014

- 1st Place: Rex Finney, 23.94 lbs. Yellow fin tuna. (5 Men's sport points)
 2nd Place: Tim Foote, 22.06 lbs. Yellow fin tuna. (4 Men's sport points)
 3rd Place: Curt Itogawa, 15.80 lbs. Yellow fin tuna. (3 Men's sport points)

Side Pot: No entries.

Sport Points Standing August 2014

(Includes points from tournament placing and one point for members fishing the tourney.)

<u>Men</u>		<u>Ladies</u>		<u>Juniors</u>	
Rex Finney	13 pts.	Ellei Duchene	12 pts.	Matt Jordan Jr.	13 pts.
Tim Foote	12 pts.	Nancy Ortiz	7 pts.	Ben Perez	6 pts.
Mike Ito	9 pts.	Shelly Cochlin	7 pts.	Trevor Trussell	6 pts.
Curt Itogawa	8 pts.	Rhonda Ito	7 pts.	Sara Itogawa	2 pts.
Fox Ludwig	6 pts.	Denise Lira	7 pts.		
Dennis Burlason	6 pts.	D.J. Ludwig	1 pts		
Ed Howerton	4 pts.	Janet Fleming	1 pts.		
Lee Fleming	4 pts.				
Tom Gruber	4 pts.				
Rolly Lira	4 pts.				
Daryl White	4 pts.				
Lou Duchene	3 pts.				
John Plemons	3 pts.				
Dennis Johnson	3 pts.				
Jay Perez	2 pts.				
Mike Kline	2 pts.				
Frank Crawford	1 pts.				
Gary Glockzin Jr.	1 pts.				
Derik Ito	1 pts.				
Bill Fleming	1 pts.				
Rebert Wood	1 pts.				
Gary Mouritzen	1 pts.				
Tony Jordan	1 pts.				

SAN DIEGO ROD REEL CLUB 2014 WEIGHT RECEIPT LIST						Aug. 2014	
LOCAL SPECIES (Plaques)	Lbs.	Name (Men's)	Lbs.	Name (Women's)	Lbs.	Name (Juniors)	
Albacore (Local)							
Big Eye Tuna (Local)							
Barracuda (Local)	5.81	Dennis Burlason					
Bluefin Tuna (Local)	31.9	Roman Lira					
Bonito (Local)							
Calico Bass	9	Dennis Burlason			1.88	Marco Mouritzen	
Rockfish	6.8	Norm Campbell	5.1	Nancy Ortiz	2.8	Matt Jordan	
Dorado (Local)							
Halibut (Local)			35	DJ Lugwig			
Lingcod (Local)	17.35	Harry Okuda	12.3	Millie Velez			
Mako Shark (Local)							
Sand Bass	3.6	Tim Foote	2.28	Shelly Cochlin			
Spotted Bay Bass	2	Rolly Lira					
Striped Marlin (Local)			121	Millie Velez			
White Sea Bass (Local)							
Yellowfin Tuna (Local)	32.19	Dennis Burlason	19.4	Millie Velez	19.9	Trevor Trussell	
Yellowtail (Local)	29.4	Rex Finney					
SPECIES +150 Miles (Certificates)							
Blue Marlin							
Dorado (+150)							
Halibut (+150)							
Sailfish (+150)							
Wahoo (+150)							
Yellowfin Tuna (+150)							
Yellowtail (+150)							
Albacore (+150)							
Barracuda (+150)							
Big Eye Tuna (+150)							
Bluefin Tuna (+150)							
Bonito (+150)							
Lingcod (+150)							
Mako Shark (+150)							
Striped Marlin (+150)							
White Sea Bass (+150)							
Roosterfish	16.3	Curt Itogawa					
Honorable mentions:	*You must fill out an official weight receipt in order to be listed.						
1st Striped Marlin (Local, kill or released w photo & weight Est.)							
1st Albacore							
1st Yellowfin (Local)	18.19	Curt Itogawa					
1st Yellowtail (Local)	29.4	Rex Finney					
1st Dorado (Local)							



31st ANNUAL BIG FISH TOURNAMENT

BENEFITTING KIDS FISHING PROGRAMS

September 13th – 14th, 2014

\$10,000.00 PAYOUT*

THREE SEPARATE SIDE JACKPOTS PER BOAT

Tuna (best 3); YT (best 3); Halibut, WSB, Dorado

BIG FISH SEMINAR

TUE. Aug. 26 7:00 p.m. Bali Hai Restaurant, Shelter Island

HUGE RAFFLE WITH FANTASTIC PRIZES!

PEPE'S AWESOME FREE FISH TACOS!

PROMINENT GUEST SPEAKERS & MAJOR VENDORS!

Early Tournament Sign-up Drawing! Win a 2 Speed Reel & Rod Combo!

CAPTAIN'S MEETING

**FRIDAY Sep. 12, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the WAVE, Near Shelter Island Launch Ramp
(Captain's Meeting is mandatory and last chance for tournament sign-up)**

AWARDS BANQUET

**SUNDAY Sep. 14, 1:00 p.m. at the Bali Hai Restaurant
HUGE RAFFLE WITH FABULOUS PRIZES & SILENT AUCTION**

Entry Form & More Info at www.SanDiegoRodAndReel.com

*Purse is based on 120 anglers. Failure to reach 120 anglers will result in a prorated purse.

Contact: Big Fish Director – Michael Williams 619-818-8182
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Vice President – Rhonda Ito 619-829-5146
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31st Annual

Big Fish Tournament

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Seminar: Thursday 26 August, 7:00P, Bali Hai
Captain's Meeting: Friday 12 September, 6:00P – 8:00P
Tournament: Saturday 13 September, 12:01A to Sunday 14 September, 10:00A
Banquet: Sunday 14 September, 12:00P

Tournament: \$75.00/Angler
 Side Jackpots: \$100/boat (each sidepot)

- Tuna (best 3 combined)
- Yellowtail (best 3 combined)
- Hailbut, White Sea Bass, Dorado

Team

Captain: _____

Angler: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

email: _____

email: _____

Phone #: _____

Phone #: _____

T-Shirt Size: XXXL XXL XL L M

T-Shirt Size: XXXL XXL XL L M \$20.00

Angler: _____

Angler: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

email: _____

email: _____

Phone #: _____

Phone #: _____

T-Shirt Size: XXXL XXL XL L M \$20.00

T-Shirt Size: XXXL XXL XL L M \$20.00

Additional Copies of this form may be used for additional anglers.

Boat Name: _____

Skipper: _____

Total Paid: _____



Make checks payable to: San Diego Rod and Reel Club
 Mail forms and checks to: SDRRC, P.O. Box 83296, San Diego, CA 92138

Checks sent by mail must be received by August 2nd; otherwise payment must be made at Captain's Meeting

The San Diego Rod and Reel club takes no responsibility whatsoever for any personal injury or property damage resulting from conduct, negligent or otherwise of its members or guests at club events. The San Diego Rod and Reel Club does not investigate weather or sea conditions, nor the possibility of other boating activities when scheduling its events. By affixing your name(s) to this entry form, applicant(s) assume(s) all risk of injury, liability, or property damage and agree(s) to hold the San Diego Rod and Reel club harmless should any injury or damage occur. Big Fish Tournament Director: Michael Williams 619-818-8182

Payment by Credit Card: Type: Visa/MasterCard/American Express/Discover
 Account No.: _____ Expiration: _____ 3 Digit Code on back _____



31st BIG FISH TOURNAMENT RULES 2014

1. **There is a Mandatory Captains' Meeting Friday September 12th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the Wave Gazebo on Shelter Island (east of the Shelter Island launch ramp (grass area), at the end of Shelter Island Drive, San Diego.)**
 - a. Each team must designate a captain. The captain or another paid participant representing the vessel must attend the Captains' Meeting or the vessel will be disqualified. It is the Captain's responsibility to ensure his/her team members are fishing within the rules of the tournament. The Captains' Meeting is the last opportunity to sign up for the tournament. At the Captains' Meeting, the Captain or representative will be given their tournament gift pack and tournament premiums for all the paid participants. This check-in/registration by at least one registered angler from the vessel, who is a paid participant, will be strictly adhered to. Failure to be checked off on the tournament participation list will disqualify all anglers of that vessel. The Captain or Captain's representative must sign that he/she understands all Rules and has no questions. Failure to sign will result in disqualification.
 - b. Entry fee per angler is \$75.00 (each person on vessel is considered an angler and must be paid)
 - c. Side pots are \$100.00 per vessel

2. **The Tournament commences Saturday, September 13th at 12:01 a.m. and terminates on Sunday, September 14th at 10:00 a.m. SHARP. Weigh-in times are as follows: Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. SHARP. Weigh master's time is official. Fish will be weighed at the San Diego Marlin Club or must be called in advance for Dana Landing via Ellie's Cell Ph. 619-890-5401 or you may attempt to reach the tournament weigh master on channel 78.**

3. **There is a Big Fish Seminar; Thursday August 26th at 7:00 p.m.** in the downstairs open air pavilion at the Bali Hai restaurant.

4. **The Big Fish Banquet is on Sunday, September 14th 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** at the Bali Hai open air pavilion.

5. Purse will be awarded for the ten heaviest individual fish weighed in. (fish excluded are sharks/rays/skates, billfish, grouper) All applicable California and Mexico laws must be followed.

6. Purse is \$10,000.00 based on 120 anglers. The payout breakdown is as follows:

Place	Cash	Prize
1 st	\$4000.00	TBD
2 nd	\$2500.00	TBD
3 rd	\$1000.00	TBD
4 th	\$750.00	None
5 th	\$500.00	None
6 th – 10 th	\$250.00	None

Failure for tournament to gather 120 paid anglers will result in payout being prorated on quantity of anglers fishing tournament.

7. Weigh In
 - A. Anglers who are weighing fish must personally report to the Weigh Station Official with their fish directly from the vessel fished on.
 - B. An angler can win more than one prize.
 - C. There will be no ties. In the event of equal weight, the fish weighed in first wins.
 - D. All fish must be weighed in by the termination of the tournament, except in the event the weigh-in dock is full. In that case, the Weigh Station Official can allow a representative from the boat to report a fish for weigh-in if the official **is notified before the weigh-in deadline**. The angler must notify the Weigh Station Official by radio at a visual distance from the weigh in dock, for verification. **This only applies when the boat is prevented from reaching the weigh-in dock because the dock is full.**
8. Optional side jackpots are 'winner-take-all' style. The side pot purses will be awarded to the first weigh in with the heaviest weight for each division. Side jackpots are entered into by boat, not individual angler. Jackpots will have a 90% payout. Three fish are not required for the tuna and yellowtail side pots. In the event that no qualifying fish are weighed in for any or all side pots, 90% of that jackpot's fees will be returned to vessel.
 - a. Tuna (combined 3 heaviest fish)
 - b. Yellowtail (combined 3 heaviest fish)
 - c. Halibut, Dorado, White Sea Bass
9. Fishing can be done in any waters that the angler can reach within the time limits of the tournament. All boats must depart from a port within the State of California. All fish must be weighed at the San Diego Marlin Club or Dana Landing under supervision by the tournament weigh master or assistant. Weight receipts from any other weigh stations will not be accepted.
10. I.G.F.A. rules apply. Every fish must be brought to gaff by use of regulation tackle only, unless otherwise noted. Double tuna hooks are allowed. All other I.G.F.A. rules regarding leaders, lures and hooks apply. Live bait may be caught or purchased, as available, prior to the commencement of the tournament. Artificial bait or lures may be used in accordance with the I.G.F.A. rules. Teasers are permitted.
11. All anglers will possess a valid California and if applicable Mexican fishing license. All anglers must abide by California and/or Mexican regulations that may apply. The club is not responsible for problems you may have with authorities of Mexico or California.
12. The following acts or omissions will disqualify a fish:
 - a. Acts of persons assisting the angler in adjusting the reel drag or touching any part of the tackle, either by hand or other devices during the playing of the fish.
 - b. Use of a gaff exceeding 8 feet in overall length, use of a rope exceeding 30 feet in length from the head of a detachable (flying) gaff. After the fish is gaffed, assistance may be given to the angler and the gaffer by placing a tail-rope on the fish and boating it.
 - c. Mutilation caused by sharks, marine mammals, propellers or any other act that removes or penetrates the flesh, except which occurs from the gaff.
 - d. Frozen and/or defrosted fish presented for weigh-in are prohibited and will result in the disqualification of all participants on the offending vessel.
 - e. Transferring of anglers and fish from a disabled vessel is allowed. The angler must report with his fish to the weigh master, on a tournament-registered boat.

- f. Tournament Rules Committee reserves the right to disqualify any angler who exhibits unsportsmanlike conduct.
13. All persons must complete a tournament application form and pay the entry fee by the end of the Captain's meeting. **All persons on the vessel must be a paid participant of the tournament. THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS.**
- a. Early Entry; All anglers paid for before close of Big Fish Seminar will be entered into a raffle for a rod/reel combo.
14. **Official tournament channel is VHF 69.** Fish can be weighed in the San Diego Harbor at **The San Diego Marlin Club** docks. You may also contact Ellie at 619-890-5401 or the San Diego Marlin Club VHF78

Protests

- A. Any protest relative to the weight of the fish or manner of weighing must be made before the fish is removed from the scale. This protest must be made to the tournament rules committee. If needed the Weigh Station Official will contact someone from the tournament rules committee. All decisions by the Weigh Station Official stand in effect unless over-ruled by the Tournament Rules Committee.
- B. Any protest, except weight, must be made to a member of the Tournament Rules Committee. All protests, other than weight, must be made in writing and submitted to a member of the Tournament Rules Committee by 11:00 a.m. on September 14th.
- C. **The Tournament Rules Committee** will make the final determination. The Rules Committee members are the following:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **September 13th - 14th** – Big Fish Tournament and Banquet
- **October 9th** – Club Meeting at the Bali Hai
- **October 11th** – SD Bay Halibut Tournament
- **October 18th** – Lobster Tournament
- **November 6th** – Club Meeting at the Bali Hai