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2010 Lone Star Shootout Results and Recap Team Ruthless Gets The Win!!

Forty Three (43) boats gathered in Port O'Connor, Texas for the Houston Big Game Fishing Club's 6th annual invitational billfish tournament, newly named The Lone Star Shootout. The tournament was held June 23rd to June 26th at the new Caracol Waterfront Development in Port O'Connor. After a busy "calcutta" night on Wednesday, June 23rd, the boats began departing Port O'Connor at 5:00 PM on Thursday, June 24th, for the trip to blue water. The excitement was high as the total prize money was a new tournament record of \$578,300.

The fleet was greeted by calm seas and a comfortable ride to the fishing grounds. When the start fishing time was announced at 12:00 midnight, most of the boats were 50 to 150 miles offshore and ready to begin their choice of night time tuna fishing or swordfishing. The bite was steady thru the dark hours as numerous big yellowfin tuna were landed at the deep water rigs. John and Joanne Kolius, aboard the 45 Viking, Argo, reported a swordfish in the boat as did Mike McLees on his 33 Grady White, Michelle Rae II. Swordfish had to meet a 60" short length minimum, 12" in excess of the federal minimum. Numerous big tuna were reported thru the night as well as several released swordfish.

The excellent fishing during the night continued with first light. The Ruthless, Greg Smith's 53 Ocean, called in the first blue marlin release at 7:12 am and the real shootout was on! Bad Intensions, Debbie Conway's 64 Viking, called in a blue marlin release at 7:18 and Ben Heilker's 54 Bertram, Mechanical Man, got on the board with a released blue marlin at 7:35. The Ruthless jumped out in front with their second blue marlin at 9:25. Sea Mixer, Ronald Davis' 55 Viking got hot and released a blue and sail before noon. The billfish release calls came in steady throughout day with the 48 Viking of Joe Fraser, Bottom Dollar, jumping in to a first place tie with 2 blue marlin releases at 4:35 and 5:15. Sea Mixer kept the heat on with a white marlin, giving them a grand slam and they added another sailfish before the end of the day. As day one came to a close Ruthless was sitting in first place, based on release time, with 2 blues for a 1,000 points. Bottom Dollar was tied on points with their 2 blue marlin releases and Sea Mixer was only 100 points back with a blue marlin, white marlin and two sailfish for 900 points. The Six Chicks, Russell Lindley and Mike Dowler's 45 Bertram, was near the lead with a blue marlin and white marlin release for 700 points. Four other boats, Nemesis, Tailwalker, Ollie Dora and Hydrocarbon were all poised in good position as they each had blue marlin and sailfish releases for 600 points. Nine other boats released blue marlin on the first day and were on the board with 500 points. The first day tally saw a total of 18 blue marlin, 4 white marlin and 12 sailfish released and 8 boats had at least 2 billfish releases.

For the second year in a row the hot bite from day one did not continue into day two. Argo reported a second swordfish boated and the Blue Eagle, a 61 Viking owned by the Jones Brothers got on the board early with a blue marlin release at 6:46 AM. With so many boats with a shot at winning after the first day the radio stayed quiet as the teams grinded for the fish that might jump them in to the lead. Mike Thorn-Leeson's 60 Hatteras, Nereus, released a blue marlin at 12:53 and Monty Scruggs on his 55 Viking, Happy Hour, released a blue late in the day to apply some pressure but the blue marlin bite seemed to have shut down. Surprisingly, none of the boats that got on the board on Friday were able to score another point on Saturday and the standings remained the same up to the 3:00 quit fishing time. Pending video review, team Ruthless had their first ever tournament win!

In addition to the outstanding billfish action, reports of big wahoo, tuna and dolphin had come in steady both days and the weigh station stayed busy throughout Saturday evening to the delight of the big crowd gathered.

The 2010 Lone Star Shootout set tournament records for boat entries with 43, total prize money of \$578,300.00, total billfish released of 40, blue marlin released of 20 and a new tournament record dolphin of 53.2 pounds. **Most importantly the tournament set a new record for it's charitable contribution to the Houston Big Game Fishing Club's Scholarship and Conservation Fund of \$28,915.00.** Lone Star Shootout Tournament dates for 2011 are June 22 to June 26. For more information on the Lone Star Shootout go to www.thelonestarshootout.com.

2010 Lone Star Shootout Final Results:

TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP

	Boat Model	Owner	Captain	Points	Released
<u>1st Place</u>					
Ruthless	53 Ocean	Greg Smith	Mike Jackson	1000	2 Blue Marlin
<u>2nd Place</u>					
Bottom Dollar	48 Viking	Joe Fraser	Joe Fraser	1000	2 Blue Marlin
<u>3rd Place</u>					
Sea Mixer	55 Viking	Ronald Davis	Devin Potts	900	1 Blue Marlin, 1 White Marlin, 2 Sailfish
<u>4th Place</u>					
Six Chicks	45 Bertram	Mike Dowler and Russell Lindley	Troy Day	700	1 Blue Marlin, 1 White Marlin
<u>Friday Daily</u>					
Ruthless	53 Ocean	Greg Smith	Mike Jackson	1000	2 Blue Marlin
<u>Saturday Daily</u>					
Blue Eagle	61 Viking	Brad, Hal & Stewart Jones	Jason "Tiny" Walcott	500	1 Blue Marlin

TUNA DIVISION

	Boat Model	Owner	Captain	Angler	Weight
<u>1st Place</u>					
Reel Attitude	68 Viking	Jim Douglas	Jim Douglas	Edgar Artecona	147.2
<u>2nd Place</u>					
The Situation	60 Hatteras	Clayton Reaser	Dean Pfifer	Craig Sander	133
<u>3rd Place</u>					
Patron	66 Custom	Tom Shumate	Joe Lyall	Mike Bertagna	85.4

WAHOO DIVISION

	Boat Model	Owner	Captain	Angler	Weight
<u>1st Place</u>					
Hydrocarbon	40 Cabo	Ramsey & Jon Richards	Ramsey Richards	Kenny Milne	72
<u>2nd Place</u>					
Pipe Dream	60 Spencer	Don & Barry Milner	Justin Drummond	Russell Bailey	59.1
<u>3rd Place</u>					
Nemesis	64 Sunny Briggs	Nemesis Bluewater	Warren Beatty	Tom Gray	54.6

DOLPHIN DIVISION

	Boat Model	Owner	Captain	Angler	Weight
<u>1st Place</u>					
Bandit	74 Viking	Bert Steindorf	Kevin Scott	Ben Scott	53.2
<u>2nd Place</u>					
Chachalaca	48 Cabo	Jody McCord	Anthony Mendillo, Jr.	Jody McCord	48.9
<u>3rd Place</u>					
First Choice	60 Hatteras	Dennis Pasentine	Jerry Jones	Johnny Pasentine	40.1

SWORDFISH DIVISION

	Boat Model	Owner	Captain	Angler	Weight
<u>1st Place</u>					
Argo	45 Viking	John and Joanne Kolius	Ryan Doxey	John Kolius	187
<u>2nd Place</u>					
Argo	45 Viking	John and Joanne Kolius	Ryan Doxey	Joanne Kolius	117
<u>3rd Place</u>					
Michelle Rae II	33 Grady White	Mike McLees	Mike McLees	Christopher McLees	113.7
<u>Top Captain</u>					
Mike Jackson	Ruthless	53 Ocean	Greg Smith, Owner		
<u>Top Mate</u>					
Will Smith	Ruthless	53 Ocean	Greg Smith, Owner		
<u>Top Female Angler</u>					
Diana Wood	Smoker II	51 Bertram	Dudley Wood	Bob Burns, Captain	
<u>Top Junior Angler</u>					
Ben Scott	Bandit	74 Viking	Bert Steindorf	Kevin Scott, Captain	

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