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Fall 2006

MEMBERS TOURNAMENT & ANNUAL DINNER

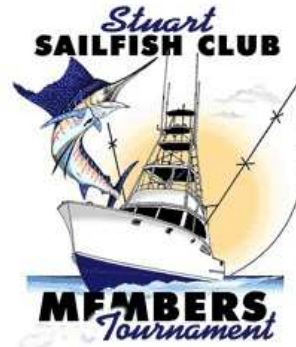
2006 Members Tournament November 18th, 2006

The Members Tournament is for Club Members only, but membership can be obtained right up until the tournament captains briefing. The tournament awards are made at the Club's Annual Dinner which is generally held the weekend before Thanksgiving. It's a

one-day tournament with typically 25-35 boats and 60 to 70 anglers. This is a Team Tournament. A team may consist of one to six anglers. Awards are first five places total team points, Top Angler & Junior Top Angler.

Get more information from our website or call our office.

Please sign up now!



Hope to see you there!

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Mark Your Calenders:

- Members tournament Nov. 18
- Members Annual Dinner Nov. 18
- Light Tackle Tournament Dec. 4-8

GENERAL MEETING REPORT

While our fall general meeting on October 4th at Finest Kind Marina was well attended, we missed many of you. Finger foods, and the bar got people's attention, and a good program kept it.

First, the Club do-

nated \$1,000 to the Treasure Coast Wildlife Center. Brook Bullock and Sarah Witchers presented the check. Accepting for the Center was Dan Martinelli, director. You'll recall that the Center was badly (continued page 2)



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damaged in the hurricanes.

Then, Jake Farley, mate on the Boneshaker and Max Morris, captain of the Penny Perfect demonstrated rigging methods and fishing techniques with circle hooks. They make it look easy!

Officers and board members were elected and will be taking office at our Members Annual Dinner to be held on November 18. Please mark your calendar for that date. Also, make sure your membership is up to date!!

2006/2007

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NEW WEBSITE

WWW.STLUCIEINLET.COM

Want to see what it looks like out there before leaving the house? Log onto this new local site for great web cam views of the St. Lucie Inlet as well as the entrance to the Manatee Pocket. Click on "Weather", and you'll see updated information from a weather station mounted high above Sailfish Marina.

This site is still growing, but promises great things for boating and fishing enthusiasts. Give it a try...add it to your favorites.



NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE MANDATES CIRCLE HOOKS FOR BILLFISH TOURNAMENTS

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SILVER SPRING, MD. - The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announced the release of its Environmental Impact Statement for the Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fishery Management Plan (FMP) which includes Atlantic billfish - sailfish, swordfish, blue marlin, white marlin and spearfish. Publication of the final rule is expected in August.

Among the rule changes to the FMP is the mandatory use of circle hooks in billfish tournaments fishing in United States

waters. Effective Jan. 1, 2007, all billfish tournaments - including Treasure Coast sailfish tournaments - will be required to use non-offset circle hooks when deploying natural baits or artificial lures in combination with natural baits. This measure would, however, allow anglers to continue to use J-hooks with artificial lures when no natural bait is incorporated.

There are no recreational circle hook requirements outside of billfish tournaments. Commercial vessels using pelagic longlining gear in Atlantic waters have been required to possess and use circle hooks since August 2004.

"Our tournament applauds the use of circle hooks in a tournament setting," said Chris Berkeley, founder of the Fort Pierce Billfish Derby that fishes in January. "As anglers, our team (Vintage) has been using them exclusively in tournaments for the past year and we see the advantages of their use on the health of the sailfish we release."

All sailfish tournaments on the Treasure Coast fish under an all-release format where no fish are killed.

LIGHT TACKLE TOURNAMENT GOES CIRCLE HOOK

The Stuart Sailfish Club announced that it has added a rule to its annual Light Tackle Sailfish Tournament that will make it mandatory for all anglers and fishing teams to fish strictly with circle hooks.

The decision was made following a meeting of its board of directors this week.

The rule will apply to all entrants in its 53rd annual Light Tackle Tournament fishing Dec. 4-8, 2006.

Also, the SSC said that it will award bonus points for sailfish and other billfish caught and released in the club's other



Circle hook rig.

tournaments. In addition to the Light Tackle Tournament, the SSC annually produces four other offshore events - the Lady Anglers Tournament in May, the Small Boat Tourna-

ment in June, the Junior Anglers Tournament in September and the Members Tournament in November.

All of these events consider sailfish releases as the most prestigious catches of each event.

JUNIOR ANGLER TOURNAMENT ROARING SUCCESS

Thank you and our sponsors for the generous support of our 29th Annual Junior Angler Tournament. This year was another great success...the weather held out (well, maybe a couple of late afternoon thunderstorms) and fun was had by all.

140 Junior Anglers from ages 3 to 15 participated on 52 boats. While fish could have been a little more available, most caught some trophy of some kind. And, thanks to your generosity, many young fishermen

& fisherladies were able to participate in something they had not been able to do before. 13 donated boats with captains as well as the Lady Stuart (which was also donated by a generous sponsor) took along many young anglers from Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Clubs, and other low income support groups. (At least one little guy insisted on taking his "trophy Bonita" home to show his mother & older brothers. We told him his mother would be thrilled, and as you can imagine, she

was!!! She also insisted that he keep it in the garbage bag behind the bushes until his brothers got home, then relocate it to the dumpster.)

Contributions made it possible for these young people to go and for this event to take place. Also, contributions made sure that all anglers got fishing rods, trophies, other great prizes, and memories that will stay with them for life.

For pictures and winners, visit our website.

DREDGE THE POCKET...YES!!!

Well, at least, "probably".

75 — 100 enthusiastic supporters attended a public workshop on what has become known as the "Manatee Pocket Project" Oct. 4. Representatives from Tetra Tech, the consulting and

engineering firm hired to get the project going gave an overview of the process and time-frame. A special website has been set up as a main source of communication on status, progress, and future meetings.

More to follow.



www.stuartsailfishclub.com

The STUART SAILFISH CLUB was formed more than 60 years ago and incorporated in January of 1941. It is one of the oldest sportfishing clubs in the US, formed for the purpose of promoting the conservation of gamefish and encouraging visitors to fish in Martin County waters. To this day, these remain our primary goals. We attract visitors by sponsoring offshore fishing tournaments and then donate a large part of the proceeds to worthy conservation programs and local conservation organizations.

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