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LADIES TOURNAMENT AND AWARDS DINNER SET FOR MAY 12

2007 Tournament to be Better than Ever

Brook Bullock, tournament chairman, and her committee are planning for this one to be the best yet. From the Captains meeting and late registration on May 11 at Finest Kind through fishing, dinner, and awards at Lost Lake Country Club on Saturday count on fun, refreshments, fine

food, raffles, and a silent auction. And, with a little help from the weather man and the fish, well....

This year the charity benefit donations and support will be to the M.I.S.S. foundation.

We'd love to have you join us, fish, socialize, help out, and/or bring items to support M.I.S.S.

Get more information, details, and



registration forms from our website or call our office.

Hope to see you there!

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Mark Your Calenders:

- Ladies Tournament
May 12
- General Meeting
June 12
- Small Boat Tournament
June 16
- Jr. Angler Tournament
Sept 1

GENERAL MEETING REPORT

Our February 28 general meeting at Finest Kind Marina was well attended. Food, and a bar will normally draw a crowd!

Following "social hour", there was a brief review and introduction to the Club's new website. If you

haven't visited it yet, give it a try. It has lots of new information as well as some good links and weather information.

Next, Jim Dragseth of Whiticar Boatworks was the featured speaker. *(continued on Page 2)*



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He brought along a DVD on the history of Whiticar as well as describing some of their methods of production. After his presentation, members stayed around to ask questions.



Our next meeting is April 11. Jack Tullius of Black Bart Lures will speak to us about the use of different lures for different fish and in different situations. He'll also show us spreads and fishing techniques.

Watch the website for more details. We hope to see you there.

MOMENTS IN CLUB HISTORY

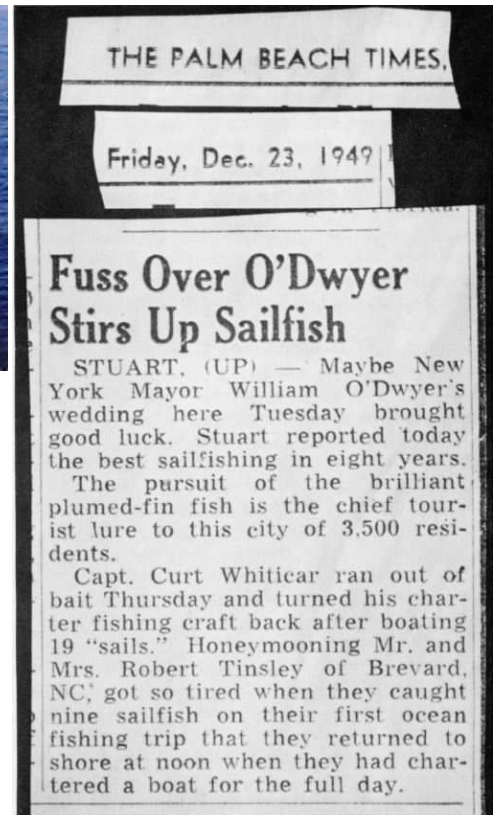


LTT December 9, 1997

On this day, Joe Lehner on the **Bone Shaker** caught and released 22 sails, a single day solo angler record that stands today. (Capt. VJ Bell at the helm.)

The LTT tallied 382 sailfish releases that day with 38 out of 45 boats fishing, another single day tournament record.

(Contributed by T. Wichers)



Fuss Over O'Dwyer Stirs Up Sailfish

STUART, (UP) — Maybe New York Mayor William O'Dwyer's wedding here Tuesday brought good luck. Stuart reported today the best sailfishing in eight years.

The pursuit of the brilliant plumed-fin fish is the chief tourist lure to this city of 3,500 residents.

Capt. Curt Whiticar ran out of bait Thursday and turned his charter fishing craft back after boating 19 "sails." Honeymooning Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tinsley of Brevard, NC, got so tired when they caught nine sailfish on their first ocean fishing trip that they returned to shore at noon when they had chartered a boat for the full day.

SSC PLANS TWO CRUISES THIS YEAR— SPRING CRUISE, THE ABACOS

Last year, the Club enjoyed a couple of great cruises up the Florida coast.

The Club is planning on two cruises this year. The first will depart May 17 for the Abacos, Bahamas. We plan on spending the first 2 nights at Spanish Cay Resort and Marina with an informal fishing tourney on a few of the boats.

Then we will depart for Green Turtle Cay for 3 or 4 nights, staying at the Bluff House Yacht Club Marina. We will be doing day trips on one or more boats to other interesting islands, villages, beaches, etc, while at Green Turtle Cay.

Returning dates will likely be May 22 or 23 or both depending on when members want to return.

We have reserved a block of 10 slips and 8 rooms at each location for boaters who wish to stay ashore and to encourage members to bring along other members or friends who wish to leave their boats at home or don't have one. These blocks of slips and rooms are being held until April 1. Slips may be available after that date, but rooms will be difficult to obtain. For shoreside guests wishing to sign up later, there is also the Green Turtle Cay Club, a short walk on the opposite side of the sound.

If members or guests on your boat wish to sign up for a slip or rooms, it is best for them to contact Robin at the club at 772-286-9373. She will put you in contact with the cruise organizer club mem-



ber to ensure you are reserving a slip or room from the arrangements the club has made and that you are included on further communications concerning this cruise. The web sites for these 2 locations are below:

<http://www.spanishcay.com>

<http://www.bluffhouse.com>

Again, please contact Robin before making any reservations for slips or rooms. So far, it looks like we'll have 8-10 boats.

SSC FALL CRUISE-WEST COAST OF FLORIDA

The second cruise will be to the west coast of Florida via Lake Okeechobee.

Departure is presently scheduled for October 18 and return on or About October 24.

We will attempt to book the newly rebuilt South Seas Marina and Resort for slips and rooms on the north end of Captiva Island and then a couple of nights at a marina in the village of Boca Grande on Gasparilla Island.

Return will likely be Oct 24 or when ever members want to come back.



Please contact the Club by phone or Email at: info@stUARTSailfishclub.com if you are interested in this second cruise in October. Please include the name and size of your boat, Email address, and if you are likely to have guests or would be interested

in a member couple joining you to share fuel expenses, etc



BONESHAKER & CREW TAKE LTT & PELICAN INVITATIONAL



Congratulations to the Fishing Team on the Boneshaker, winners of the Pelican Yacht Club Invitational Billfish Tournament for 2007! It went right down to the wire, as the winning fish from the 2nd place team was on, but jumped off before

reaching the boat. The winning team is:

- Scott Fawcett-Captain
- Eric Fawcett & Matt Abraham - Mates
- Joe Lehner - Angler
- Paul Mears - Angler
- Ian Wichers - Angler
- Skyler Wichers - Angler

If the picture looks familiar, it's because it's the same team that won the SSC Light Tackle Tournament a couple of weeks earlier.



POST YOUR FISHY PICTURES AND STORIES

Have stories and pictures to tell and show? Send them in so that we can post them on our website. Send pictures with details:

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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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