

July 17, 2009

New Orleans Big Game Fishing Club



### 2009 Tournament Dates:

- **N.O. Invitational - June 12th – 13th**
- **4th of July Tournament – July 3rd- 4th**
- **Grand Isle Tarpon Rodeo – July 24th, 25th**
- **Regular Tournament – August 28th, 29th**
- **Ladies Tournament – August 7th– 8th**
- **N.O. Youth Tournament – Sept 4th– 5th**
- **Rescheduled Memorial Tour Sept 11th –12th**

### Welcome New Members:

**Danny Conwill**

**Justin Haeuser**

**Kevin Klar**

**Michael LaSalle**

**Robert Maloney, Jr.**

**Buell Polk**

**Clinton Sharp**

**Susan Villere**

**Gerard Welch**

## NEW ORLEANS BIG GAME FISHING CLUB

# Mouth of the River

## Perfect Conditions for 38th Annual Invitational Tournament!

The 38th Annual NOIBT kicked off Thursday afternoon to cocktails, plenty of boiled seafood, and the best conditions of the season. A beautiful rip was located about 35-miles off

of South Pass with flat seas for the 25-boat fleet, consisting of boats from Louisiana to Florida. John Garrity's "Brother in Law" set the bar high and early with two blue marlin tagged first thing Friday Morning and held on to take First Place Team. Pat and Scott Williams' "Nautical Nuts" tagged a Grand Slam, a Blue Marlin, White marlin,

and Sailfish to take Second Place Team on time. Dan Haeuser's "Conundrum" tagged a Blue Marlin and two White Marlin to take Third Place Team. The Angler awards were the



"Brother in Law" Takes Top Team with two Blue Marlin at the Invitational.



"Nautical Nuts" wins Second Place Boat and Justin Walker, fourth from left wins The Leander Perez Award for tagging a Grand Slam.

Great stories were 17-years old Mallory LaSalle's 33-pound wahoo for Third Place Wahoo and Top Youth Angler, Cindy Pasentine caught a tuna, wahoo, and dolphin to win Top Lady Angler, and Dev Moring caught a 49-pound dolphin on the Uptick to take Top Dolphin. The 60-pound Top Wahoo was caught by Bert Vincent on new member, Chris Baggett's "Watusi". With every tournament there were some disappointments like Rene Cross' "Miss Remy" had 4 blue marlin spit the hooks and the Welch's "Me'chant" had an estimated 800 - 900-pound blue marlin break the leader at the transom, although they did

story as two Justin's split the big awards, Justin Walker on the "Nautical Nuts" wins the Judge Leander Perez Cup for tagging a Grand Slam and one of our new members, Justin Haeuser, won Top Angler and Second Place Billfish for tagging a Blue Marlin, two white Marlin, and weighing two Dolphin. Russell Saluto on the "Brother in Law" took Third Place Billfish Award and the Blue Marlin Award for tagging the first Blue Marlin of the tournament. Other

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(Invitational Cont) catch the top tuna at 176-pounds. Special thanks to Rene Cross and Cypress Cove for hosting the tournament, building a swimming pool, and re-opening the marina restaurant. Thanks to Captain Ron for his excellent BBQ and Rolla Tichenor and A&M Yachts for the tournament buckets. As always, thanks to Joe Yurt for serving as weighmaster along with this son, Joey. All in all, an excellent tournament that we can build on for next year with several young anglers winning big awards.



Visit: [www.nobgfc.com](http://www.nobgfc.com) for tournament and club updates.

With two tournaments to date, the 2009 Boat standings are:

1	Brother in Law	1300
2	Conundrum	1117
3	Tia II	1048
4	Nautical Nuts	1040
5	Gunfighter	780
6	Mariposa	630
7	First Choice	400
8	Miss Remy	363
9	Uptick	308
10	Mechant	282
11	Bad Habit	257
12	Share-E	195
13	Surprise	124
14	Rocket	122
15	High Risk	107
16	Bush Whacker	79
17	Watusi	78
18	Snafu	64

Conundrum's team, pictured above, wins Third Place Team for tagging a Blue Marlin and two white Marlin. Justin Haeuser on the Conundrum, pictured right is Top Overall Angler for billfish tag and release points and weighed fish points..



Mallory LaSalle, left in the picture, wins Top Youth Angler with a 33-pound wahoo, while her sister, Marie, comes in close second with her 28-pound dolphin, making new member and dad, Dr. Michael LaSalle very proud of his girls. Watch out for this team in the Ladies and Youth Tournaments.

**Ladies Tournament and Youth Tournament Rescheduled!** Since the blue water is still over 100-miles offshore, the Board decided to postpone the Ladies Tournament until August 7th and 8th, so hopefully the blue water will move back in by then. Registration with heavy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be held on Thursday, August 6th between 5 - 7pm at the pool in Cypress Cove with the Captain's Meeting and pool party starting at 7pm. The entry fee is \$600 per boat and I hear there will be a calcutta. The awards ceremony and dinner with a band will be Saturday night at 7pm. For more information, please contact Sally Sanders at 504.554.8446. Updates will be posted on our website at [www.nobgfc.com](http://www.nobgfc.com). Entry fees can be mailed to: NOBGFC ladies c/o Sally Sanders Post office Box 55398, Metairie, Louisiana 70005. **The Youth Tournament has been rescheduled to Labor Day Weekend, September 5th - 6th, because the Ladies Tournament needed their weekend. Hopefully, the holiday weekend will help with youth participation. We rescheduled the Memorial Day tournament to September 11th - 12th due to the bad weather during Memorial Day Weekend.**

## 38<sup>th</sup> NEW ORLEANS INVITATIONAL BILLFISH TOURNAMENT 2009 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

### Judge Leander H. Perez Memorial Trophy (1st Place Billfish)

Justin Walker, "Nautical Nuts" Tagged and Released a Grand Slam, one Blue Marlin, one White Marlin, and one Sailfish- 800 pts.

### Second Place Billfish Angler

Justin Haeuser, "Conundrum" Tagged and Released one Blue Marlin and two White Marlin - 800 pts.

### Third Place Billfish Angler

Russell Saluto, "Brother in Law" Tagged and Released one Blue Marlin 500 pts.

### Top Overall Angler(billfish and weighed points)

Justin Haeuser, "Conundrum" Tagged and Released one Blue Marlin, two White Marlin, and two Dolphin- 859 pts.

### Top Lady Angler

Cindy Pasentine "First Choice"

### Top Youth Angler

Mallory LaSalle "Bushwhacker"

### TEAM AWARDS

#### First Place Team "Brother in Law" Tagged and Released two Blue Marlin - 1000 pts.

John Garrity, Paul Hendrick, Russel Saluto, Rusty Saluto, Bobby Rockwell, Matt Teen

#### Second Place Team "Nautical Nuts" Tagged and Released a Grand Slam, one Blue Marlin, one White Marlin, and one Sailfish – 800 pts.

Scott Williams, Justin Walker, Jared Walker, Gino Rendeiro, Paul Ippolito, Capt. Pat Williams

#### Third Place Team "Conundrum" Tagged and Released one Blue Marlin and two White Marlin - 800 pts.

Dan Haeuser, Justin Haeuser, Dax Byrd, Mike Nolan, Charlie Smyly, Capt. Jimmy Crochet, Mate Jason Yelverton

### Blue Marlin Award

Russell Saluto. "Brother in Law" Tagged and Released one Blue Marlin – 500pts.

### Sailfish Tag and Release

Justin Walker "Nautical Nuts", one Sailfish Tagged and Released

### White Marlin Tag and Release

Justin Haeuser "Conundrum", two White Marlin Tagged and Released

### FISH AWARDS

**Largest Yellowfin Tuna:** Pat Welch "Mechant" 176 lbs.

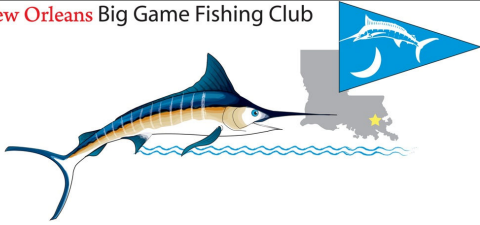
**Largest Wahoo:** Burt Vincent "Watusi" 60 lbs.

**Largest Dolphin:** Dev Moring "Uptick" 49 lbs.

### TOURNAMENT TOTALS:

6 Blue Marlin Tagged and Released, 8 White Marlin Tagged and Released, 1 Sailfish Tagged and Released

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*The New Orleans Big Game Fishing Club is a private club whose members share a passion for fishing the waters in the northern Gulf of Mexico in search of many species of billfish, tuna, wahoo, and dolphin. The NOBGFC prides itself in one of the highest catch and release ratios of similar such clubs, and our efforts over many years have been widely recognized in conservation circles for the collection of very valuable scientific data on many of these highly migratory species, especially regarding blue and white marlin. Our Club members have enjoyed a rich 40 year history of fishing, fun, and friendships and we look forward to many more years of fish tales and fun beyond the waters of South Pass.*

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