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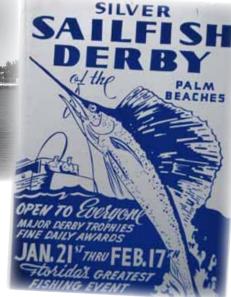
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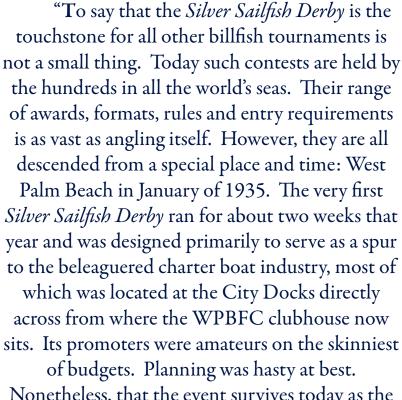


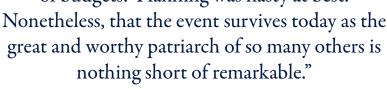




Silver Sailfish Derby

















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Celebrating 77 Years...

The Silver Sailfish Derby was established by the West Palm Beach Fishing Club (WPBFC) in January 1935 to promote the region and aid its struggling charter boat fleet during the Great DERBY Depression era. The fact that it has endured the past 77 years speaks volumes. While structured quite differently today, the event remains the world's oldest sailfish tournament. The only three

years the Derby didn't run was 1943 to 1945, during the Second World War.

At one time, famous American author and avid big game angler, Ernest Hemingway was a Derby trophy sponsor. While many different sports and entertainment celebrities have participated in the prestigious event through the years, it is the Derby's longstanding support of billfish conservation efforts that has been its hallmark. The Derby is credited with advancing the 'catch and release' ethic that has been enthusiastically embraced by sportsmen around the globe. Perhaps the most notable conservation contribution attributable to the Derby is the development of the red release pennant. The West Palm Beach Fishing Club began flying the pennants in the late 1930's. Today, the little red pennant is recognized around the world as a way to signify a sailfish release. The Derby was also among the first tournaments to incorporate gamefish tagging for scientific purposes into a competitive format and encouraged the use of circle hooks (a hook that reduces post-release mortality) long before it was mandated by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The Derby has an outstanding reputation and a loyal following among those who enjoy pursuing sailfish, including some of the most accomplished captains, crews and anglers the sport has ever seen. It is a fun and very competitive event with rules designed to 'level the playing field' for boats of all sizes. While there are scores of sailfish tournaments each season off of southeast Florida, few possess the rich traditions and unique character of the Silver Sailfish Derby!

The West Palm Beach Fishing Club gratefully acknowledges all those who have fished, volunteered, sponsored and supported the Silver Sailfish Derby throughout our 77 years.

- The Tournament Committee

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Join the Club, Support our Foundation

Big Game historian and noted author Mike Rivkin describes the West Palm Beach Fishing Club (WPBFC) this way, "There are fishing clubs, and then there are fishing clubs. More and more, these institutions have evolved into virtual form as anglers find it easier to troll on-line for the latest information or reports. However, this wasn't always so. At one time, fishing clubs dotted the eastern seaboard from Nova Scotia to Key West. Some were little more than shacks while others had expansive clubhouses. Each was supported by a community of anglers united in their enthusiasm for the sport and eager to share it with others. Alas, most are gone now, unfortunate victims of the changing times. However, a handful remain and a few continue to stand out as shining examples of their kind. Among the very best was and remains the West Palm Beach Fishing Club".

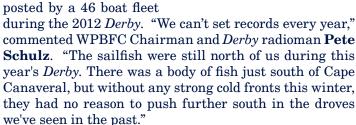
Membership in the Fishing Club and participation in club tournaments like the Silver Sailfish Derby ultimately support the conservation and education initiatives conducted by the club and its charitable affiliate, the Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation (PBCFF). Kid's Fishing Days for less fortunate youth, Rods & Reels for Kids, annual marine biology scholarships, artificial reef building, estuarine habitat enhancement and historic preservation are just some of the programs that are supported by your WPBFC membership and Silver Sailfish Derby participation. If you are not already a WPBFC member we encourage you to join the club. To learn more about the WPBFC and PBCFF, visit www.westpalmbeachfishingclub.org. Membership is available on line, or better yet stop by the clubhouse and see first hand what makes the WPBFC so special.

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Recap: 'Absolut Joy' Wins 76th Silver Sailfish Derby

What a difference a year makes. Unseasonably warm weather and blustery winds tested the 44 boat fleet fishing in the West Palm Beach Fishing Club's 76th annual Silver Sailfish Derby held January 10th through the 12th, 2013. The tournament fleet, headquartered out of the Sailfish Marina on Singer Island, released a total of 185 sailfish during three days of fishing. It was a stark contrast to the world record setting 1,174 sailfish releases



The slow bite made this year's *Derby* more competitive in terms of the number of teams that were in a position to win. "A double or triple header can shuffle the leader board in an instant," added Schulz. Derby leaders changed frequently on the first day. A strong east-southeast wind whipped sea conditions up to eight feet at one point in the day challenging even the biggest of boats. Locally based 'Absolut Joy', captained by Matt Rabenstine, earned top daily honors based on time on day one with 5 sailfish releases. Team 'Castings', one of the smallest boats in the Derby fleet at 27', also finished the day with five releases and registered a few impressive weight fish including a 31.8 lb. kingfish and a 28.7 lb. dolphin. "We had a great day. Fortunately, we caught every fish we saw today. That doesn't always

happen," said team captain James Knox of West Palm Beach. Top daily angler the first day was Peter Adrian of Miami aboard the '4 Aces'. with 4 sailfish releases. The heavy weight fish on the first day was a 37.9 lb. cobia caught by Eric Hall aboard the 'Good Call'. A total of 69 sails were released on the Derby's first day. By comparison, the fleet was registering about that many per hour the previous year.



2013 Derby Champions celebrate their victory

honors on day two of the Derby with a total of 7 sailfish releases. High angler on day two was longtime Fishing Club member Janeen Davis of Riviera Beach, with 5 individual releases aboard the 'Mako'. The Derby fleet released a total of 71 sailfish on the second day. Heavy weight fish honors went to Luis Isaias of Coconut Grove, who landed a 39.7 lb. wahoo aboard the 'Jichi'. The fish would end up being the Grand Champion weight fish of the tournament.

The weather gods mercifully gave the *Derby* fleet a respite on the final day. Sea conditions were much calmer. Over a dozen boats were within just four fish of the lead. A real horse race developed with just a few hours remaining in the tournament when four boats were tied for the lead and several others were just one or two fish off the mark. The *Derby* fleet released a total of 45 sails on the final day. Team 'Hit'n Run', captained by Cory Gillespie, tallied 4 sailfish releases to win top daily boat honors on day three and 'Absolut Joy' angler and WPBFC member Susan McCart of Sarasota was the top daily angler. In the end, 'Absolut Joy' emerged as *Derby* champions with a total of 12 sailfish releases overall. Team '4 Aces', led

Top Angler Peter Adrian fights a sail from the '4 Aces'

by Capt. John Dudas, finished second overall with 11 releases. Team 'Hard Way', a 33' Contender, finished third overall with 10 releases and claimed the Top Small Boat award, a new award featured in the *Derby* this year. Team 'Sandbob' from Ft. Lauderdale finished fourth overall on time with 9 sailfish releases. The prestigious Mrs. Henry R. Rea trophy for the top individual angler, the oldest trophy in competitive sailfishing, went

Rough conditions persisted on the Derby's sec-

ond day. Team 'Hard Way'

and a handful of other boats endured the choppy

seas and traveled north

to the waters off Stuart

Inlet where they were

rewarded with decent fishing. "Our plan was to

keep moving from wreck

to wreck off Stuart. It was a lot of work, but it

paid off. Our shallowest

bite came in 88 feet of

water," commented team

captain Mark Lamb of

West Palm Beach. 'Hard

Way' earned top daily boat

to '4 Aces' angler Peter Adrian with 9 individual sailfish releases on time. Angler Janeen Davis placed second overall individually with 9 releases and also earned the Top Lady Angler trophy. Susan McCart on 'Absolut Joy' placed third overall and **Mike Bondurandt**, of Ft. Lauderdale, fishing aboard the 'Sandbob' was the fourth place angler overall. Bondurandt also landed a 25.5 lb. cobia on the final day to earn a daily weight fish award. Team 'Reel Lucky', led by lifetime Fishing Club member **Capt. Tore Turney**, took home the Top Tag Team award for tagging a total of three sailfish with Billfish Foundation tags.

"The historic catch per boat day average in the Derby has been between 1.3 to 1.5 sails. The catch rate this year averages out to

be 1.4 sails per boat day. So even though it seems like it was woefully slow fishing this year, it really falls within our historic average. We have been

spoiled by ideal weather conditions and tremendous fishing the past several years," commented WPBFC Scientific Advisor **John Jolley**.





Derby captain's meeting











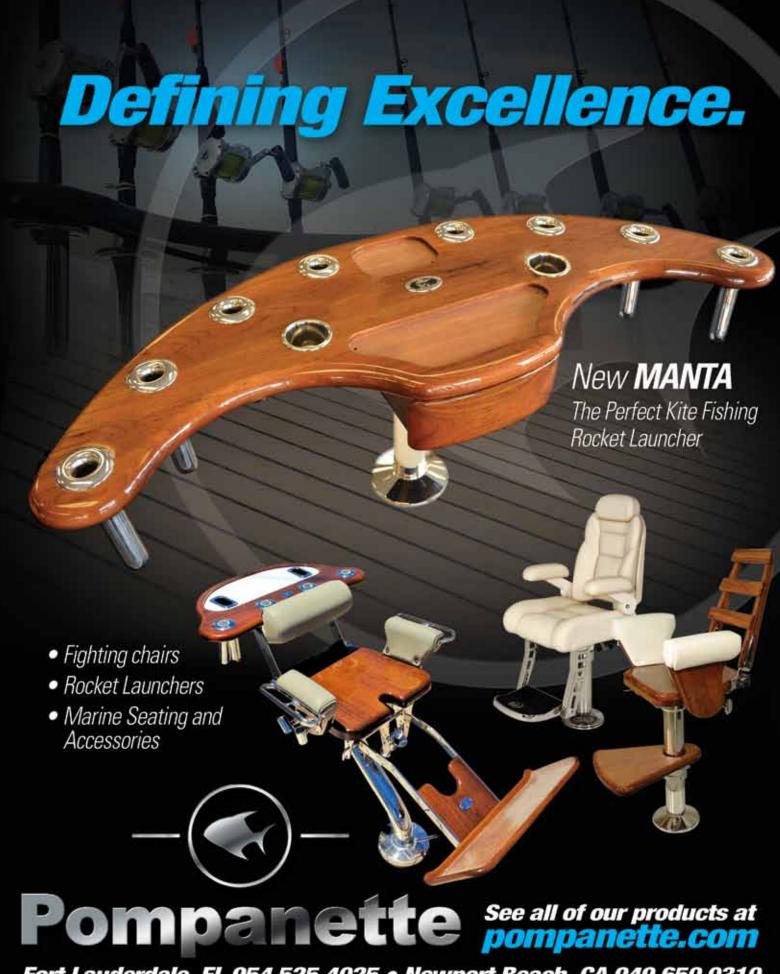












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2014 Tournament Rules

ANGLER ELIGIBILITY: Open to all anglers except professional captains and crew. Professional is defined as anyone who has been paid to fish, crew or captain on a fishing boat in the last year (12 months). The Derby Rules Committee reserves the right to determine an angler's professional status. All entrants must fish on boats officially entered in the Silver Sailfish Derby and must fly the official Derby Pennant.

LIMITED ENTRY: Tournament limited to 60 boats.

<u>DEPARTURE</u>: All boats must visually check out of Palm Beach (Lake Worth) Inlet each morning between 6:30 a.m and 8:00 a.m. Any boats departing after 8:00 a.m. must visually check out at the Sailfish Marina. You must show your boat number and be audibly confirmed prior to leaving the inlet. All boats must return to Sailfish Marina by water, in the boat you fished on, to submit their daily score sheet by the designated time.

BOATS WITH OBSERVERS: Tournament boats that are assigned an observer can make arrangements to pick up their observer at Sailfish Marina no earlier than 6:00 a.m.

FISHING HOURS: Official "Lines In" is 8:00 a.m. and official "Lines Out" is 4:00 p.m. each day, except the final day when "Lines Out" will be at 2:00 p.m. BOUNDARIES: North: St. Lucie Power Plant (Lat. 27° 20'57.00" N) South: Boca Raton Inlet (Lat 26° 20'8.00" N)

<u>DAILY REPORTS</u>: The tournament supplied Daily Report Form must be completed and submitted by boat at the designated Sailfish Marina Dock no later than 90 minutes (1 1/2 hours) after "Lines Out". Register names of all anglers aboard, whether eligible fish were caught or not (this helps us compute the tournament catch per unit of effort data). List tag numbers if applicable; note estimated weight and length of released sails; official time

of release must be indicated for each sailfish; weigh and record dolphin/kingfish/wahoo/cobia/tuna at the marina on an official tournament scale. If a boat breaks down, their report may be delivered prior to the deadline by some other boat. The Sailfish Marina is the ONLY official weighing and recording station.

BAIT & TACKLE SPECIFICATIONS

- All anglers are limited to fishing 20 lb. (maximum) test line. Leader (any material) is limited to 15 feet including floats/corks. The combined length of double line and leader shall not exceed 20 feet. (IGFA rules).
- 2. Tournament boats are allowed to fish a maximum of four (4) lines at any one time. This includes the use of bait rods. Eligible fish (sailfish, dolphin, etc.) cannot be caught using a bait rod. No wire lines or planers allowed. Downriggers and kites are permissible.
- 3. Any type of live, dead or artificial bait can be used and are scored equally. The use of natural dead bait teasers/dredges is prohibited. Artificial bait/strip teasers and dredges are permitted. Chumming sailfish with live or dead bait is prohibited. Boats must retain all baits (fresh or used) during fishing hours.
- 4. All boats are required to fish with tournament approved zero degree offset circle hooks when fishing with live or dead baits. The approved hooks are: Eagle Claw L2004EL (black hook), Eagle Claw L2004ER (red hook) & Eagle Claw lazer TroKar non offset billfish circle hooks. Hooks must not be altered in any manner whatsoever. The use of other traditional hook styles is permitted only when fishing with unbaited artificial lures.

ANGLING RULES

- 1. All participants must comply strictly with IGFA rules (included in boat kits). The only exception will be in the event of multiple hookups. Then the angler may fight additional fish from a rod holder. Anglers must fight their own fish unassisted. Fish will be disqualified if rod, reel or line is handled by anyone other than the angler while fish is baited, hooked up and fought.
- No one may retain hold of the leader to hook a fish. The fish must pull drag from the reel.
- 3. A sailfish release is official when the angler reels the swivel, float or leader into contact with the rod tip and/or the mate takes hold of the leader. Floats must come tight to top of leader at time of release. Release sailfish by cutting the leader. A reasonable effort must be made to cut the leader as close as possible to the mouth of the fish. Breaking the leader by jerking or snatching is not permitted & will disqualify a catch.
- The intentional abandonment of the boat to fight or land a sailfish is prohibited. All anglers must remain in the boat while fighting fish.
- 5. Boats must retain all baits (fresh or used) during fishing hours.
- 6. Marlin releases do not count towards sailfish release points, but will be eligible for special awards.
- If fish are being fought at "Lines Out" time, the captain <u>MUST</u> report
 the number of fish hooked up and only those fish, if successfully released,
 will count.

- 8. The official Silver Sailfish Derby VHF Channel will be announced at the Captain's Meeting. All sailfish releases (time of release) must be radioed to the tournament score keeper. Each release will be audibly verified on the VHF. It is the responsibility of each boat to have a sufficient VHF radio and/or cellular phone. Tournament standings will be reported on the radio at the start and conclusion of each day. Live scoring via internet will be available throughtout the tournament. Also, a scoreboard will be posted at Sailfish Marina daily.
- If tagging sailfish, care should be exercised in placement of the tag, avoiding eyes, gills & stomach. Billfish Foundation Tags will be available at the Captain's Meeting.
- 10. Derby officials may disqualify any entrant/entry/captain/boat for any rule infractions and will interpret all rules and constitute final authority. Any protests must be submitted in writing immediately to the Derby Committee and MUST be accompanied by a \$500.00 non-refundable protest fee.
- 11. All boats are subject to having an official observer on board at the sole discretion of the tournament committee.
- 12. All anglers must be properly licensed for fishing in salt water. Anglers, crews and captains fish at their own risk.
- 13. No individual angler can win more than three (3) major tournament awards including the Rea Trophy. Also, individuals can win only one daily sailfish release award.



The Rea Trophy

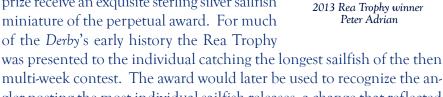
One of the grandest traditions in the Silver Sailfish Derby is the annual presentation of the Mrs. Henry R. Rea trophy to the top individual angler. Henry Rea was a seasonal resident of Palm Beach and member of the West Palm Beach Fishing Club. In 1935 Mr. Rea agreed to support the *Derby*'s civic cause by sponsoring a trophy to recognize the top Derby angler. No expense was spared since the prize was going to bear his wife's name. Well-known New York jeweler Milton A. Fuller, a seasonal resident of Palm Beach and angler as well, was commissioned to design the top trophy. Anglers winning the coveted



Professional polo player Stephen "Laddie" Sanford won the Rea Trophy in 1939

1935 - Alan McMartin, Montreal, CAN 1936 - Jack DeRuyter, New York, NY 1937 - Henry Henninger, Cleveland, OH 1938 - Sam Sprott, West Stockbridge, MA 1939 - Stephen Sanford, New York, NY 1940 - M.F. Bauger, Palm Beach, FL 1941 - Royal Shannonhouse, III, WPB, FL 1942 - William Morris, Birmingham, AL 1943 - 1945 World War II (no tournament) 1946 - Henry Chanin, Atlanta, GA 1947 - John P. MacNeil, Philadelphia, PA 1948 - Eugene Dillahunt, Bronx, NY 1949 - Richard Smith, Jr., New York, NY 1950 - Henry Chanin, Atlanta, GA 1951 - Jack Dulleck, Hackensack, NJ 1952 - Fred Grundy, Savannah, GA 1953 - Edna Schueler, Cincinnati, OH 1954 - John C. Prizer, West Orange, NJ 1955 - Gloria Carlson, Point Pleasant, NJ 1956 - Howard H. Craig, Plainfield, NJ 1957 - Blanche Del Deo, Nutley, NJ 1958 - William Bozman, Baltimore, MD 1959 - Maurice Neinken, Perkasie, PA 1960 - Maxwell Sherbourne, Tyngsboro, MA 1961 - Dr. Joseph Doolan, Jr., Savannah, GA 1962 - Harry Loman, Philadelphia, PA 1963 - James Baldwin, Locust Valley, NY 1964 & 1965 Norman Armour, Manalapan, FL 1966 - John E. Larson, Washington, D.C. 1967 - George Lucas, Jr. Essex Falls, NJ 1968 - George M. Gross, New York, NY 1969 - Richard J. Chase, Jackson, MS 1970 - Eleanor Kline, Philadelphia, PA 1971 - Cynthia Boomhower, Palm Beach, FL 1972 - Julian Corish, Jr., Savannah, GA

prize receive an exquisite sterling silver sailfish miniature of the perpetual award. For much of the Derby's early history the Rea Trophy



gler posting the most individual sailfish releases, a change that reflected the Fishing Club's strong conservation ethic and one that placed more emphasis on angling skill. Winning the Rea Trophy remains one of the most prestigious honors in all of competitive sport fishing.

Past Mrs. Henry R. Rea Trophy Winners...





1973 - George M. Gross, New York, NY 1974 - Marjorie Daly, Yarmouth Port, MA 1975 - Kenneth Daly, Yarmouth Port, MA 1976 - Helen Grant, Dayton, OH 1977 - Dr. C. Maurice Whiddon, Savannah, GA 1978 - Dr. Donald Sherwin, Jr., Bradenton, FL 1979 - Douglas Anderson, Cedar Rapids, IA 1980 - Louis Perrotti, West Greenwich, RI 1981 - June Crisafi, West Palm Beach, FL 1982 & 1983 Donald Leas, III, Lantana, FL 1984 - Dr. Edward Bundy, Chesshire, CT 1985 - Raymond Billmeyer, Indian River, MI 1986 - Gerald Kaplan, West Long Branch, NJ 1987 - James Murray, II, Pompano Bch, FL 1988 - J. Bruce Beattie, West Palm Beach, FL 1989 - Adrienne Sorg, North Palm Beach, FL 1990 - Nick Smith, North Palm Beach, FL 1991* - Adrienne Sorg/Nick Smith, NPB, FL 1992 - Nick Smith, North Palm Beach, FL 1993 - Michael Piacentino, Marion, OH 1994 - Bobbi Nettles, North Palm Beach, FL 1995 & 1996 Suzanne Litty, Oxford, MD 1997 - Dr. Thomas Floyd, West Palm Beach, FL 1998 - Tom Garvey, Yardley, PA 1999 - Janeen Davis, Riviera Beach, FL 2000, 2001 & 2002 - Nick Smith, North Palm Beach, FL 2003 - Jim Gill, West Palm Beach, FL 2004 - Peter Miller, Miami, FL 2005 - Nancy Paul, Topeka, KA 2006 - Christopher "Kitt" Toomey, Coral Gables, FL 2007 - Art Frigo, Jupiter, FL 2008 & 2009 David Dickerson, Jupiter, FL 2010 - Mark Wodlinger, Singer Island, FL. 2011 - Peter Miller, Miami, FL. 2012 - Bill Danko, Cincinnati, OH

2013 - Peter Adrian, Miami, FL

2014 Derby Awards - Angler

The Rea Trophy - Angler with most releases overall

Angler with 2nd Most Releases Overall

Angler with 3rd Most Releases Overall

Angler with 4th Most **Releases Overall**



Daily Sailfish Release Awards

Awarded to the individual who releases the most sailfish each day

Daily 1st Billfish Release
A special award for the 1st & last sailfish released each day



Lucky Sailfish Award

A weekend getaway at Sailfish Marina presented to the angler whose sailfish release number is randomly drawn



Capt. Frank Ardine & Rose Hampp - 1957 Derby

Top Lady Angler Award In Memory of Rose Hampp

Special trophy presented to the female angler who releases the most sailfish of the tournament. Presented by the Hampp family in memory of Rose Hampp, the winner of the 1957 Derby's Ladies Sailfish Release Trophy.



Daily Weight Fish Award

An assortment of C&H Lures for the heaviest weight fish entered each day. Eligible species: kingfish, dolphin, wahoo, cobia & tuna

Grand Champion Weight Fish Award

Engraved crystal plus a \$500 gift certificate for Kluch Clothing presented to the angler catching the largest weight fish entered in the Derby. Eligible species: kingfish, dolphin, wahoo, cobia & tuna



2013 weight fish winner Louis Isaias of team 'Jichi'

Recent Grand Champion Weight Fish Winners...

2000: R&R - Janeen Davis: 36 lb. Cobia 2001: Perfect Parts- Pico Cassada: 24 lb. Dolphin 2002: Envy - Ronnie Appleton: 31 lb. Wahoo 2003: Envy - Tom Edwards: 28 lb. Dolphin 2004: Hot Rods - Rob Ruwitch: 29.25 lb. Kingfish 2005: Reformed - Joe Farish: 49 lb. Kingfish 2006: Ale N Rye - Tim McClure: 53 lb. Wahoo

2007: Sea Hunter - Paul Sachse: 35 lb. Dolphin 2008: Catch One - David Kairalla: 32 lb. Dolphin 2009: Permitted - John Kazaros: 46.4 lb. Kingfish 2010: Offshore Account - John Rearden: 30.5 lb. Wahoo 2011: MD 20-20 - Adam Yunis: 44 lb. Cobia 2012: Petunia - Mike Weber: 59.3 lb. Wahoo 2013: Louis Isaias - 39.7 lb. Wahoo

The Louis Boski Memorial Trophy Award - presented to the angler with the Most Outstanding Catch

The Single Day Sailfish Record

The West Palm Beach Fishing Club has a strong con- of sailfish balling bait east of Boynton Inlet. The bite nection to one of anglings most coveted records; the most Atlantic sailfish caught in a single day. There have been

many incredible release totals posted by boats through the years, but none eclipse the day that Capt. Albert Johnston, WPBFC member Louis Boski and one other angler experienced on February 3, 1980. They were fishing aboard Boski's boat the Elbo 7, a 53' Monterey. A blanket of thick fog in the morning had been hampering everybody's efforts to find fish.

In fact, longtime WPBFC member Nick Smith and his son Michael fishing from an open boat were forced off the water that morning because of the extremely frigid and damp conditions. Also on the water that memorable day was WPBFC member Capt. Jackie Morrow who was at the helm of the charter boat No Problem. When the weather cleared both Morrow and Johnson found schools

was literally non-stop. When the incredible flurry of action ended Morrow's boat had posted 54 releases and

> Boski's had released an amazing 83 sailfish, a single day Atlantic sailfish release record that still stands today. "For a longtime following that catch my dad and Capt. Johnson were able to keep a critical fishing secret under their hat, which is no easy feat when you are a fisherman. Their big secret was live ballyhoo. Everybody thought they were

fishing live goggle-eye, but it was really ballyhoo. They had a routine where they would take a small boat out early in the mornings and cast net lots of ballyhoo, then the big boat would rendezvous with them offshore so nobody could see what kind of bait they had in the well," said Kurt Boski, Lou Boski's son. "My dad went to every tackle shop in town that day and bought all the red release pennants they had."

Louis S. Boski Memorial Trophy



2008 winner Joe Garberoglio

Awarded to the individual who makes the most outstanding catch or release, or who makes a unique angling contribution to the tournament. The Tournament Committee will determine if a catch, angler or team is worthy of recognition. The trophy is not always presented. This award is sponsored by WPBFC member Kurt Boski & family in memory of Kurt's father, Louis.



2010 winners team 'Cool Breeze'

Recent Boski Trophy Winners...



2009 winners Vic & Beth Nelson

1996: Patricia J - Adam & Andy Lavelle: junior anglers who released their 1st ever sailfish 1997: Blue Rose - Charlie LaFlamme & Mario Todaro: released their first ever sail in a tournament 1998: Mer-Lin - Chet Stewart & Pete Michalczyn: landed triple-header sailfish on dead bait 1999: Fishtales - Suzie Donnellan & Jay and Bonnie Carpenter: girls released 7 sailfish in 40 minute period 2000: CommOcean - Gwen Hahn: caught and released 7 sailfish last day of Derby 2001: Fishtales-Bonnie Carpenter: after a 1 hour, 20 minute battle released an estimated 100 pound sailfish 2002: Tuff Cookie - Sean Quinn: lead his team to a sailfish quad catch and release 2004: Fubar - Mike Peligini: caught & released his first ever blue marlin (est. 90 lbs.) 2005: Man-O-Warrior - Andrew Simko (age 12) caught and released his 1st & 2nd ever sailfish 2006: Catch One - Mark Wodlinger: jumped overboard to catch a sailfish

2007: Dos Amigos - Steve Alexander: caught & released a sail on dead bait from 23' boat (smallest in fleet) in 6-8 ft. seas 2008: Drag'n Slayer - Joe Garberoglio: 5 sailfish caught & released from 25' boat under extreme sea conditions, Day 1 2009: Vic & Beth Nelson of New Milford, CT, having fished the Derby religiously for over 30 years

2010: Pat O'Hara & Team 'Cool Breeze': smallest boat in fleet (27') & consistently only all female team in tournament 2011: Justin Lord, fishing aboard the 'Barefoot' caught a 42 lb. wahoo using a light monofilament leader and a single circle hook 2012: Virginia 'Ginny' Turney Adams, 82 years young, released 2 sailfish while fishing aboard the 'Reel Lucky'

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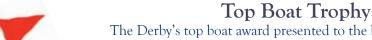
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2014 Derby Awards - Boat



The Derby's top boat award presented to the boat registering the most overall sailfish releases during the tournament.

2nd place boat 4th place boat



2013 Top Small Boat award winners, team 'Hard Way'

Top Daily Boat Sailfish Release Awards (3)

Top Small Boat Award

Award presented to the boat 35' or less registering the mostoverall sailfish releases during the tournament.

** For purposes of this award, a small boat will be defined as 35' or less, measurement based upon manufacturers stated LOA w/o engines.



2013 Top Boat honors went to Team 'Absolut Joy'

Top Tag Team



Top Captain Award

Recent Top Boat Trophy Winners...

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The Derby fleet is reminded that throughout the 3-day tournament, boat numbers will be drawn randomly for VHF radio prize giveaways of items donated by various tournament sponsors.

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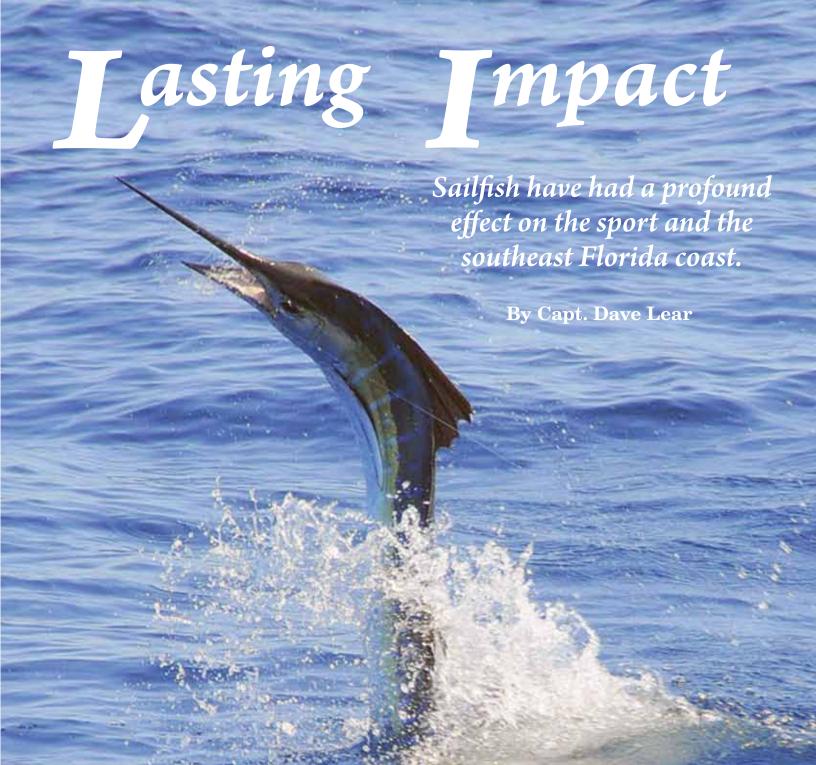
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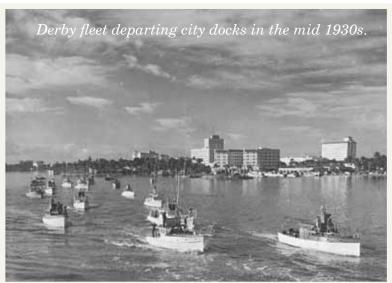
"Sailfishing gave our community an identity," says

Tom Twyford, president of the West Palm Beach Fishing Club, which was formed in 1934. "It had an influential role in the development of southeast Florida, especially the Palm Beaches. The timing was great, with the economy improving after the Great Depression. There was a building boom of hotels because of the Flagler railroad. Sailfishing became the 'in thing' to do for vacationing tourists and the popularity of the sport helped spur the re-location of families and business to the area. That's why you see so many leaping sailfish in the municipal logos of the surrounding communities."

According to Twyford, who has worked for the WPBFC for 26 years, club elders hatched the original idea of a

tournament to promote the charter boat fleet and local

economy. The fleet was based at the city docks in downtown West Palm Beach. Aside from private vachts, charter boats owned and run by local captains were the only means to target sailfish offshore. To coincide with the migration annual and capitalize on the arrival of "snow birds" from northern states, the Silver Sailfish Derby was launched in January 1935. It was an immediate and lasting success.





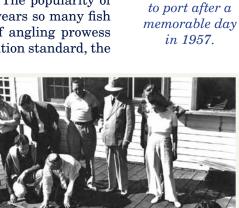
Marjorie Collins raises the red release pennant in the 1938 Derby

Checks for \$100 and free taxidermy mounts to anglers capturing the longest and heaviest sailfish were awarded, along with the prestigious sterling silver Mrs. Henry R. Rea Trophy for top individual angler. The popularity of the event grew rapidly. Within a few years so many fish were being killed that a new mark of angling provess was established. Now a global conservation standard, the

red pennant signifying the successful release of smaller sails was introduced in 1938. Tournament crews were also instrumental in developing new tackle and techniques and catch rates soared.

In 1942, 1,238 sailfish were recorded, followed by 1,579 in 1948 over the three-week duration. The modern benchmark during the shortened three-day, all-release event was in 2012.

During that epic contest, 46 boats released 1,174 sailfish or a catch per unit effort (releases per boat day) of 8.50 sails. Fortythree boats released 10 or more sails that year, all on approved circle hooks. These tallies set a new world record for the most Atlantic sailfish caught during three consecutive days of tournament fishing. Twyford believes a "perfect storm" of factors contributed those to



Capt. Frank

Ardine

navigates the

'Sail Ahoy' back



In the early years, the Top Angler Award went to the longest sailfish. Measuring the fish often drew a crowd at the city docks.



amazing catch totals.

"It was a good year class of juvenile sailfish the year before," he explains. "And we had absolutely ideal conditions with perfect water quality, a light north wind and calm seas. Florida's net ban years earlier certainly contributed to the abundance of bait and the swordfish longline ban off the southeast Florida coast had limited benefit for sails as well. Finally, we had some of the best live bait sailfish anglers on the planet assembled and they certainly capitalized. A lot of boats were catching four fish at a time. The crews are so finely-tuned and orchestrated, it's incredible what they can do."

Two geographic features further enhance the Palm Beach area as a sailfish mecca. The warm and nutrient-rich Gulf Stream comes closest to the shore than at any other point in its long confluence. The western edge is located a couple miles off the beach just south of the Boynton Inlet. The Continental Shelf is also the narrowest off shore from Palm Beach County. These features help concentrate bait, but the key is figuring out what depth the sailfish are feeding--variances can change rapidly in short distances.

Kite fishing allows center consoles like the Double Diamond to be competitive with much larger battlewagons.



"That's why kite fishing with sea anchors is so popular here,"

Twyford explains. "Sea anchors slow the drift so you're able to keep the baits in the strike zone longer and the kites allow a natural presentation." **Capt. George Mitchell** of Jupiter is one of the many kite bait masters and a regular on the highly-competitive tournament circuit, including the *Derby*.

The late legendary skipper, **Capt. Bob Lewis**, was his tutor and Mitchell has been running his own boats for 26 years. He currently runs a 36 Yellowfin center console with triple 300-hp Yamaha four-stroke outboards. The walk-around layout affords 360-degree fishability, which is

an important feature when dealing with multiple hook-ups.

"Ideal sailfish conditions are a southeast wind at 10 to 15 knots in the days immediately following a cold front," Mitchell says. "I like a beam-sea drift and I cover all the bases with a variety of baits. The kites keep the leaders out of the water and the baits swimming tight on the surface. When the sails are pouring through, you can really excel. We've had some incredible days in the *Derby*. The hook-ups were so fast and furious you couldn't call in a release to Tournament Control because of constant chatter on the radio."

These days the sailfish bait of choice is a live goggle-eye, but Mitchell says several other species are equally effective, including pilchards, sardines and cigar minnows.

"I'll never forget Bob saying 'Before sailfish ate goggle-eyes, they ate blue runners. And before blue runners, they ate ballyhoo. Before that it was pinfish and before that the Indians were catching them on chicken feathers.' Sailfish haven't changed, the fishermen have."

Mitchell fishes Penn International 16 conventional reels spooled with 20-pound ProSpec fluorescent yellow monofilament on the kite rods or 12-pound line on the Penn 8500 Spinfisher pitch bait outfits. He keeps a constant watch on the surface spread.

"I always fish one bait short enough to see him," he explains. "His movement will tell you what the others are doing. You watch the reaction



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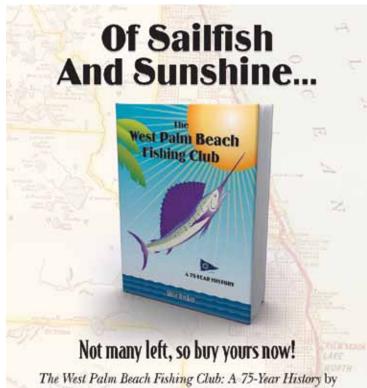
and see that sail show up, it's always thrilling. I love it when a plan comes together." Mitchell says prime sailfish season starts around Thanksgiving and continues until tax day, although resident fish can be caught year-round. The best action typically ranges between the Jupiter Loran tower and Alligator Light in the Florida Keys.

"Everybody remembers their first sailfish because it's such an exciting angling experience," Twyford adds. "They jump a lot and pull hard for their size on light tackle. It ain't an inexpensive hobby, that's for sure. But when you look at how refined the techniques are and the possibility to catch multiple fish off the kites, it's really cool."

For more information about the tournament and the club's storied history, visit westpalmbeachfishingclub.org or read the excellent book *The West Palm Beach Fishing Club*, A 75-Year History by **Mike Rivkin**.

Captain Dave Lear is the former executive director of The Billfish Foundation as well as a member of the IGFA Royal Billfish Slam Club. An award-winning freelance writer and photographer who has covered marine fisheries issues for more than 20 years, his byline appears regularly in TIDE and other national fishing and boating titles.

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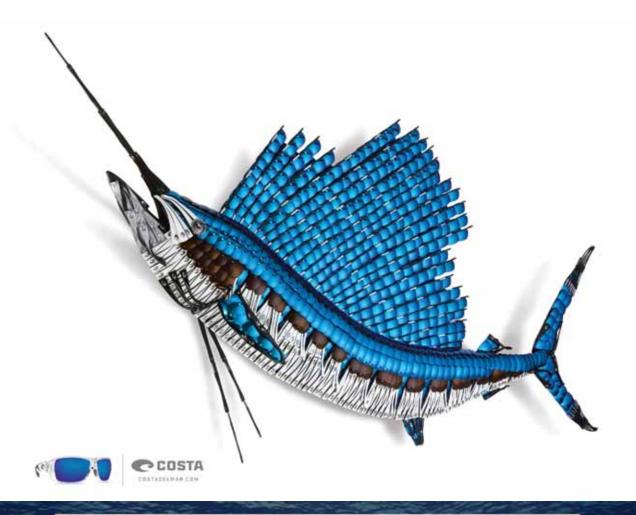


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2014 Schedule of Events

Wednesday, January 8 • 6:00 pm

Tournament Captain's meeting at the historic WPBFC clubhouse (201 5th St., WPB). Receive boat kits and review Derby rules. Enjoy cocktails, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, beer and soft drinks. Billfish Foundation tags, derby dinner tickets and tournament merchandise will be available for purchase. Mandatory attendance from at least one crew member.

Thursday & Friday, January 9 & 10

Silver Sailfish Derby Tournament Fishing Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Informal rum punch gathering by the Derby scoreboard at 5:00 p.m. dockside at the Sailfish Marina. Teams must submit completed report forms by boat at Sailfish Marina no later than 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 11

Final Day of Tournament Fishing: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Teams must submit completed report forms by boat at Sailfish Marina no later than 3:30 p.m.

Saturday Evening • 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Derby Dinner & Trophy Presentations at the Sailfish Club of Florida, located in Palm Beach. There is ample seating at the dinner, however, tickets must be purchased prior to January 11th. Please note this is not a Sailfish Club event, so all Derby dinner tickets must be purchased through the Fishing Club. Jacket required, tie is suggested. No jeans or shorts please.

7:00 - 7:45 p.m. Cocktails & social

7:45 - 8:30 p.m. Prime rib & seafood buffet

8:30-9:30 p.m. Trophy presentations & 'Bucket of Silver'raffle drawing

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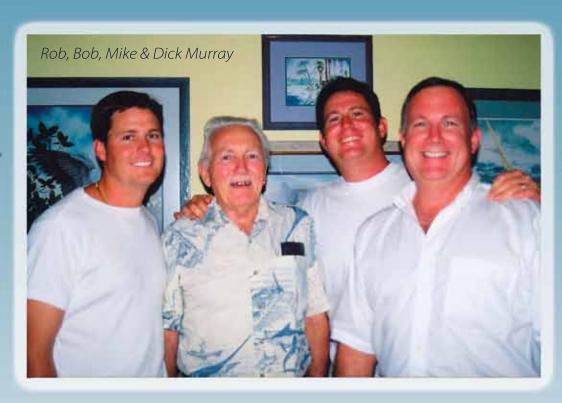




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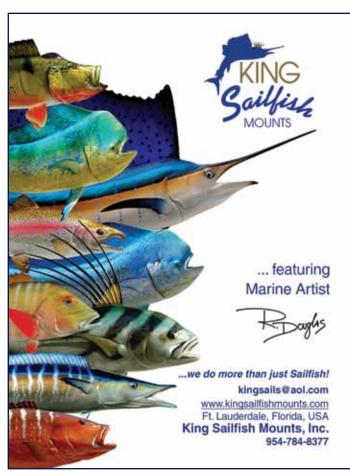


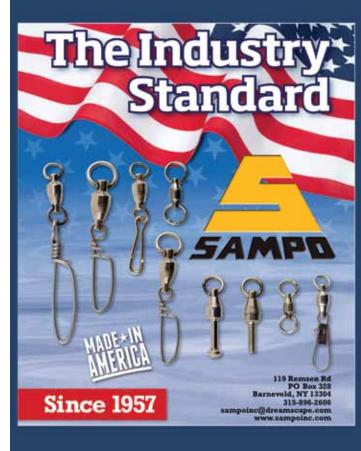
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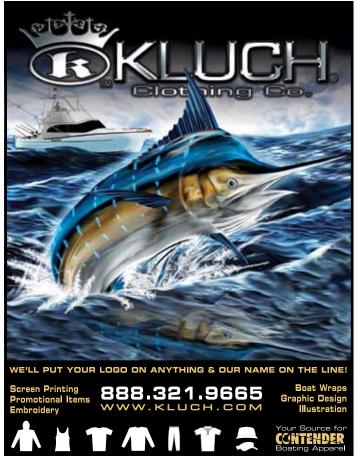
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Silver Sailfish Derby Records

Best First Day of 3-Day Derby 659 sailfish releases on January 5, 2012 during 75th Derby. (Previous record was 258 sailfish releases in 2006 Derby).

Best Second Day of 3-Day Derby 397 sailfish releases on January 6, 2006 during 69th Derby. (Previous record was 373 releases on day #2 of 2004 Derby).

Best Third Day of 3-Day Derby 303 sailfish releases on January 7, 2006 during 69th Derby.

Best 3-Day Derby Total

1,174 sailfish releases by 46 boats fishing in 75th Derby January 5 – 7, 2012. At the time, a world record for Atlantic sailfish during three consecutive days of tournament fishing (Previous record was 958 sailfish releases by 50 boats in 2006 Derby).*

Best Single Day Total by one Boat in 3-Day Derby
Team Get Lit led by Capt. Quinton Dieterle of Coral Gables
with 36 releases on Day #1 of 2012 Derby (Previous record held
by team Get Lit, led by Capt. Ray Rosher, with 35 sails Day #2
of 2006 Derby).



Best Tournament 3-Day Total by a Derby Boat Team Get Lit from Miami (Capt. Ray Rosher, Kitt Toomey, Peter Miller, Carlos Garcia) with 59 sailfish releases during 69th Derby in 2006

Most Boats to Post Double Digit Score during 3-Day Derby 43 boats released 10 or more sails during the 2012 Derby. (Previous record was 36 boats during the 2006 Derby.)

Best Catch/Per Boat Day Average for 3-Day Derby 8.5 sails per boat day during 75th Derby in 2012 (Previous record was 6.45 sails per boat day during 2011 Derby. The Derby's historical tournament average is somewhere between 1.3 and 1.5 sails per boat day).

Best Single Day Catch Per Boat/Day Average in Derby
14.3 sails per boat/day on Thursday, January 5, 2012. 46 boats
released 659 sails (Previous record was Day #2 during the 2011
Derby when 35 boats registered 8.2 sails per boat/day).



Rea Trophy winner Nick Smith (c) is flanked by Capt. Ray Rosher (l) & mate Alex Castellanos

Angler to Win the Derby's Rea Trophy the Most Times
Nick Smith of Stuart, Florida, has won the prestigious Rea
Trophy 6 times (1990, 1991, 1992, 2000, 2001 & 2002). The
Mrs. Henry R. Rea Trophy is the Derby's Top Individual Angler
Award and is presented to the angler who releases
the most sailfish during the 3-day tournament.



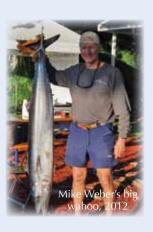
Best Single Day Total by one Angler in 3-Day Derby
Chip Sheehan of Boynton Beach fishing aboard the Cookie with 19 individual sailfish releases on Day #2 of 2004 Derby.
(of note: Angler Jim Gill of West Palm Beach posted an impressive 18 individual sailfish releases on Day #2 of the 2006 Silver Sailfish Derby).

Most Individual Sailfish Releases in 3-Day Derby Overall

Tie: Peter Miller of Miami aboard team Get Lit with 26 during 2004 Derby
and fellow team mate Christopher "Kitt" Toomey of Miami aboard team
Get Lit with 26 releases during 69th Derby in 2006

Most Anglers to Catch at least one Sailfish During Derby 177 different individual anglers during 2004 Derby.

Heaviest Weight Fish Entered in 3-Day Derby
59.3 pound wahoo caught by Mike Weber aboard team Petunia during the 2012 Derby (Eligible weight fish are: Kingfish, Dolphin, Wahoo, Cobia and Tuna).



* These records do not include tournament totals for the Silver Sailfish Derby's held prior to 1992 when the event was three weeks, sometimes nearly 4 weeks long (1935 to 1991). Interestingly however, since the first Silver Sailfish Derby, held in 1935, there are only 2 occasions when the Derby fleet caught more than 1,174 sails (the number of sailfish released during the three-day Derby in 2012).

The dates of those events were: 1942 = 1,238 sails and 1948 = 1,579 sails.







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