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RESULTS OF 21st LIZARD ISLAND BLACK MARLIN CLASSIC
FISHED 7 DAYS FROM 14 TO 21 OCTOBER 2007.

- Day 1** After a spectacular Bimini start in front of Lizard Island Lodge in Anchor Bay, the fleet of 42 boats dispersed from Day Reef in the North to No. 5 Ribbon Reef in the South to start the 21st Classic. In a slow day, with just 8 Black Marlin tagged, *Reel Chase* hit the front at 1600hrs, fishing on No.6 Ribbon, with their second 100 pounder of the day. *Calypso* tagged a 200 pounder on No.5 to get into second place with *Billfish* tagging a 550 just one minute later on No.10.
The Daily Award went to *Reel Chase* with 2 tags, Champion Male Angler was David McKoul on *Calypso* and Champion Female Angler Janet Forster on *Longshot*.
- Day 2** The South wind freshened today to about 18 - 20 knots but the fleet managed 23 tags, ranging from 50 to 900 pounds and tagged from Hicks Reef in the North as far South as Pearl Reef in the South, 80 nautical miles apart. *Kanahoe*, fishing on No.10, won the Daily Award with 5 tags, two of 50 pounds, two of 100 and one 600 pounder and this effort also jumped them into first place from *Jag*, fishing on No.8 with two at 200 and one at 350. *Fascination 11* fishing on No.5 came into third place with their third fish, an 850 pounder to Suzy Clark.
Champion Male Angler was now Greg Gilbert on *Kanahoe* with 3 and Champion Female Angler, Suzy Clark on *Fascination 11*, with 2 tags.
- Day 3** Any hope of easing conditions was dispelled with winds of 20 to 25 knots, but 20 tags ranging from 50 to 900 pounds were recorded. The Daily Award went to *Viking 11*, with 4 tags to 700 pound fishing on Nos. 6 & 7, *Kanahoe* stayed in first place with their previous 5 tags, while *Fascination 11*, now fishing on No. 8, moved into second place with a 700 pounder to Suzy Clark and a total of 4 tags, on a countback from *Viking 11*. Brent Moorehouse on *Viking 11* became Champion Male Angler with 4 tags and Suzy Clark Champion Female on *Fascination 11* with 3 tags.
- Day 4** A total of 26 tags today, with *Tradition*, fishing on Lena Reef, taking the Daily Award honours with 2 tags on a countback from *Kanahoe*, *Moana*, *Joe Joe*, *Calypso* & *Mauna Kea* all of whom tagged two. *Kanahoe*, sticking to No.10, remained in first place with 7 tags, *Fascination 11* second on a countback from *Calypso* with 5 tags. Brent Moorehouse with 4 and Suzy Clark with 3, remained Champion Male and Female Anglers.
- Day 5** *Maritimo*, now fishing on No.10, won the day with 3 tags and, in what was shaping up to be a closely fought contest, *Kanahoe* remained in first place with 7 tags from *Tradition* second with 6 on a countback from *Calypso* with 6 and *Fascination 11*, *Joe Joe* & *Maritimo* were right behind them with 5 each. A total of 20 tags today.
Brent Moorehouse and Suzy Clark held onto Champion Male and Female Anglers.

Day 6 *Kanahoe* tagged 2 on No.10 to consolidate first place with 9 tags, but *Maritimo* won another Daily Award on No.10 with 3 tags on a countback from *Mauna Kea* fishing on No.1 who also tagged 3. *Maritimo* was now in second place, with Captain Chris ("Sharky") Miles attempting the hat trick of three Black Marlin Classic wins in a row. *Calypso* was in third place, also with 8 tags. This was going all the way to the wire as they say and despite the 25 knot winds there were 28 tags today. Brent Moorehouse tagged another two on *Viking 11* today to retain Champion Male Angler with 6, on a countback from Adam Furst with 6 on *Mauna Kea* and Suzy Clark remained Champion Female with 3 tags on *Fascination 11*.

Day 7 In the tightest finish for years, and in strong winds, *Kanahoe* held on to win with 5 tags to Ralph Czabayski Jr and 4 to Greg Gilbert making them Champion Team and Champion Boat with 9 tags. Sharky missed his hat trick but remained in second place on 8 tags on a countback from *Calypso*, *Viking11*, *Mistress* and *Mauna Kea*, all on 8. The daily award went to *Mistress* with 3 tags. Champion Male Angler Brent Moorehouse on *Viking11* with 8 tags on a countback from Runner-up Male Angler, Adam Furst with 8 tags on *Mauna Kea*, while Suzy Clark on *Fascination 11* took out Champion Female Angler with 3 tags on a countback from Janet Forster with 3 on *Longshot*.

There were a total of 361 strikes, 273 hook-ups for 141 tags plus another 5 tagged but self disqualified by Anglers & Crew for technical breaches of the Rules.

In what looked like being "The Year of the Rat", there was an unusual number of smaller fish tagged with 11 estimated to be only 50 pound, 23 at 100 pound, 27 at 150 pound, 19 at 200 pound, 9 at 250 pound, 12 at 300 pound, 6 at 350 pound, 4 at 400 pound, 3 at 450 pound, 6 at 500 pound, 2 at 550 pound, 4 at 600 pound, 3 at 700 pound, 1 at 750 pound, 2 at 800 pound, 2 at 850 pound, 4 at 900 pound, 1 at 950 pound and 2 at 1100 pound.

Two Anglers have submitted applications with the necessary details to join the Lizard Island Game Fish Club 1000 pound Tag & Release Club and both have been approved. Congratulations to Barry Alty on *Mistress* who qualified on 18th October on No.10 Ribbon and Brent Moorehouse on *Viking11* who qualified on 20th October on No.7 Ribbon.

NEXT YEAR'S DATES ARE 4th TO 11th OCTOBER 2008.