



Reel Times

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

HOLIDAY TIME

Not wanting to chance a long rough trip in search of those last tuna and albacore and come back empty handed, Dave Devoy decided to take the Fish Chair, Dan Upchurch and I on a rock cod (sand dab) trip. As one can see from the following photo, the trip was a huge success. The Theme for this



ALL SMILES

Years Boat Parade is “Santa’s Surfing Safari”. Continuing again this year as they have been doing for the past several years, Rick and Barbara Fuller decorated the “ESCAPE ROUTE” and entered the Boat Parade. I don’t think any other DAC Boat entered.



ESCAPE ROUTE WITH SURFING SANTA

2009 DAC Board of Directors

President	Rick Fuller
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Yearbook	Jeff Priegel
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Tournaments

You will receive, by e-mail, a tournament flyer for each individual event that will explain fishing times, scoring methods, tournament radio channels, control boats, etc. etc. We will make an honest attempt to e-mail these flyers at least 2 weeks in advance of each event. Post your DAC event calendar in a good place at home or in your office so that you can be aware of what's coming up.

None of our DAC tournaments require members to pay an entry fee nor are you required to report or check in prior to or after the event except for the 3-B. You are free to fish anywhere within club boundaries at any time within the announced "lines-in" and "lines-out" time frame. We're very relaxed about our tournaments and they're designed to be as much fun as they are competitive. Basically, all you have to do is go fishing! Keep in mind though; the one thing most of our members aren't relaxed about is the competition itself. We have many very good competitive anglers who love a good contest!

You are welcome to invite a non-member to fish any of our club tournaments as a guest. We award a prize to the First Place guest only in all of our tournaments. To enter a guest you must register them per the requirements on the Tournament Flyer. A fee for \$10.00 is required for each adult guest, and there is no limit to the number of guests you can invite. Mail a check payable to the DAC in the amount of \$10.00 per guest to the club P.O. Box or use PayPal on the website. It's that simple. We encourage all members to not only compete freely, but to communicate by radio with fellow members as well. No matter where we are from or what we do for a living or how much fishing experience we have, we all share the common bond of the love of our sport. DON'T BE SHY about introducing yourself to other club members. You will find that most all of them will readily share information with, and volunteer to help out another DAC member, old or new. If you make an effort to come out and fish in club tournaments and get to know your fellow members, you will quickly realize how much fun being a DAC member can be!

Probably the most important thing you can do to prepare for any of our tournaments is to KNOW THE RULES!!! The entire club's angling and tournament rules can be found in the Yearbook. These few pages will tell you all you need to know from how the scoring for Outstanding Angler of the Year is done to how to rig a legal trolling lure. If you

THE CLUB

I don't know if all of the current DAC Members ever received the "Official Welcome Letter" so I am printing it in its entirety in this issue. It is a very long read but well worth your time to read very carefully the complete letter. I am sure the letter contains answers to many of your questions and will add value to your continued Membership.

Welcome to the Dana Angling Club

Congratulations. You are now a member of the best angling club on the west coast! The Dana Angling Club was the first to create a format that included entire families and is still the leader when it comes to giving its members the greatest value for their membership dollars.

Enclosed you will find a copy of our Calendar of Events, which, as you can see is a full one. All of the club's events and tournaments are open, free of charge to all DAC members, member's spouses and junior members. You can even invite a non-member guest to fish with you in tournaments by paying a small entry fee for him or her. Junior guest are free.

The following information is intended to give you some insight as to how things work with our club in the hopes that you and your family will choose to be active participants in all the DAC has to offer. Your DAC membership can give you much enjoyment only if you choose to use it!

have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to call any club board member for clarification.

Club Records and Awards

All the club's records are posted in the yearbook. New yearbooks are updated and printed prior to, and distributed at the club Boat Show. We will make every effort to keep members informed of any record changes during the year by means of the club's news letter; the *Reel Times*. If you catch a fish that looks as if it may be a contender for a new club record, submit it!

Perpetual trophy awards are pretty much self explanatory. The club recognizes 36 perpetual winners each year, and their names are entered into the club record books for life!

We are not fish police! We normally don't question the integrity of one of our own when a claim for recognition is made. We trust that all of our members are following club rules at all times while fishing. Honesty and fair treatment of your fellow DAC members is the heart and spirit of our club. Again... know the rules!

With the exception of First Fish Flags, all awards are presented to members at the annual Awards Banquet.. The Awards Banquet is the only club event that requires you to pay to attend. We serve a very nice sit down dinner and the cost is approximately \$40.00 per plate. You may choose to attend only the awards banquet if you wish, (which follows dinner) at no charge.

Button Awards... This program is designed to present a lifelong challenge to those who have the ambition to pursue it. These are 46 different angling feats that are recognized by a Button Award. The Yearbook spells out the categories and qualifications of each award. A member is awarded 1 button for each category. All of the flag style buttons represent fish that have been weighed and some of them have minimum weight requirements for specific tackle. The round buttons denote the catch and release of marlin on specific tackle.

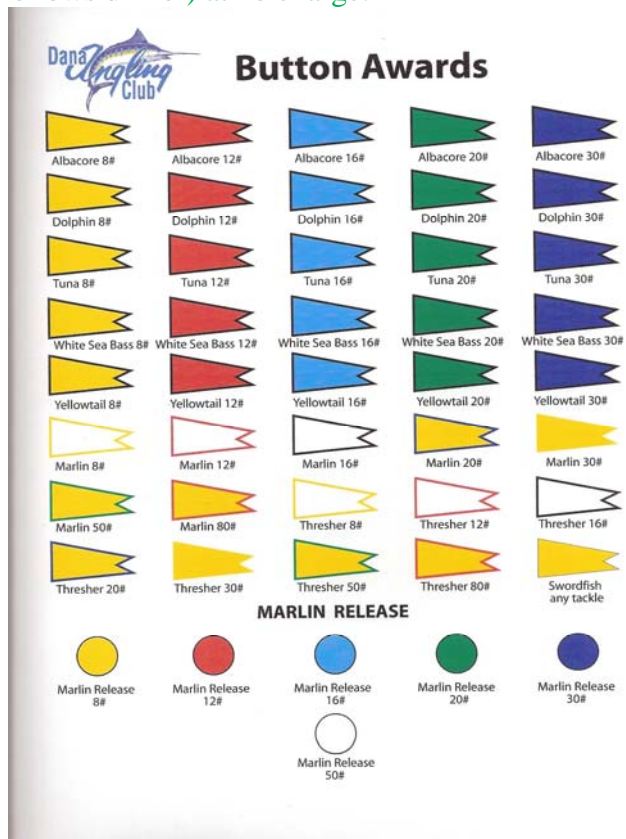
To stake a claim for a Button Award, **you must submit a weigh slip**. In the case of a kill button (flag), the fish must be weighed on a certified scale. In the case of a marlin release, you must submit a weigh slip even though you didn't kill and weigh the fish. When you turn in the weigh slip for a white sea bass, dolphin, albacore, yellowtail or tuna, it is very important to specify on the slip if the catch is a button fish for you because the club does not keep perpetual records on these species. It is helpful if you mark a marlin weigh slip as a potential button fish because it helps to bring the catch to the attention of the Fishing Chairman so that he will be sure to log the award.

A collection of all of the club's button awards would be something to be very proud of and, as far as we know, no one to date has accomplished it! Please feel free to call any club board member if you have questions.

The All Important Weigh Slip

Each year the DAC awards to its members, 36 perpetual trophies, 92 annual tournament awards and 11 first fish flags. In addition, there are 46 button award categories, 154 line class club record categories and 98 fly rod tippet class club record categories that we recognize. This is an astounding 426 ways for you to earn a place in the club's history books! There is one little catch....if you don't turn in a weigh slip, IT DON'T COUNT! The weigh slip is the only document the club requires to record a catch, and it's the only document the club recognizes as a record of your catch. The weigh slip must be then submitted to the DAC via the website or by mailing it to the club P.O. Box. In accordance with club rules, members may weigh fish and acquire a weigh slip from a number of locations that are listed in the Yearbook.

Weigh slips for fish caught in club **tournaments must be postmarked within 15 days** of the last day of the tournament, and weigh slips for fish to be entered for **First Fish Flag honors must be post marked within 5 days** of the date of the



catch. It's not mandatory that you submit a Dana Angling Club weigh slip. You can send us the ones available at the scales you happen to use but it's wise to carry some club slips just in case you need them. DAC weigh slips are available from board members or from Dana fuel dock.

What do you do if you release a billfish and want it recorded by the club? If you release a billfish, you must submit a weigh slip to record your catch with the club. Just fill it out and write "release" or "tag and release" in the space for "weigh" on the slip. You don't have to have a scale attendant or anyone else sign the slip. Traditionally, our members usually have the skipper or fellow angler who witnessed the catch and release sign the weigh slip for verification. This is nice for us to see, but it is not mandatory.



The Dana Angling Club Weigh Station

The official DAC weigh station is located at the Dana Point Fuel Dock. The club's scale for the weigh station and John Van Dixhorn has volunteered to keep it on the dock for member use. When you weigh a fish at the fuel dock, it would be great if you could take the time to shoot a few photos of your fish and your crew. This will give us loads of shots for our awards banquet slide show and yearbook. Don't forget to fill out a weigh slip if needed.

In case you don't know, John maintains and operates the DAC weigh station as a courtesy to the club. Please remember to show your appreciation to John and his crew by tipping them a few "bucks" when they weigh a fish for you.

Note: If you detect any kind of problem with the scale please notify the dock attendant and the Fishchair ASAP!

Inter-Club Tournaments

The Dana Angling Club has a great tradition of competing in inter-club competition. Our club has earned the respect of many as accomplished marlin fishermen. Thanks to a number of hard fishing dedicated members, the Dana Angling Club's name can be found in the winner's column of all of these inter-club tournament record books. It is considered by many an honor to represent the DAC in inter-club competition and the club considers it an honor to be represented by its members. The Masters is an inter-club tournament. If you are interested in fishing for your club, contact us soon! We hope to hear from you. If you have never fished in an Inter-Club event before and are a little unsure as to how things work, give us a call or talk to any of our veteran members. If you don't think you want to enter your own boat or if you can't field a team or if you don't have a boat but want to fish, call us and we will do our utmost to get you on a boat or get some crew for you.

Marlin Flags

The club adheres to the traditional international rules of marlin fishing etiquette for the display of marlin flags or fish flags. Marlin flags (and other game fish catch flags) should be flown only during the period of time from the end of fishing on the day of the catch until the time you leave the harbor to begin the next fishing day. In the case of a 2 day tournament, you may display your flags for your first day's catch while returning to the harbor and during your overnight stay in the harbor, but you must lower them before you leave the harbor for the 2nd day of the tournament. At the end of the 2nd day you may display all of your flags for your total 2-day catch during your return to the harbor. You may continue to display all of the flags until you leave the harbor to begin your next day of fishing.



The Dana Angling Club initiated a new tradition with respects to marlin catches only. The club has made available to its members only, a “mini marlin catch flag.” You are allowed to fly one flag for each marlin caught during the year. As your catch success increases, so does your display. These flags may be flown in the harbor only, and must be lowered on December 31st each year. January 1st begins a new year. The “mini” flags may be purchased from the club and we hope that you’ll buy many!

We are looking forward to a great fishing year and we hope to hear lots of “new” voices calling in marlin hook ups! If there is anything we can answer for you that aren’t included in this letter please feel free to contact a Board Member and we’ll be glad to answer any questions you may have. See you on the pond.

DAC Board of Directors

DAC MEMBERSHIP

REMEMBER NEW MEMBER DUES ARE ONLY \$100 FOR THE 1ST YEAR

Complete a printed out application form and send it to DAC, PO Box 2881, Capistrano Beach CA 92624

OR GO TO

www.danaanglingclub.org

And join on-line.

REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR DUES BY January 1, 2010

**Remaining
2009 DAC Calendar of Events**

09 AWARDS BANQUET FEB 13, 2010



HEARD ON THE DOCKS

- Nothing heard!
- Everyone has started whispering when they see me coming.
- Maybe the New Editor will be able to sneak up on someone and hear some juicy tidbits.

TOP ALL AROUND BOAT POINTS

SALSIPUEDES	-----	60
WILD BILL	-----	29
TUNACIOUS	-----	20
HAWK	-----	12
DIRTY DEEDS	-----	11
SCOT FREE	-----	10
TEASER	-----	10
BLACK FLAG	-----	7
HOT SPOT	-----	6
LITTLE HAWK	-----	5
MOORE FUN	-----	5
HATTABOY	-----	3
SKIPPED OUT	-----	3
BLACK FIN	-----	2
BAD FISH	-----	1

MARLIN COUNT BY ANGLER

OUTSTANDING ANGLER POINTS

Mike Hulsey	-----	14
Jim Kingsmill	-----	11
Stephen Mras	-----	6
Kathy Pomo	-----	6
Bill Kingsmill	-----	5
Eric Maltby	-----	5
Dan Schumacher	-----	5
Corbett Schollmeyer	--	5
Geoff Heldorn	-----	5
Dan Upchurch	-----	3
Rodger Healy	-----	2
Bob Waters	-----	1
Sara Holmes	-----	1

JIM KINGSMILL	11
SARA HOLMES	6
JOHN HOLMES	3
RICK FULLER	3
RICH PALYS	2
SCOTT KINGSMILL	2
MIKE HULSEY	2
KATHY POMO	2
GEOFF HELDORN	2
DAVE DEVOY	1
RANDY MOORE	1
STEVE MRAS	1
BOB WATERS	1
PETER DIRADO	1
PAUL LEPORE	1
PAT HOLMES	1
MIKE TIKUNOFF	1
MARK GOUDY	1
DAVID HERRERA	1
LYNNE SARGENT	1
GUEST	20

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR ANGLER POINTS

Zachary Waters	-----	20
Spencer Greenhalgh	---	3

MARLIN COUNT BY BOAT

WILD BILL	17
HAWK	12
SOUND INVESTMENT	7
ESCAPE ROUTE	5
HOT SPOT	4
RELENTLESS	3
TYEE	3
BAD FISH	2
SCOT FREE	2
50/50	2
BLACK FIN	2
HOOKED	1
HATTABOY	1
TEASER	1
SALSIPUEDES	1
FINEBYME	1

The above point tabulations are through December 14. Should you denote any errors, please contact Dan Upchurch.

THE DAC WEBSITE

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DAC WEBSITE FORUMS

DAC Banter
DAC Tournaments
Fish Reports
Trip Sharing
Tech Talk
DAC Seminars
Tackle 'N'Trades
Ask DAC a Question
DAC Photos



REEL TIMES INFO

I would like to thank everyone for providing much needed information and photos to me as I compiled it into your monthly REEL TIMES. I am stepping aside after this issue so I can “relax” and let another provide you with your monthly reading enjoyment and/or irritation.

Thanks again.
Randy



PLEASE CONTINUE TO HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Info is always needed for the REEL TIMES.
So until the New Editor is announced

Send it to.

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