2011 IGFA OFFSHORE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The IGFA Offshore World Championship has ended. The following winners were announced in one of Cabo fishing’s most prestigious tournaments:

First Place Team, “Islamorada Fish Club Captain's Cup Sailfish Tournament” team from Florida with 3400 points. They worked hard and Sam Worden and Hunter Barron tied for fourth place angler, each racking up 1400 points. Also tied for first place was the “IGFA Offshore World Champions 2010” with 3400 points. Not far behind in second place was the “IGFA Offshore World Championship2010 - 2nd Place” team from the Bahamas with 3200 points. In third place was the “IGFA Offshore World Champions 2008” team, also from Florida with 2400 points. Also tied for third place was the “27th Treasure Cay Annual Billfish Tournament” team from Florida with 2400 points and second place angler Eddie Flack with 2200 points. The rest of the top ten teams were “N'Gor Marlin Cup 2010” from Senegal also with third place angler Jean Robin Dubochet, “S.A.D.S.A.A. Billfish Classic 2010” from South Africa, “Lyford Cay Offshore Tournament” from Florida, “Campeonato de pesca OPEN” from Brazil, and rounding out the top ten teams were the “IGFA Offshore World Champions 2003” from Bermuda and Virginia.

Picante Sportfishing’s captains scored big in the Top Captain category. Picante had three of the top five Captains. Ivan Gomez was second place winner, Antonio Romero was third and Daniel Carrera was tied for fourth.

In the wahoo competition, the winner was the “60th Ernest Hemingway International Billfish Tournament” team from Russia with a 43.5 lb wahoo aboard the Rising Sun, part of Picante Sportfishing’s fleet.

The biggest surprise of the tournament was the Brazilian team “Torneio De Marlin Azul do Rio De Janeiro” with their catch of a giant yellowfin tuna that weighed in at 226.2 lb.

Congratulations to the real sports fishermen in the group. They fish for the love of the sport. Thank you for your participation and fine showing of sportsmanship and fishing in Cabo San Lucas.

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**EXCITING NEW IGFA MOBILE APP UPDATES!**

The International Game Fish Association, the world’s foremost global authority on record-breaking fishing, brings you the App anglers have been asking for. The updated IGFA Mobile App 1.51 for the iPhone and iPad will amaze and inspire your fishing adventures. Search IGFA angling world records, plan your trips, identify your catch with our Species ID section, log your catches, find the nearest IGFA Official Weigh Station and IGFA Captain (new for version 1.51), track your slam club progress and more all from this must-have App!
CIRCLE HOOK RELEASED FLAG

David A. Wirth’s “SHOW YOUR COLORS” campaign is taking on a new color for the ladies with a Circle Hook RELEASED Flag in BUBBLE GUM PINK 10” x 15”. They will be available May 20. Keep a lookout for Circle Hook RELEASED Flags flying in tournaments as many are purchasing Wirth’s Flags to put in their Captains Bags.

As for the fresh “Catch of the Day” - the Swordfish is on! David’s latest addition to his shirt line, Swordy RELEASED Flag Applique on a Comfort Colors Tee in Flo Blue or Swordy Blue on Ultra Heavy White Tees in both Short Sleeve and Long Sleeve. Check out Wirth’s other tribal fish, the sailfish, marlin, ahi yellowfin tuna, mahi, and honu (turtle). You can find them all in the Museum Store as well as on line at http://store.igfa.org

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New IGFA – Chester H. Wolfe Outstanding Sportmanship Award Honors Tournament Anglers

The International Game Fish Association is pleased to introduce the newest honor for dedicated anglers! In memory of Chester H. Wolfe, a great sportsman and avid fisherman, the IGFA has paired up with his wife, Barbara Wolfe, to create the IGFA - Chester H. Wolfe Outstanding Sportmanship Award. Receipt of this award is based on merit, fair play, graciousness, respect, and ethical behavior that an angler displays while fishing in a tournament.

“Sportmanship expresses an aspiration or ethos that the activity will be enjoyed for its own sake,” Mrs. Wolfe said of the spirit of the new award, “with consideration for fairness, ethics, respect and sense of fellowship with ones’ competitors.”

Each of the approximately 130 IGFA Offshore World Championship Qualifying Tournaments may nominate one participating angler based on an act that demonstrates outstanding sportsmanship during the tournament. Written submissions collected throughout the year will be reviewed annually and one angler
will be selected to receive special recognition at the annual IGFA International Auction & Banquet held in January.

The selected winner of the annual IGFA - Chester H. Wolfe Outstanding Sportsmanship Award will receive a plaque, a name plate on a perpetual trophy in the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame & Museum, round-trip coach airfare for one to the IGFA International Auction & Banquet, a two-night hotel stay in during the event and one entry for the IGFA Fishing Expedition (location to be determined) for the following year, courtesy of Mrs. Barbara Wolfe.

The IGFA – Chester H. Wolfe Outstanding Sportsmanship Award celebrates and serves as a testament to Chester’s dedicated love of fishing and sportsmanship. To learn more about the award, contact IGFA Development Coordinator Lindsey Caldwell via lcaldwell@igfa.org or 954-924-4242.

May Hot Catches
(high res photos of catches available upon request)

This month’s hottest potential records have reached IGFA headquarters from as far afield as Brazil, New Zealand, the Cayman Islands, and a slam conquest that spanned from Africa to Hawaii to Brazil – as well as five great catches from Florida and Ohio. Check out these latest angling accomplishments!

Fly fishing aficionado Dotty Ballantyne, of Bozeman, Montana, USA has been on a tippet class record tear in 2011, and these two record submittals indicated no sign of her slowing down. The first of Dotty’s two most recent catches came on 11-Apr-2011 fishing with Capt. Robert Trosset in Key West, Florida, USA. Casting a custom orange fly and 08 kg (16 lb) tippet, Ballantyne hooked up to this 52.05 kg (114 lb 12 oz) bull shark to potentially qualify for the women’s 08 kg (16 lb) tippet class record. Dotty landed this toothy critter in 45 minutes, and the current IGFA record is 43.43 kg (95 lb 12 oz).

A week later on 18-Apr-2011, Dotty was at it again, but this time she was after the silver king on 03 kg (6 lb) tippet. Still in Key West, but fishing with famed inshore guide Doug Kilpatrick, Ballantyne successfully landed and released this sporty 7.71 kg (17 lb 0 oz) tarpon (Megalops atlanticus); a potential women’s 03 kg (6 lb) tippet class record. The fish was landed after a tense 25 minute fight, and ate a Dark Rabbit strip fly. The current IGFA record is 7.26 kg (16 lb 0 oz).

Veteran angler Christian Hampi of Cartago, Costa Rica was fishing with his personal captain and guide, Edgar Montero on 08-Apr-2011 off Golfito, Costa Rica when he hooked into this massive toothy snapper. Hampi’s potential All-Tackle (Length) record Pacific cubera snapper (Lutjanus novemfasciatus) measured 99 cm and was caught in 12 minutes after the fish struck the live snapper being used for bait. As with every All-Tackle (Length) record, this fish was released alive after being measured and photographed. The current IGFA record is vacant.

Venezuelan angler Eduardo Aristeguieta traveled south to the country of Uruguay in early March to target the countries infamous dorado fishery. Fly fishing with guide Francisco Cabrera on 12-Mar-2011, Eduardo found what he came to Salto, Uruguay for; this beautiful 11.34 kg (25 lb 0 oz) dorado to qualify for the new 06 kg (12 lb) tippet class record. Aristeguieta was throwing a custom gallo-grifo fly, and needed 12 minutes to successfully land and release the fish to fight another day. The current IGFA record is 7.48 kg (16 lb 8 oz).
Professional angler and guide Capt. Peter Deeks, Jr. of Merritt Island, Florida, USA entered his first world record with this monster 96 cm red drum (Sciaenops ocellatus) to qualify for the new All-Tackle (Length) record. Capt. Deeks was fishing his native waters of the Banana River, Florida on 30-Mar-2011 when his potential record redfish hit the mullet he was using for bait. Deeks needed 35 minutes to boat the fish, before safely photographing and releasing the fish alive. The current IGFA record is vacant.

IGFA Representative and Lifetime Achiever, Dr. Martin Arostegui of Coral Gables, Florida, USA, may have added to his ever growing record total with this nice 68 cm permit (Trachinotus falcatus) he caught while fishing with Capt. Bouncer Smith on 04-Apr-2011 off his hometown of Miami, Florida, USA. Arostegui needed 10 minutes to land and then safely release the big permit after it hit the crab he was using for bait. The current IGFA record is vacant.

Angler and US Naval Officer Phillip W. Richmond, Jr. has been quite productive while being stationed in the South Pacific island of Diego Garcia, with his most recent record submittal being this interesting new species, a white-blotched grouper (Epinephelus multinoatus). Richmond was trolling at Rapala X-Rap Magnum with local guide Ramir on 08-Jan-2011 when he hooked into this 8.65 kg (19 lb 1 oz) potential All-Tackle record fish; landing it in a quick 5 minutes. The current IGFA record is vacant.

Angler Gregory S. Taite made the catch of a lifetime while fishing his local waters of Long Beach, California, USA on 01-Apr-2011. Drifting a live anchovy on 02 kg (4 lb) mainline, with no leader or double line, Taite landed this potential men’s 02 kg (4 lb) line class record California halibut (Paralichthys californicus)! Taite’s halibut took him 1 hour and 20 minutes to land, and tipped the scales at 16.33 kg (36 lb 0 oz). The current IGFA record is 15.78 kg (34 lb 12 oz).

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**Captain’s Slam Program**

There is no question that in the world of sport fishing, an angler’s success is directly related to the competence of the captain/guide responsible for putting the angler on the fish. That is why the IGFA is very excited to announce its newest program, our **Captain’s Slam Program**. This new program from IGFA’s Record Department was designed and developed to give proper recognition to the captains and guides who have participated in the completion of any IGFA Royal Slam, Grand Slam or Weight Club.

Nearly identical to the traditional angler’s Slam and Club programs, captains and guides who have participated (as captain/guide, not angler) in the capture of all required species over their lifetime will be eligible for one of the six Royal Slam programs. Those captains/guides who have participated in the capture of the required number and type of species will be eligible for one of the 20 different Grand Slams, and the captains/guides who have led anglers to bonefish and bass over 10 lb, and snook over 25 lb, will be eligible for IGFA’s Weight Clubs.

This new program is another effort being made by the IGFA to help recognize the great captains and guides, that are so vital to the success of anglers, not just in world records and grand slams,
but every time they take anglers out on the water. To apply for this new program or for more information, please contact Jack Vitek at 954-924-4246 or via email at jvitek@igfa.org.

New Slam Club Members

The IGFA Records Department recently received an Offshore Grand Slam application from an angler where we have previously not seen much interest in salt water sport fishing; the eastern European country of Poland. Seeing that it would be quite difficult to accomplish an Offshore Grand Slam in his native land of Warszawa, Poland, angler Andrzej Bilip decided to travel to world famous Tropic Star Lodge, in Pinas Bay, Panama to try his hand with some billfish. Bilip’s trip was a great success, with the Polish angler landing a 400 lb black marlin, a 200 lb Pacific blue marlin and a 90 lb Pacific sailfish; accomplishing IGFA’s Offshore Grand Slam. And not only was this a monumental trip for Andrzej personally, but his accomplishing an IGFA Grand Slam marks the first IGFA Special Clubs member from Poland. Congratulations to Andrzej and to the country of Poland!

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IGFA Summer Camp

The IGFA Summer Fishing Camp will begin on June 13th this year and will run through August 19th. These week-long camps will teach children how to tie fishing knots and rig baits, the ins-and-outs of fish anatomy through dissections, biological adaptations, and fish habitats. There is fishing at various locations around South Florida each day of the camp. This hands-on camp is a great way to introduce a child to the sport of fishing while teaching them about proper conservation techniques and other environmentally themed topics. Not only do the campers spend time each day fishing, but they also travel to different parks and locations around South Florida to use different fishing techniques. The campers spend each Monday and Tuesday at the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame & Museum participating in activities and fishing in the front ponds and then travel to field trip sites from Wednesday to Friday. Field trips include snorkeling, water parks and pier fishing with every Friday spent deep sea fishing from a 70’ party boat off the coast of Miami. Camp registration includes a free rod and reel combo, T-shirt, tackle box and camp goody bag. For more information about the IGFA Summer Camp, please contact Veronica Woods at vwoods@igfa.org or visit http://www.igfa.org/Fun/Camps.aspx for more information.

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IGFA School of Sportfishing Hot News

The new session of School of Sportfishing, brought to anglers by Mercury Marine, is set to start on May 17. Last session was a tremendous success with several sold out classes. New participants to the program were blown away by the level of hands-on instruction and the inside information they received. With the lineup of classes scheduled this session, there’s a course for everyone. Don’t wait to sign up!

The IGFA’s school continues to grow each year in popularity based on the on-the-water success of the anglers attending past sessions. “Anglers who have taken previous classes continue to
report greatly improved catch ratios after putting their newly gained knowledge to practice on the water,” said IGFA Education Director Dave Matagiese. “We continue to hear excellent feedback from past students on how they’ve become more efficient in finding fish faster and making each strike count.”

Here is a topic list with course titles, dates, descriptions and instructors:

- **All About Live Bait – Tuesday, May 17, 2011:** Having good live bait can be the difference between catching fish or not. We show you where and how to catch several different species of live bait and how to keep them healthy. When you leave this class you will be able to throw a cast net. Taught by **Capt. Shawn Fairbanks**

- **Successful Swordfishing – Tuesday, May 24, 2011:** From tackle to location, find out everything you need to know to make your next swordfish trip a huge success. Hands on squid rigging and inside information from one of South Florida’s best swordfishermen. Taught by **Capt. Ray Rosher**

- **Dolphin and Wahoo Secrets – Tuesday, May 31, 2011:** Learn how to increase the size and quantity of the dolphin and wahoo you catch. Gain inside knowledge on the best strategies and techniques and learn to make the best rigs to catch more fish. Taught by **Capt. Tony DiGiulian**

- **Bottom Fishing Wrecks and Reefs – Tuesday, June 7, 2011:** If you have ever had a slow day trolling and wished for some serious rod bending action, then this is the class for you. Techniques for snapper and grouper are just some of what you will learn from one of the greatest fishermen of our generation. Taught by **Capt. Bouncer Smith**

- **Fishing Biscayne Bay – Tuesday, June 14, 2011:** Successfully navigating and finding fish in Biscayne Bay takes practice, patience, and skillful observation. Few have as much experience and insight into the inner workings of the Bay as Capt. Joe Gonzalez. Learn from one of THE premiere inshore guides in all of South Florida to master the flats! Taught by **Capt. Joe Gonzalez**

Each of the classes is limited to the first 24 anglers to sign up and is held Tuesday nights from 7 – 10 pm at the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame & Museum in Dania Beach, Florida. The cost is $100 for IGFA members and $150 for non-members per class. For more information please contact **Jeff Mackin** at 954-924-4340 or email **JMackin@igfa.org**, or [http://igfa.org/educate/School-of-Sportfishing.aspx](http://igfa.org/educate/School-of-Sportfishing.aspx)

**IGFA Outreach Program to Visit New Smyrna Beach, Florida**

The IGFA Education Outreach Program was invited to participate once again in the annual fishing event, FishStock, held in New Smyrna Beach, Florida to host kids’ fishing clinics over Memorial Day Weekend at Riverside Park. The IGFA kid’s clinics start at 10 am Saturday morning, May 28th, and run throughout the weekend. The clinics are open to kids ages 6-16, are free to the public and teach participants about fishing tackle, casting, baits and lures, as well as knot tying. After successfully completing the clinic, children will be given a free rod and reel combo compliments of *Fish Florida* ([www.fishfloridagtag.org](http://www.fishfloridagtag.org)) to take home and continue practicing their newly-acquired skills. Bait will also be provided so that all clinic participants can immediately begin using their new fishing knowledge by trying their luck fishing along the pier.
at Riverside Park. Registration takes place on site at Riverside Park in New Smyrna Beach, Florida and all children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information about the IGFA Outreach Program, contact IGFA Education Director David Matagiese at dmatagiese@igfa.org.

In the Museum

The IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame & Museum is now part of Bank of America's Museums on Us® program. Just show your non-expired Bank of America/Merrill Lynch debit or credit card along with a valid photo ID for free admission on the first full weekend of each month. Free Admission for cardholder only; no other discounts or offers apply.

Mark your calendars now for BAMM!

Broward Attractions and Museums Month (BAMM) kicks off June 1st. Discover 17 local museums, unique attractions and cultural centers for the price of one membership. During the month of June all current and new IGFA members receive free general admission to any participating venue with proof of membership. JOIN ONE, EXPERIENCE THEM ALL! Special events may not be included. Experience the diverse cultural treasures in Broward County and Boca Raton. Visit the BAMM website www.bamminfo.org for a list of participating organizations and more information.

Coming Soon to the Art Gallery

Images from Alistair McGlashan, who has fished for everything from thousand-pound black marlin on the Great Barrier Reef to black bass in the jungles of Papua New Guinea. Based in Sydney, Australia, Al’s love of fishing and the outdoors steered him away from the corporate world into a career as a photojournalist. He’s recognized as one of Australia’s best and regularly contributes images and articles to Modern Fishing, Blue Water Boats and Sportsfishing, Voyages de Pêche, Salt Water Sportsman, Ski-Boat Magazine, and many more.

In the Changing Gallery AeroTarpon by artist Nic Jooste

Nic Jooste was born and raised in South Africa and began his career in high end metal fabrication for the automotive industry. In 1993 he began supplying chassis to the motor racing industry, first in South Africa, then Dubai. In 2005 he moved to Australia to be part of the General Motors factory racing team. An avid life-long angler, he began sculpting four years ago. Each piece he creates is an original sculpture handmade from bronze, aluminum or stainless steel, using metal forming techniques and welding. All are life-size three dimensional pieces. AeroTarpon is stainless steel and mounted on a wooden base.

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