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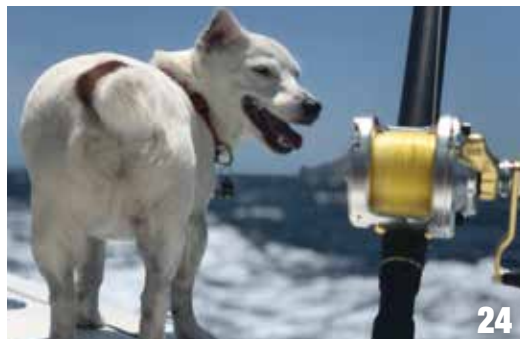
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Fishing Buddies



The friendships involved in the activity are perhaps one of the most charming things about fishing. Fishing friendships come in all shapes and sizes. There

are the buddies you call up when you want to head offshore because they're always available for a quick, last minute trip. There are the guys you invite for the purposes of messing with (check out the vertical sequence of pictures on the tackle tip page... the old "pose for a picture while your buddies dump a bucket of ice water on your head" trick). There are the friends that are great to have on the boat—the ones who can rig everything, help with the cleaning, or bring all the stuff to make a Bloody Mary. Then, there are also the ones that have no clue about anything, but just have a good time getting away on the boat. These are pretty standard issue fishing friendships.

For the traveling angler or folks who make a living running a traveling sportfishing boat, the term fishing friend begins to take on a more expansive purview. Once you've paid

your dues and fished in a number of places (whether it's because of the fishing "credit" you've accumulated or the fact there is usually a direct relationship between the amount of time you've spent on the dock and the quality of your line of BS), people begin to make introductions on your behalf. "Next time you're in Costa Rica/ Madeira/ Kona/ Cabo/ Manteco/ Long Island/ Palm Beach, etc., call my buddy—he'll take care of you."

Generally speaking, when you call your buddy's buddy in this location, they do indeed take care of you. Whether it be suggestions on places to eat, how to rig whatever you're fishing with, or putting you on the fish, the hospitality of friends of friends in the world of sportfishing is pretty amazing. In a world that's otherwise increasingly skeptical of strangers and acquaintances, the recommendation of a fishing buddy usually—unless you are an asshole—goes a long way to making your next trip more unique than it would be if you were, say, a nameless cruise ship passenger.

This interesting phenomenon, and the way fishing can fast track friendships, shows itself in a number of ways in this issue. Captain Greg DiStefano won Captain of the Year in the International Division in 2018. Guy and Myra Yocom, owners of the 80-foot Weaver that Greg runs, threw an amazing party in Laguna Niguel,

California to celebrate. First class all the way, the Yocoms took care of everything when they invited us out to present the award to Greg.

At the party, I started talking with Mr. Pete Wishney. Pete and his wife, Denise, own the *Foxi Lady*, a Hatteras that recently returned to California after years fishing the Caribbean and Latin America. Pete is an interesting guy whose passion for fishing is evident. He mentioned that we should consider writing an article about the developing bluefin fishery in California. While Pete and I had never met, we knew a bunch of the same people.

Next thing you know, Pete invited us out to fish with him in the Tuna Club of Avalon's Tuna Tournament. Were that not enough, Pete insisted that we stay at his house for the trip (presumably without even performing a criminal background check first). Fishing with Pete, Denise and their buddies was a great experience. As is the case with most fishing friends, each was more than generous in sharing their perspective. Much of that perspective made its ways into the "California Captain" article.

Here's to fishing buddies.

Elliott Stark
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Hurricane Dorian Relief



By Captain
Scott "Fraz" Murie

Everybody I know wants to help in the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian. Most folks want to help, but they're not sure exactly how to help. Many of us in the sportfishing business have some type of connection to the Abaco Islands and Grand Bahamas. They are arguably the most popular islands for sportfishing in the Bahamas.

Hurricane Dorian made multiple landfalls in the Bahamas and stalled out over the Abacos and Grand Bahama. As I write this column, over 40 people have been confirmed dead with hundreds still missing, and tens of thousands of people are now homeless. The category five storm packed a massive punch, with sustained winds of 185 miles per hour and gusts of over 225 miles per hour destroying everything in its path.

We must be careful who we donate our monies to, however. There are so many scams! Be careful! Some organizations only give a few cents of each dollar toward helping our friends in the Bahamas. One way to ensure the maximum impact of your donation is to donate to organizations you know. Local tackle shops and restaurants in your area that have started their own relief efforts might be a great place to start.

One organization that I highly recommend is Samaritan's Purse headed up by Franklin Graham. They were one of the first on the ground to respond after the storm, air lifting emergency medical teams to the Bahamas. They set up a 40-bed mobile unit that can see up to 100 people per day. The outfit also has the capability to perform surgery. Samaritan's Purse has sent tons and tons of supplies; not just medical but household stuff like water, filtration, food, materials for temporary shelters, generators and even reverse osmosis water making systems. I can't say enough good about this organization.

I watched what they did and how they helped the Florida panhandle last year while I was volunteering for Hurricane Michael's aftermath. It was unbelievable and second to none. It's going to take a long time for the Bahamas to recover from this devastating storm. We should all be mindful of the impact and the magnitude of the recovery – so keep giving and supporting to the reliefs of this island nation.

I would say most of all, please join me in praying for the people and families in the Bahamas who are suffering and everyone else affected by this hurricane. Also, let us remember the relief workers who are helping in the aftermath of this devastating storm. In Jesus Name I pray.

– That's my two-minute warning. Fraz



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It will be a long and arduous road to recovery for the Abacos and parts of the northern Bahamas. Hurricane Dorian was a disaster of terrible proportions. While nothing can soften the blow for those who lost loved ones and or their homes, the charitable response by the thousands who have donated to the relief effort is perhaps historic in its own right. Please visit InTheBite.com and our social media feeds for updates on the relief effort, as well as a list of reputable outlets for continued donation.

Perhaps Lightning Does Strike Twice: Two Fish of a Life Time in a Month

Captain Rick Schlee and the *Reel E Sea* Charters (25-foot Contender) caught two whoppers in the same location—both on 20-pound mono spinning outfits while livebaiting for kingfish off of Juno Beach, Florida. The first was a 66-pound dolphin that won the Fort Lauderdale Meat Mayhem Tournament. The blunthead ate a live goggle eye and was subdued after a nerve-wracking hour-long fight. The team caught the dolphin on April 27. On May 29, fishing a half day charter in the same spot, a 100-pound wahoo (it weighed 89 with two bites taken out) wacked a live goggle eye and nearly spooled the reel. After 15 minutes of fighting deep, a shark spooked the wahoo to the surface and Schlee and company boated it with a hail Mary gaff shot to keep it from the tax man.

Operation Knot Yours: State of Florida Forms Boat Theft Task Force

The Miami Dade Police Department and the State Attorney of Florida, working with members of the South Florida sportfishing community (led by boat theft victim Bruce Marx), established a multi-agency marine boat theft task force called Operation Knot Yours. With theft of boats—and even trucks to pull them—plaguing areas of South Florida, the early days of the Task Force netted the arrest of five people, including the alleged masterminds of a boat theft ring. A tip of the hat from your friends at *InTheBite*.

A Message from the Bahamas Blue Marlin Cup

The following message is from Mr. Gerard Brutus, tournament director of the Bahamas Blue Marlin Cup and resident of the Abacos.

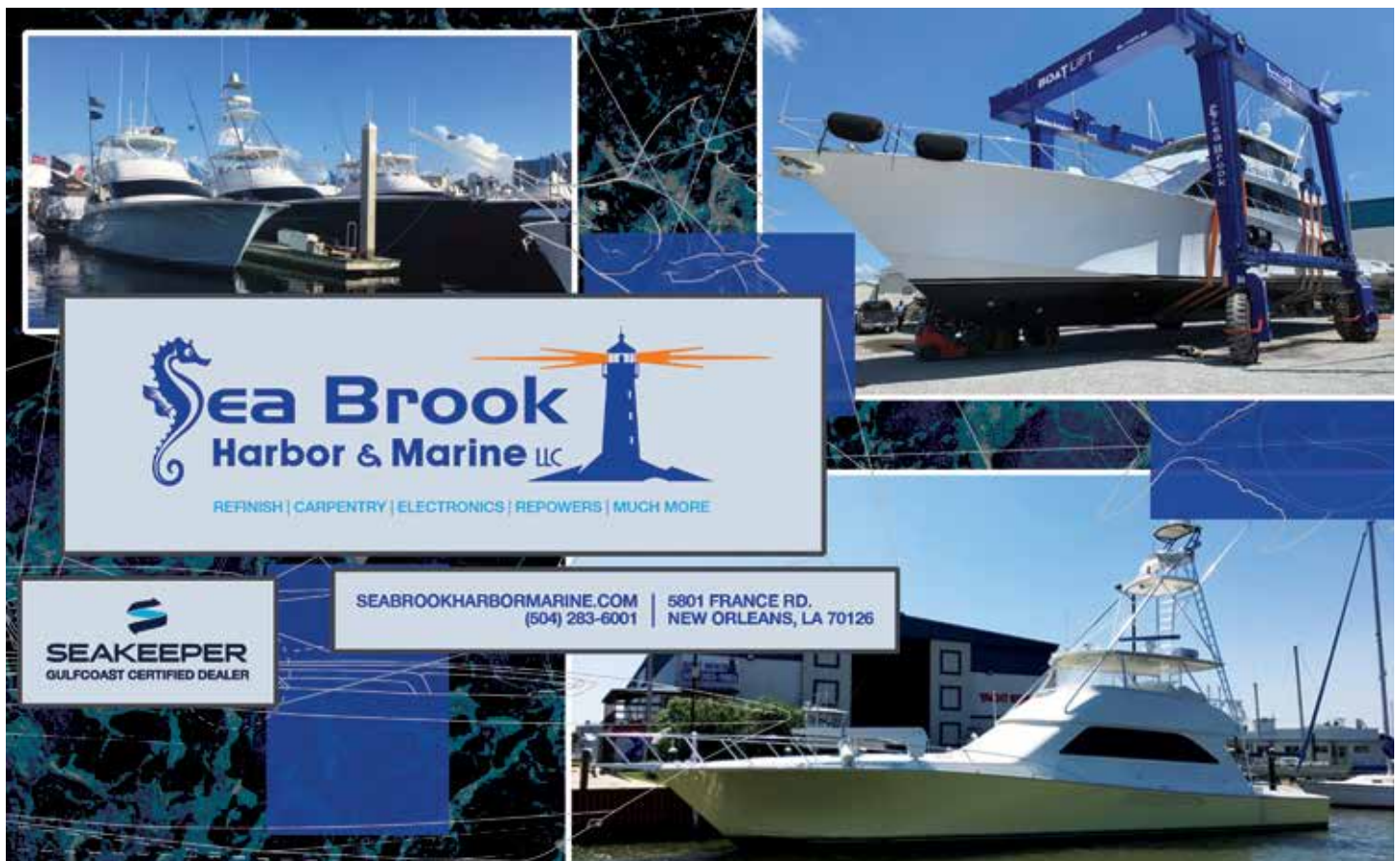
As you all know earlier this month our beautiful home here in Abaco was almost entirely destroyed from the devastation of Hurricane Dorian. The devastation is worse than even being reported on the news!

Since the storm has hit, we have gotten many people asking us either in comments or directly messaging us, both if we are still intending to hold the tournament next May, and also asking for information about trustworthy charities to send aid to the people of the Bahamas, in particular those of us from Abaco.

As to the Blue Marlin Cup Tournament, yes, we are still on for next May. The tournament allows fisherman to fish the entirety of the Bahamas with six weigh stations throughout the islands.

For the best place in our opinion to send aid to we recommend Austin Serving Abaco, they can be found here: www.austinservingabaco.org.

Concerning the tournament, we will be donating 10% of all registration fees to Austin Serving Abaco! For more information about the tournament, please visit www.bahamas-blumarlincup.com.



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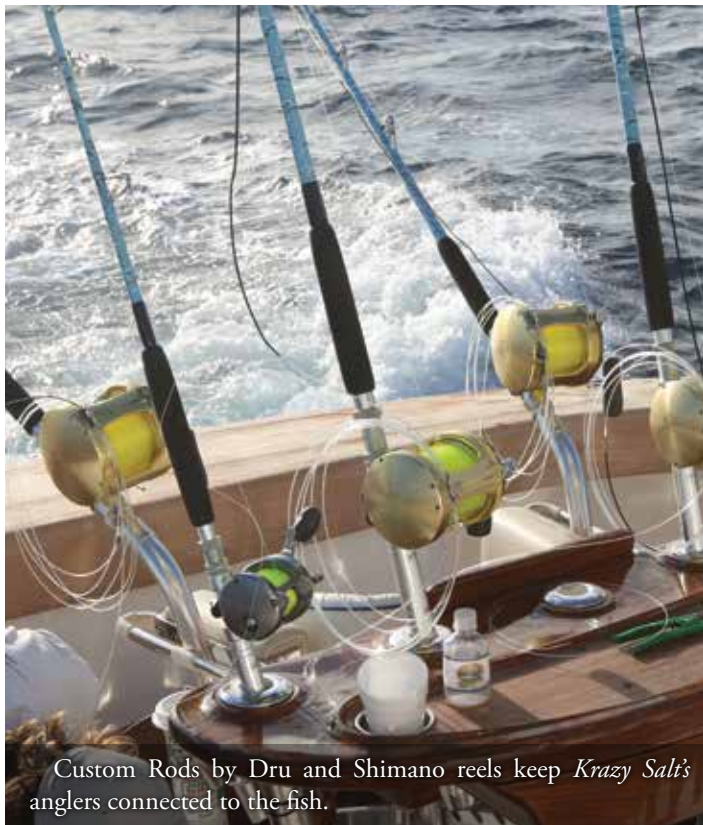
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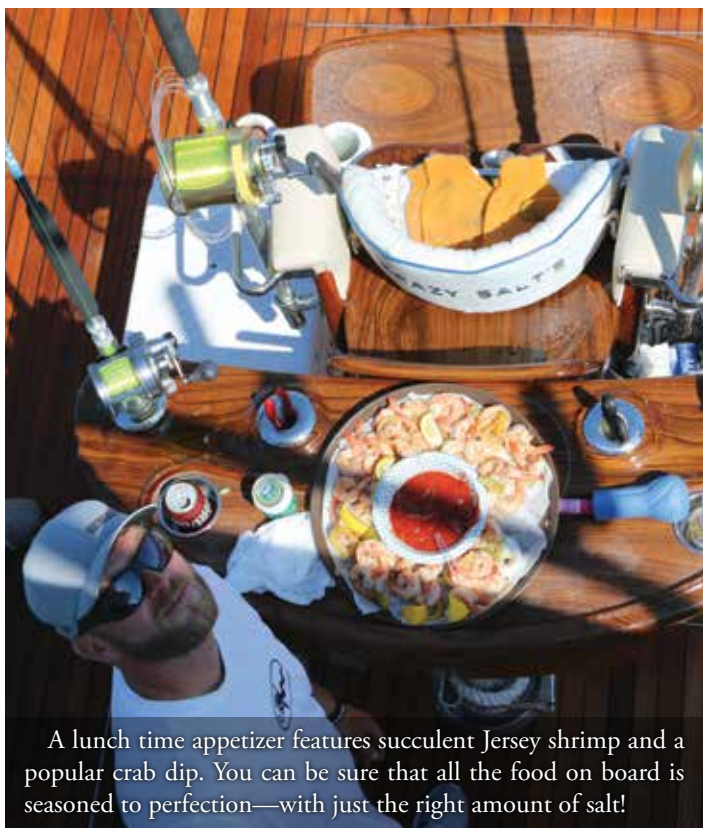
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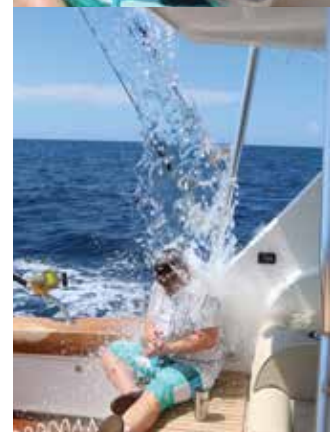
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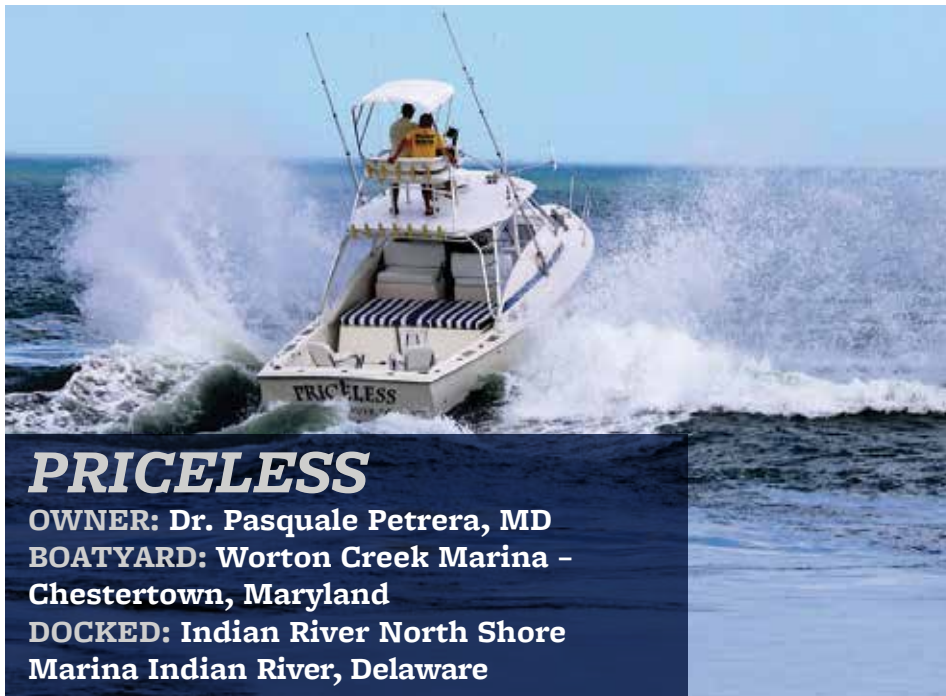
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Perhaps the Best 31 Bertram Refit Ever: What Do You Think?



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OWNER: Dr. Pasquale Petrera, MD

BOATYARD: Worton Creek Marina – Chestertown, Maryland

DOCKED: Indian River North Shore Marina Indian River, Delaware

by Capt. Jeff Waxman

Everyone, everywhere in our world knows the 31' Bertram. Most of us have an opinion (usually a very strong one) about this iconic boat. The universal opinions stem from the boat's impact. The 31 Bertram began the deep-v revolution, in many ways paving the way for offshore fishing to gain popularity. Many of the several thousand built are still in use today, around the globe, still catching more than their share. And many, probably most, have been modified, repowered, and renovated. The forms of resplash are as varied as the ports the 31s call home – from adding outboards to slicing off half of the topsides; if you can think of it, likely it's been done.

With the variety of Bertram 31 modifications out there, comes the inevitable debate – who has done it best? There are many contenders for the throne, but there is something about one 31' in particular, delivered new in 1971... the *Priceless* owned by Dr. Pasquale Petrera and fished out of Indian River, Delaware. She is a Bahia Mar version of the 31, produced in the early days of the Express boats popular today. My parameters for evaluating a refit lie at the intersection of three pieces of the puzzle:

- 1) Vision and good taste.
- 2) Execution (by the boatyard).
- 3) Funds (more than a little).



We all know the Bertram story and have all seen some of the worst and some of the best renovations. Here are some key points on the *Priceless*:

Thrust, Power, and Fuel Consumption: She is powered by twin 315 HP Yanmar diesels that provide the push to cruise 27 knots at 3150; with 34 Knots at 3800 WOT. *Priceless* is equipped with oversized shafts swinging 18x19 wheels. The result is efficient performance. On a typical canyon run (65-70 miles each way), with a full day of trolling she burns 110-120 gallons.

Fishability and Comfort: The cockpit is non slip (Dr. Petrera is considering adding

teak Sea Dek). It is equipped with a Pompanette Fighting Chair with striking rod holders center mounted. To accommodate all of the tackle necessary for canyon trips and trolling, the *Priceless* has 12 rod holders on gunwales and on transom, plus two additional rows of six rocket launchers on marlin tower.

The engine boxes are covered with blue/white striped cushions with four inches of heavy-duty foam, extra insulation added. Helm and passenger seating is a custom arrangement – they seat two each complete with footrests and storage. The seat backs flip both ways in order to watch forward or astern. She boasts full electronic instrumentation at helm and on tower.

The original windshield was removed and replaced by an EZ2CY three quarter enclosure with various openings for ventilation. Further modifications include a custom hardtop with several handholds, LED overhead lighting extended to ends of engine boxes and a custom safety raft mount on top below the marlin tower floor. The tower is anchored by stanchions of three-foot custom aluminum tubing and provides seating for two.

Dock Appeal: The boot stripe and house stripe blue were changed and painted in flag blue Awlgrip. The hull is polar white gel coat. The cabin is redone, she's air conditioned, complete with a new head and enclosure. The refrigerator has been replaced and all new cushions complete with overhead rod racks. The deep step from cockpit to cabin is covered by custom starboard that provides a flat floor across entire cockpit. She has controls top and bottom electronic, tachs digital. Four centerline automatic bilge pumps keep everything dry.

All that said, *Priceless* is greater than the sum of her parts. She looks salty, runs true, is exceptionally comfortable...and catches fish! And, the way she has been designed with marlin tower location balance and engine weight set a bit deeper in the hull, this Bertram is not as wet as most...not dry, but much better than most 31s. Finest 31' renovation around? You decide...I think so!

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Captain Adam Peeples runs the *One Shot* Charters out of the Destin, Florida area. In addition to running a first-class operation, Peeples is a combat veteran with two deployments in Iraq and a stint as an instructor at the US Army Sniper School to his credit.

Boat Security Solutions for Today's Center Console



by Capt. Adam Peeples

Purchasing a state-of-the-art center console fishing boat is a sizeable investment. Not only is the boat itself an investment, but so are the marine electronics and all other equipment and gear included on the boat. It is no wonder, then, that a thief would have interest in stealing not only the entire boat but also the motors and electronics on the boat.

According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau's 2018 watercraft theft report, 4,499 vessels were reported stolen in 2018 in the United States. In many cases, the boat is taken for the purpose of ripping the electronics and motors out. The hull, and everything left, is then discarded. A thief with knowledge of marine electronics and outboard motors can gut a center console in a matter of minutes, so it is important to take steps to safeguard your investment.

Your typical boat thief is on the lookout for a high value target that requires minimal time to steal. Marine electronics fit this profile well – they are an easy target with very little anti-theft protection on most vessels. To make them that much more attractive to would-be thieves, once parted from the vessel, marine electronics are easy to hide and have an established market. Unfortunately, the marine electronics industry has not done much to discourage the theft of their products.

For these reasons, a boat owner should take personal preventative measures to discourage

would-be thieves from targeting their vessel and electronics. Any preventative measure that would make stealing the boat more difficult or time consuming is a step that could cause the thief to move on to a softer target. As a thief needs access to the inside of the console to disassemble most dash mounted electronics, making sure the console door/access is locked is a simple preventative measure that may cause a burglar to move on to an easier target. If the boat is kept trailered, a hitch lock is a cost effective and simple way increase the difficulty for a potential thief.

Sometimes even the best security measures and deterrents are not enough to prevent the theft of a boat. Fortunately, systems that aid in the recovery and tracking of stolen vessels are available at a variety of price points. GOST makes some of the most comprehensive and complete marine tracking, monitoring, and surveillance systems available. With a seemingly endless array of options for tracking, sensors, and deterrents, GOST is the top of the line in vessel security. However, at a price point of thousands of dollars, GOST is not necessarily practical for many center console owners.

One of the most affordable and easy to install systems is the SPOT Trace. This system requires a small beacon that is wired into the boat's battery. The beacon sends an alert via a smartphone app anytime motion is detected

while the system is activated. The user can then track the vessel in real time using the app, allowing the owner and law enforcement to quickly locate and recover the vessel. A device such as this could be the difference between recovering a vessel intact or finding a bare hull with no motors or electronics. There are several companies who offer vessel monitoring and tracking. I recommend researching the various products and finding a product that suits the needs of your boat and budget.

A security camera system is not only a great deterrent, but also a good resource to help law enforcement identify and apprehend boat and electronic thieves. If stored at home on a trailer, most home security systems have cameras available that allow both real time access and motion activated recording. Marinas have security cameras, but this won't allow real time viewing of your vessel and may not catch a would-be thief attempting to access a vessel.

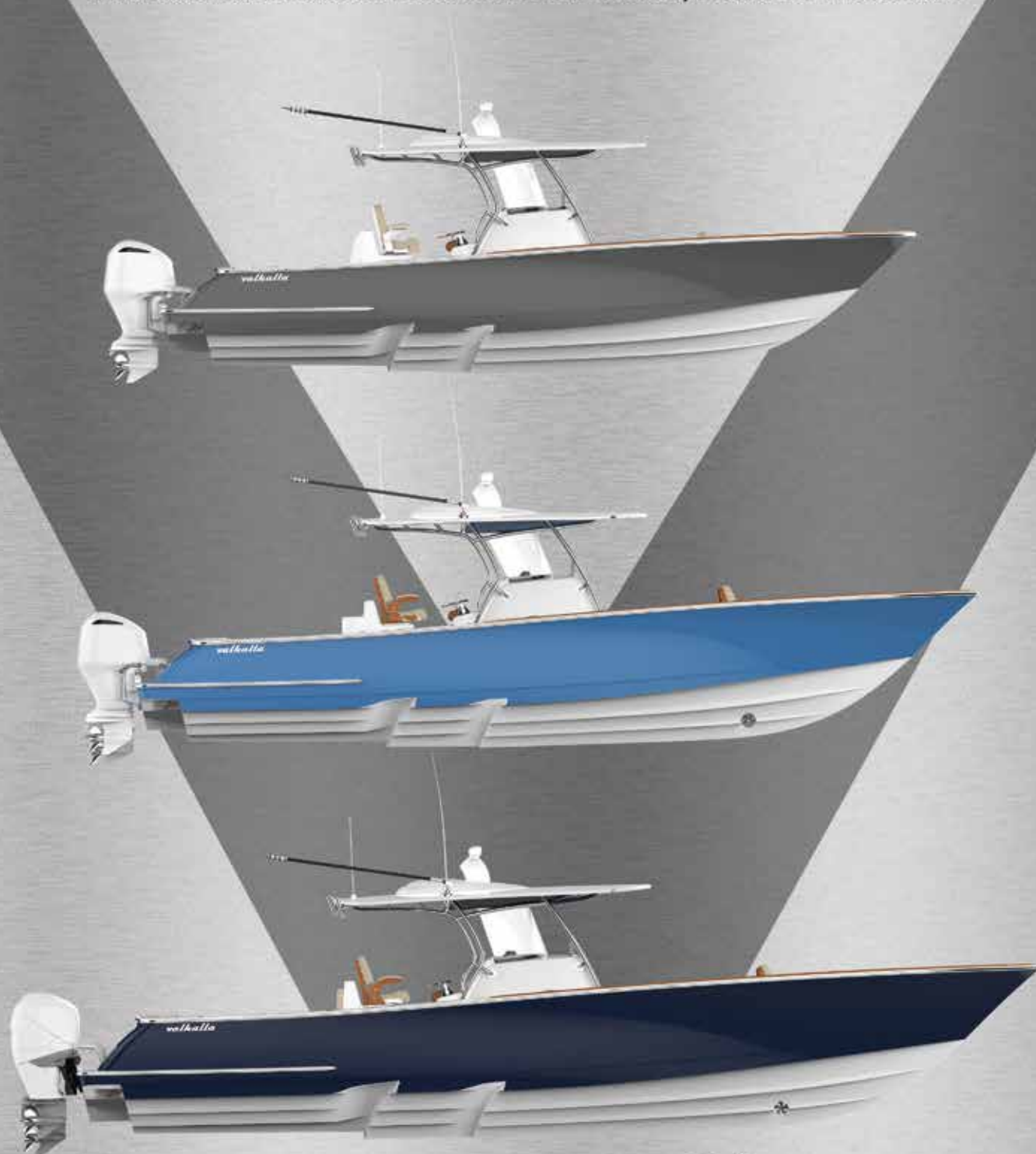
A simple and inexpensive battery powered camera such as the Ring Spotlight Cam can be used as either a visible deterrent or a concealed security camera. This camera allows motion activated recording, live streaming, and two-way voice communication. It is also available in a battery powered model, so there is no need for wiring or mounting near a power source. The camera pairs up with a smartphone via an app that allows access to all recent video clips as well as the ability to pull up a live feed of the camera. The Ring Spotlight camera is easy to set-up and a reasonable option to increase the security of your trailered or slipped boat. (Cameras that are activated by motion or movement should be reserved for boats that are trailered – as rocking of the waves or boat movement with the tide can trigger the cameras to record lots of footage of pylons, eating up battery and storage).

With a multitude of security options for center console fishing boats, it makes sense to protect your investment with a security solution that is right for your vessel and your budget. Many boat insurance policies now require some sort of anti-theft protection before they will cover any boat theft claims, so make sure you understand your policy and the anti-theft requirements within. At the very least, a good boat security system can deliver peace of mind knowing that your boat is not an easy target for criminals.

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BOAT DOGS

by Alexandra Stark

While humans have been breeding dogs for water applications hundreds of years, in the sportfishing industry one variety of canine is becoming increasingly popular: the Boat Dog. The Boat Dog comes in all shapes and sizes. Some are known to wear sunglasses, others life jackets. Some of them get fired up when the reel goes off and others get their feelings hurt when their owners try to go offshore without them.

Not only is bringing a dog offshore a very common and acceptable practice but boating with dogs is AWESOME. There are so

many benefits for the humans and the dogs. What makes it so special? Well, dogs truly are great companions. Whether you are fish-

Builder Rick Scarborough's lab, Lucy, living the dream...on a boat, with a stick.

ing alone or with several other people, dogs are a pleasure to have around. They can even be a selling point for charters.

Legends of Boat Dogs

Boats and dogs have gone well together for as long as there have been boats and dogs. Retriever breeds like labs and goldens were bred specifically for use on the water. Their webbed feet and ever readiness to bail off in the water to fetch ducks or geese have made them the perfect boating companion for hunters for centuries. They also make great companions

for anyone who likes throwing tennis balls or sticks at the lake or the beach. The Newfoundland, a large and powerful swimming dog, was bred specifically to help fishermen in eastern Canada. These dogs helped with net placement and their role in saving people from shipwrecks or falling overboard is the stuff of legend.

From the practical applications that led people to breed dogs to work on the water, the creation of the boat dog was only a matter of time. As they have become increasingly popular, the boat dog has created some great stories. Captain Terry Stansel told us about a 58-foot Hatteras that fished out of Panama City, Florida a while back. He couldn't recall the name of the boat, but they had a dog that could climb the ladder to the bridge. We made a few phone calls, but we couldn't track down the people or dogs involved.

When you bring dogs aboard, you never really know what might happen. My husband likes to tell the story of fishing with a boat at a tournament in Puerto Rico. The owner and his wife had their little, sort of grumpy lap dog on board. Whenever the clicker would go off, the dog would run out and bite something or someone. He got it on the ankle a couple of times before figuring it might be safer to sit on the mezzanine.

Then there are the stories about dogs jumping or falling overboard miles at sea, presumed lost only to swim and walk their way home days or weeks later. A quick internet search reveals that stories like this happen with some frequency and in many places—Florida, the Carolinas and even the Great Lakes. The story line is reminiscent of the movie *Homeward Bound*, only it involves a boat.

Beyond the myths and stories of dogs and the crazy things that can happen on the water, we've spoken with a number of fishing operations that incorporate the canine perspective into their everyday fishing. What follows are some profiles of boat dogs and the humans they allow to wind in their catch. They were mighty generous in sharing why and how dogs bring enjoyment on the water as well as providing tips on keeping the four leggers happy, comfortable and safe.

The Adventures of Fisher and Rigger aboard the *Fish Tank*

Chris and Laura Jessen own the *Fish Tank*, a globetrotting, world smashing 63-foot Hatteras. With a base of operations in Los Sueños and a regular jaunts to Mexico and the tournament circuit in the Gulf and East



Photo courtesy Pepper Ailor, Los Sueños Resort and Marina

From left to right, Fisher, Laura and Chris Jessen, and Rigger form one of the most daunting tournament teams on the sportfishing landscape.

Coast, the Jessens and their two Australian shepherds—Fisher and Rigger—are fixtures on the fishing landscape.

Fisher and Rigger know when it's time to get ready for a fishing trip and they know when the ritual begins. They get excited and cannot wait to get out on the water. They are

so much a part of the fishing life—they have their own Instagram hashtag to document their epic days #riggerandfisherbidadventures.

Makaira and Rigger Ensure Everything is Up to Protocol

Captain Alex Rogers (@marlin5401), resides



If you miss a bite out of the right rigger aboard the *Protocol*, Rigger might hold you accountable.



Rigger and Makaira relaxing after a hard day on the water.

in Bakersfield, California. An owner/operator of his charter boat, the *Protocol*, Rogers has spent many years patrolling the waters around Cabo San Lucas for marlin, dorado and tuna. In part the result of his success in staying on the action, Rogers and his operation have been featured on a number of television shows and he has a large social media audience as well.

That however, is not the most interesting part of Rogers' operation. Alex and his girlfriend not only rescue dogs and bring them into their family, but they also incorporate four leggers heavily into their fishing lives. Capt. Alex's cockpit crew includes not only a first mate, but also his dogs, Makaira and Rigger. Makaira comes with him on every trip, including the plane ride and loves every bit of it.

Not only does Makaira provide great company on the boat, she is also a selling point for many of his clients—who love taking pictures with her. More than just a pretty face, Makaira is part of the crew. When the sound of the drag goes off—she knows what is about to go down.

Lucy the (Boat)Yard Dog

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ers in Manteo, North Carolina. Ricky is a kind man who agreed to be part of the article to tell a little bit of his story on his yard dog, Lucy. Lucy is a big black lab who never met a ball or a stick that she didn't like.

Many people who visit Scarborough's yard are first greeted by Lucy. She is known to meet visitors outside and commence to giving them a tour of the property—whether they had planned on taking one or not. Lucy's first move is to invite folks to follow her to the dock that sits adjacent to the shop. If all goes according to plan, Lucy convinces her new friends to give her stick (that she just happened to bring along with her) a toss into the water.

When not giving tours, Lucy spends her days in the yard with her Dad checking out the progress of the magnificent boats. Lucy loves the yard so much she has learned to toss the stick for herself—she lets it go into the water, waits for it to drift a bit then jumps in to retrieve. It is not only Ricky who likes having Lucy around, all his costumers enjoy her company. Some so much so that one client was motivated enough request a 74-foot custom boat with a built-in dog bed extension out of the wall!

While Lucy is certainly part of the Scarborough crew, her duties are mostly in the realm of customer experience. She lets other people turn the wrenches (Ricky typically doesn't let her get too close to the actual construction) ... Yard dogs, after all, do need to be careful around the shop—a dog with glue in its paws can be a sticky situation.

A Mako on Board

You don't have to be fishing on a boat to enjoy the company of a dog. Plenty of people just enjoy their pets with them for a casual day out on the water. In speaking with April Brownlee of Jupiter, Florida, she details how her French Bulldog, Mako, enjoys sitting on the rails as her family



For April and Capt. Ben Brownlee's dog, Mako, if the sun's out, fins are up.

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"He's certainly not as water-oriented as a lab or retriever, but Mako loves the boat life. Although he swims about as well as a rock, he's always ready for an adventure—especially when we're cruising and the wind is blowing in his face. If we try to go without him, he gives us the most pathetic look, making it too difficult to leave him behind," April says. "Besides, the journey is even better when he's along for the ride so we put him in his shark fin life jacket and off we go."

Ziggy, the Hawaiian Lucky Charm

Captain Kerwin Masunaga runs the *Rod Bender*, a 40-foot Cabo in Kona, Hawaii. A two-time *InTheBite* Captain of the Year, Kerwin is something of an Aloha legend. Fishing is often a family affair for Kerwin, his son and daughter frequently run the cockpit. When flipping through the pages of Masunaga's fishing picture album, two things jump out at you.

First, that Kerwin has caught a whole pile of big fish (many with money and prizes on



When it comes to fishing in Kona, Captain Kerwin Masunaga's dog, Ziggy, is up for anything—except being left at the dock!



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the line) and, secondly, that Ziggy, his trusty rat terrier, really likes to fish. Masunaga credits Ziggy with being his lucky charm and says that if he fishes on another boat and can't bring Ziggy, the little fella gets mad.

Tips for Creating a Fun, Dog Friendly Boat Environment

With all of chaos that can go on in the cockpit when you get a fish or two hooked up, Chris Jessen recommends putting the dogs inside the cabin when fish are on. This will keep the dogs from being trampled in the excitement and can keep the crew and anglers safe as they navigate the cockpit. The dogs don't look at this as punishment—after all, when it comes to tournament billfishing, every team member must do his or her part. Even when they are inside in the AC, Rigger and Fisher like to keep their snouts plastered to the window as to not miss out on any action!

There can also be safety concerns raised by rough seas. An inexperienced pooch might be thrown off balance by a big or unexpected wave. Were this to happen while the dog is on the covering board, the next step might be a soggy pup bobbing in the wake. Some of our experts recommend the option of life jackets with handles for boat dogs when it's rough. It's also important to stay vigilant when a dog is in board to know of their whereabouts.

Another great idea from Captain Alex Rogers is to take a test trip with the dog(s) to see if it is a good fit. Although the human may want to bring their furry buddy along—some dogs don't enjoy the experience as much as others. Just like people, dogs can get seasick.

Dog Piling On The Action

There are stories of dogs who can actually see blue marlin on the teaser (you'll have to check out a future installment for that one). A friendly dog can help sell charters. Some even seem to have a nose for the fish. Then there are the lucky dogs who seem to call the fish up.

Some of them also do some funny things when fishing. Our golden retriever, Lucy, will submerge her head in a bait bucket and come out with a pilchard in her mouth. Bait thief? Sure, but it's a pretty great party trick.

Special Accommodations for Dogs on the Boat

Here is a list of best dog practices, as provided by those who participated in the article.

- Make a special spot for them to go to the bathroom because most dogs will hold it all day.
- Use baby sunscreen (SPF 70+) on their snouts because their noses can burn easily.
- Cool towels, kept in the fridge to drape over them to cool them off.
- Using dock carts as transportation to and from the boat since the dock can get so hot and their pads will burn. Some of the other boats have made custom dock carts outfitted just for dogs!
- Keep a full bowl of fresh clean water—with some ice cubes. This will keep Fido cool and hydrated, even on a hot day.



When she's not leaping off the boat after pelicans, Makaira enjoys posing for transom shots with her buddy Capt. Alex.

Rigger and Makaira are at the center of some pretty great stories aboard the *Protocol* as well. When asked about funny stories involving his Cabo boat dogs, Capt. Alex Rogers says, "There have been a couple of them, but I would say the funniest, and also the scariest, was when Makaira decided to run all out across the cockpit and jump out off of the transom. She literally leapt off the boat while trying to catch a pelican that had his face in our bait tank as we were heading through the marina!" Rogers then had to slam the boat into reverse to block the other boats from running over his dog. "I guess it was funny after we got her back on the boat!"

Not to be outdone by his partner in crime, Rigger has a few fish stories of his own. "One time, he was up on the covering board barking at Pancho the seal who was at the transom begging for bait as we were coming in. As he was standing there barking down at Pancho, a frigate bird flew by and bumped him off the side of the boat. I thought for sure the seal was gonna eat him!"

Who Doesn't Love A Boat Dog?

Everyone loves dogs... and everyone love boats... at least all the people who you can actually trust. Combining man's best friend and everyone's favorite pastime, Boat Dogs are great. They are universally excited to be part of your boat day and to share in the action. Better still, Boat Dogs never seem to complain about the hot temperature or that you have been out for too long. Not only that, you'll never have to worry about them drinking all of the beer or hogging the rod.

A large, dark-colored boat is shown from a low angle, floating on the water. The sky is a mix of orange and blue, suggesting sunset or sunrise. The boat has a prominent cabin and several masts.

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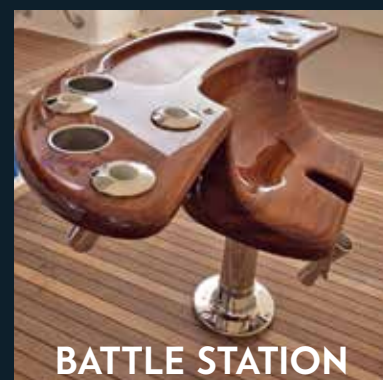
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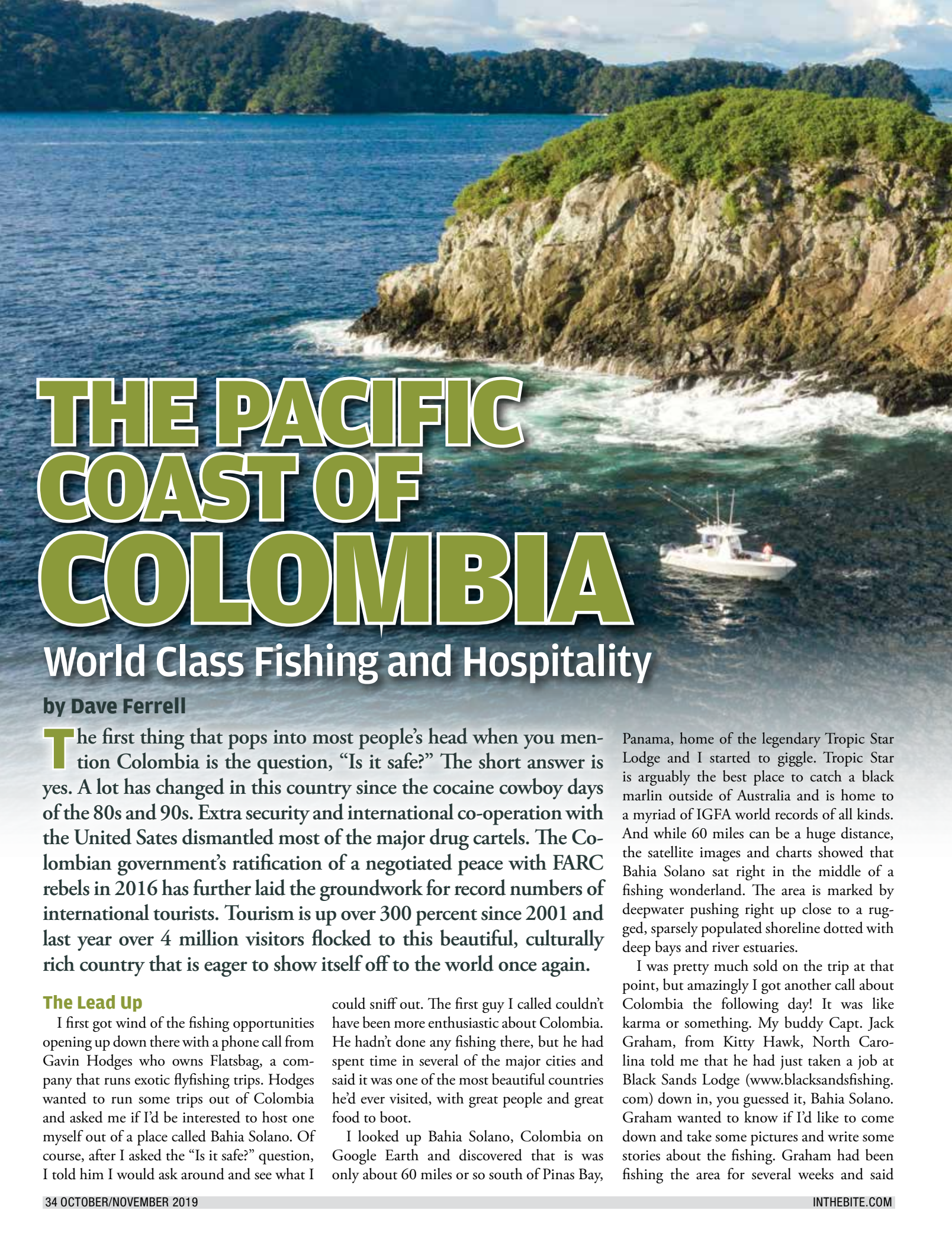
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THE PACIFIC COAST OF COLOMBIA

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by Dave Ferrell

The first thing that pops into most people's head when you mention Colombia is the question, "Is it safe?" The short answer is yes. A lot has changed in this country since the cocaine cowboy days of the 80s and 90s. Extra security and international co-operation with the United States dismantled most of the major drug cartels. The Colombian government's ratification of a negotiated peace with FARC rebels in 2016 has further laid the groundwork for record numbers of international tourists. Tourism is up over 300 percent since 2001 and last year over 4 million visitors flocked to this beautiful, culturally rich country that is eager to show itself off to the world once again.

The Lead Up

I first got wind of the fishing opportunities opening up down there with a phone call from Gavin Hodges who owns Flatsbag, a company that runs exotic flyfishing trips. Hodges wanted to run some trips out of Colombia and asked me if I'd be interested to host one myself out of a place called Bahia Solano. Of course, after I asked the "Is it safe?" question, I told him I would ask around and see what I

could sniff out. The first guy I called couldn't have been more enthusiastic about Colombia. He hadn't done any fishing there, but he had spent time in several of the major cities and said it was one of the most beautiful countries he'd ever visited, with great people and great food to boot.

I looked up Bahia Solano, Colombia on Google Earth and discovered that it was only about 60 miles or so south of Pinas Bay,

Panama, home of the legendary Tropic Star Lodge and I started to giggle. Tropic Star is arguably the best place to catch a black marlin outside of Australia and is home to a myriad of IGFA world records of all kinds. And while 60 miles can be a huge distance, the satellite images and charts showed that Bahia Solano sat right in the middle of a fishing wonderland. The area is marked by deepwater pushing right up close to a rugged, sparsely populated shoreline dotted with deep bays and river estuaries.

I was pretty much sold on the trip at that point, but amazingly I got another call about Colombia the following day! It was like karma or something. My buddy Capt. Jack Graham, from Kitty Hawk, North Carolina told me that he had just taken a job at Black Sands Lodge (www.blacksandsfishing.com) down in, you guessed it, Bahia Solano. Graham wanted to know if I'd like to come down and take some pictures and write some stories about the fishing. Graham had been fishing the area for several weeks and said



that the tuna bite was so off the chain that he really hadn't done anything other than toss poppers at 100-pounders all day.

His boss, Felipe Morales, promised us 10-days'-worth of fuel and carte blanche use of the lodge's brand new 35-foot Contender to explore the area and catch what we could catch. I immediately agreed to the springtime (March 2019) trip with Graham and then called Hodges to tell him that I'd checked the place out and couldn't wait to host the trip later in October.

Easy Trip

One of the many great things about Colombia is its relative proximity to the U.S. It's only a 3-hour flight out of Miami to Medellin, the city where folks who are traveling to Bahia Solano overnight before jumping on a commuter flight to the coast the next morning. Medellin is also a gateway for the many anglers who are heading inland to chase world-class peacock bass and other exotics in the country's pristine jungle rivers. I met several

of these anglers in the airport on my way into Colombia who were on return trips and their pictures of 20-pound plus peacock bass and huge arapaima made me vow to come back to the jungle to target these river monsters.

I arrived in Medellin, fairly late in the evening and was immediately struck by the modern airport and the quick, professional service from everyone I encountered. My ride was waiting for me right outside baggage claim and he told me that we had a short 40-minute ride over the mountain into Medellin. (I found out later on the return that this trip can stretch to over an hour depending on the time of day you are traveling.) The air was cool and dry at this altitude, Medellin lies at a 4,900-foot elevation, and we were crossing over a mountain that towers above the city. Although I couldn't see much of the ride in the dark, several jaguar-crossing signs along the road added a little extra chill and thrill to the night.

My hotel, the Sites, sat in a charming residential neighborhood in downtown Medellin. As we drove in, I noticed several fast-

food stands about two blocks from the hotel that were still packed with people. As soon as I checked in, I decided to take a stroll and find something to eat. I mention these little details because I know how sensitive some people are about the safety issue here. I've traveled around the world to all the best fishing spots, and there are several of them where I would never dream of going outside the hotel after dark. In contrast, I felt perfectly safe here, walking around, by myself, close to midnight. (I got a great double cheeseburger by the way, by far the best burger I've ever had in South America!)

The next morning at breakfast I met up with a couple of fellows that Graham had recruited from North Carolina to be our anglers and supermodels for the trip. Graham's childhood friends, Capt. Daniel Burrus and Justin Stewart were our ringers. Burrus runs *C-Salt* charters and Stewart manages his family's tackle business, TW's Bait and Tackle in Nags Head, North Carolina. They also carried a cooler full of fresh ballyhoo.



Rugged and remote, the Pacific Coast of Panama offers untapped fishing potential.

We enjoyed a really good breakfast at the hotel and then piled back into our cab for ride to the municipal airport only ten minutes away. Again, I was very impressed by the modern facilities and professionalism of the gate agents and security personnel, they were all very pleasant and welcoming. The flight from Medellin to Bahia Solano only took 45 minutes and I would swear that plane was brand new.

Black Sands Lodge

Once you step off the plane in Bahia Solano you finally realize that you are not in Kansas anymore. The small, yet busy, airstrip (three flights a day to and from Medellin alone) is cut right out of the jungle and the walkway to the customs hut is lined with whole yellowfin tuna, wrapped and frozen solid, silently steaming in tropical heat. Graham, a pretty big fellow, towered over the mass of locals and waved us over to pay our airport tax. (You need cash by the way... thanks Daniel!)

As soon as we got our bags together, we jumped into a three-wheeled taxi for the bumpy five-minute ride down to the fueling station where the *Siroco*, the lodge's brand-new 35 Contender waited on a mooring ball. Since it was still before noon, Graham decided to start the trip early, so our luggage stayed in the panga to head for the lodge while we started offshore to locate the tuna schools. I would have said hunt for the tuna schools, but

there's really no "hunting" here...as soon as we cleared the mouth of the bay, maybe ten minutes from the lodge, schools of big yellowfin began busting bait all around us.

Out came the spinning rods and big poppers and Burris and Stewart both hooked up immediately. Stewart got his 20-pounder into the boat and we all started thinking of the fresh sashimi we'd enjoy later on that evening. Burrus lost his first one right at the boat, but after a quick regroup, the boys were back up on the bow tossing poppers back into the schools of frothing tuna. Burrus got one to stick and after quickly dispatching this bigger fish, we decided to leave the tunas alone and go see what other mischief we could get into.

As we swept back close to shore, I immediately recognized this topography. The rugged,

rocky shoreline and deep, black water looked just like Panama. As we slowly motored through the rocks the boys started throwing their poppers up into the surge, trying to entice a big cubera snapper to come up and smash it. Instead, a school of marauding jack cravalle crashed the party and a double hook up of big jacks put a hurting on our anglers. After a few quick pictures, we decided to head back to get our first looks at the lodge before it started to get dark. As we ran back home at 50-plus mph in the flat calm water, we spotted several sails, lazily tailing on the surface, all traveling from the north to south. A good omen for the coming days.

Felipe Morales, manager of Black Sands Fishing (www.blacksandsfishing.com), comes from a long line of fishermen; his family owns



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and operates a string of high-end flyfishing lodges in Argentina. Morales was raised fishing and guiding on some of the best trout rivers in the world. He grew accustomed to providing the very best service, accommodations and fishing experiences to his guests.

"I had some jungle-exploring friends that first told me about this place," says Morales. "When I came on my first trip we didn't catch much, but I was very impressed with the landscape. I came back later on during the summer and we caught a few sails and absolutely destroyed the tunas."

Morales was convinced that the fishing could support a lodge and several other fishing businesses already seemed to be thriving in the area, mostly targeting inshore anglers that wanted to throw poppers to snappers or target roosterfish and groupers. Morales wanted to target the offshore anglers, while still offering the inshore variety and providing lodge-style accommodations and service. "We found a local partner here with a house that didn't require much work to bring up to our international standards," says Morales. "We want your experience here to be more than what you would get at a rough fishing camp...we want to have that lodge vibe...



Rocky pinnacles and lots of tuna can mean only one thing—black marlin.

bring some comfort to the clients. There's nothing quite like this here now."

The lodge sits perched up on a steep hill-

side, just a couple hundred feet from the surf line, offering spectacular views of the bay from large verandas on both floors. My room had a king-sized bed and a private bath. Although there's no air conditioning at the lodge, I never missed it. I was there in March and the cool temperatures and absence of biting insects was striking. The rooms had all been recently, tightly screened so you open the large shutters and let the sea breeze blow through the room each night.

The Meat

Aside from all travel-related niceties, of which there are many, the real reason to visit Colombia really is the fishing. You really can't begin to beat the tuna fishing. While Graham sometimes turned to his radar to locate birds and tuna schools at the start of each day, more often than not that's the only time he had to look at it. With little pressure, the schools stayed up on the bait and it was easy to catch as many as you wanted all day every day ranging in size from 20 to 100-pounds. I saw several that easily went 250 but we never got one that big to hit a popper. Graham, who has now spent more than seven months fishing out of the lodge, says that "If you





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Fishing is good year around says Graham, but come April, when the sardines come pouring through on their annual migration, the fishing just gets sick. "We had 43 teaser bites on May 29 while flyfishing for sails," says Graham.

That's totally on par with what I experienced two weeks before the sardines arrived. All those sails we saw traveling from north to south just kept multiplying over the course of my 10-day trip. Unfortunately, the water was unseasonable cold, we had to look hard to find 72-degree water, and the sails seemed to have lock jaw. After not getting any bites with trolled dead baits—with tailing sails everywhere—we cheated a bit and threw the net on some live baits on the beach. Made the short run back out the sails and caught nine (all really big ones) on live baits before calling it day.

The next day, I told the boys we were done cheating and were going to target the sails dead bait only to see what we could do. They agreed and we set out to get these tight-



The yellowfin tuna fishing out of Black Sands Lodge is stable and consistent. That's a hell of a selling point.

lipped jokers to bite. We rarely got a blind strike throughout the entire day. Graham had to put the baits right on the nose of the tailing schools to get them to fire off, but fire off they did once we got the routine down and the fellows got their thumbs under control. The boys caught 21 out of 30 bites on dead ballyhoo. I've never seen that many sails up on the surface like that... anywhere.

Graham hasn't been able to do much mar-

lin fishing, he's caught two after targeting them with lures for only four or five days. I know that there are some big ones there. Just 30 miles from the lodge there's a point of rocky land called Cabo Marzo, that stretches out across the mouth of a bay. On one side of this huge rock that comes out of the water a good five stories, the water is around 400-feet deep, on the other it's about 2,000. It's pretty much a Zane Grey reef that comes out of the water! What's more, this rock is covered up in all kinds of bait. The first run of sardines had just started showing up so giant schools of yellowfin tuna, jack crevalle and whale sharks all converged at the mouth of the bay to feast on the sardines. I know that anyone soaking a live tuna on that rock is going to get bit.

"This place is a legitimate world-class destination for all-around anglers," says Graham. "You can bait-and-switch for sails, throw poppers or jigs for giant snappers and tunas, or troll the beaches for roosterfish or snook. All that stuff is available here in a very small space."

If you've fished in all the good Central and South American hotspots but have steered clear of Colombia for one reason or another, now's the time to explore a great newly rediscovered destination in safety and comfort. 🐟



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by Elliott Stark

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When it comes to fishing, Southern California is a kingdom all its own. It boasts the US West Coast's only billfish fishery and its richly abundant waters have been attracting anglers since the days of Zane Grey. The physical dynamics of the oceans and current in many ways define the approach of the anglers and captains who ply its waters. The culture of fishing runs deep—what happened here in the formative days of sportfishing was, in its time, as impactful and profound as any place in the United States—and perhaps the world. The coastline is also densely populated by people with a deep connection to fishing and to the ocean generally.

It is the combination of all of these factors that produce a type of sportfishing captain with a skillset and perspective all their own. This is the story of the California Captain. Understanding the amalgam of variables that defines their environment is the first step in determining how and why members of their

ranks are increasingly prominent in the winner's circle of marlin tournaments far beyond the cold, greenish waters of their homeports.

The Physical Setting

In terms of geographical location, Southern California sits at roughly the same longitude as

coastal Georgia and South Carolina. In terms of water temperature and seasonality of its marlin and tuna fisheries, however, Southern California shares more in common with southern New England—each sits at the edge of billfish habitat. What accounts for the mismatch between longitude and water temperature?

The east and west coasts of the United States are dominated by ocean forces that are nearly exactly opposite. The East Coast is coursed by warm northerly flowing currents that transport water from the Earth's equator. The Gulf Stream is the dominant force in fisheries across the East Coast—from Florida to Maine, before it juts easterly across the Atlantic Ocean toward the British Isles. The Gulf Stream, in fact, is one of the world's largest and most powerful warm water currents.

The West Coast of the United States, on the other hand, is bathed by cold, polar water that is transported by the California Current. The California Current originates from the North

Pacific Current as it spins off of the Subpolar Gyro. The effect of this cold-water transport is evident in everything from the fishing to the weather to popular culture. It is this cold, polar water that drove Mark Twain to once say, “The coldest winter I ever saw was the summer I spent in San Francisco.”

Cold water that also defines the distribution and seasonality Southern California’s pelagic fisheries. Water temperature is one of the main determinants of where you can find billfish. During warm weather months there is a striped marlin fishery that varies quite a bit year to year. In El Niño years, when water of the Pacific are warmer than other years, there will be more striped marlin and even a scattering of blue marlin and wahoo in Southern California.

No matter how you slice it, however, Southern California’s waters lie largely within the extremes of desirable habitat for marlin. This is an important fact when considering the makeup of a California captain. With a boat and a few days, nearly anyone could figure out to catch sailfish in Guatemala—at least every once in a while. To catch swordfish or striped marlin in Southern California, however, requires a unique skillset.

A Culture of Watermen (Lots and Lots of Watermen)

California is the most populous state in America. It’s beautiful beaches, rich farmland, hospitable climate, and natural beauty has been attracting people to the state for hundreds of years. From gold rushes to people escaping the Dust Bowl of the 1930s to the many who try their hand at acting, the attraction to California makes sense to most anyone who visits the place.

The Pacific Ocean plays a prominent role in the lives and outlook of folks residing in California. From surfing to board shorts to fish tacos and the vertical jig (and, yes, doing yoga on stand-up paddle boards), the ocean’s influence has led to many of California’s chief cultural exports. Three factors come into play when considering how the demographics of southern California influence the development of the California captain.

The first: people of California really enjoy the ocean.

The second: there’s an awful lot of people in California.

The third: when it comes to marlin and tuna, the fishable zone of southern California is compressed. For the purposes of this article, we assume the fishable area to be roughly 170 miles—from about Oxnard to the Mexican border.

By some estimates, the population of South-



Three boats, from top to bottom, that define the California fishing landscape as well as any: the swordfish harpoon boat, the Pacifica, and the sport boat.



Live bait is as central to California's offshore fishing as dead ballyhoo are to the East Coast.



ern California was some 24.12 million people in 2018. This is roughly the same as the populations of all of North Carolina (10.38 million), South Carolina (5.08 million), and Georgia (10.52 million) combined. The net effect of the three variables is simple: there are lots and lots of people trying to catch a relatively small body of fish that is available in a relatively small area for a relatively short amount of time.

Captain Creation

While access to regular shots at billfish might be limited for the majority of the anglers and crews in Southern California, the waters are home to a diverse variety of fisheries and a thriving fishing culture. Many of the port cities have marinas and fishing clubs that operate out of them. These clubs commonly have tournaments and active social scenes to keep networks of anglers engaged in the So-Cal fishing scene.

Gary Graham grew up fishing in Southern California and has been a fixture on the scene for decades. Graham describes a culture of fishing that remains largely the same as it was 30 or 40 years ago. "Kids that are skilled and grow up learning how to fish are introduced to a network and really taken care of," Graham begins. Like many others, Graham's introduction to fishing came from

his father. "My father fished with a window washer who worked from 5am to 1pm every day. He'd then fish in the afternoons. The culture really has not changed much. These guys were experts fishing the kelp beds and they taught me how to fish," Graham says.

"In Southern California, a lot of the guys who have evolved with a spark for sportfishing—those who are dedi-

cated—have had the opportunity to capitalize on their passion and become the greatest captains here currently." Much like other places, there are a number of influential captains whose impact and influence link the early days of California sportfishing to the high liners of today. "Take a guy like Dave Hansen. His father, Don Hanson is 86 years old and has been involved with swordfish since he was a kid. Steve Lassley's first job was with Dave Hansen."

The sport boats of California exert unique influence over the fishing traditions of California. Known as head boats or party boats in other places, the California sport boat brings dozens of people out fishing for a variety of species. From same day and overnight trips targeting white sea bass and calico bass to the long range, multiday tuna and wahoo trips the sport boat is a California institution. Many a California Captain can trace his fishing lineage to this point of entry.

Captain Dave Hansen runs the *Wild In Sac*, a 65-foot Hatteras, and operates www.yoursaltwaterguide.com—a website that provides access and information on all things fishing in Southern California. He came by a life in fishing honestly. "My father owns San Clemente Sportfishing, a fleet of nine sportboats. I started fishing with dad at three years old and

knew from eight or nine that I wanted to be a captain." He came up through the ranks and began running a sportboat by the age of 20.

When asked how the sportboat background prepared him for running a sportfisher, Hansen paints a clear picture. "There are lots of 'microwave captains' with one skillset. I'm not an expert at anything but am good at lots of things. Catching fish for 60 or 70 people is quite a bit different than catching fish for one or two. Conditions change daily, clientele changes daily—availability of bait dictates what you can do," Hansen explains. "Experience as a sport boat captain gives you the ability to roll with everything. Some of the main skills are being able to talk to people and to work while tired."

Sportboats give many would-be crewmen their start on the water. Colin Sarfeh, marketing manager at Pelagic Gear, grew up fishing on these boats and well understands their impact on shaping the fishing scene in Southern California. There is a hilarious term for kids who frequent these boats—fishing so often that they are granted free passage in exchange for helping the crew. What is a dock rat in some places is a pin head in California. "A lot of guys get their start by pinheading from a young age. Each port has a handful of these guys," Sarfeh says. From there they are introduced to the sportfishing scene and integrated into the network that ultimately produces captains and tournament winners.

The Resulting Skillset: The California Captain

The California billfish and tuna scene is defined by a relative scarcity of shots, quite a bit of fishing pressure, and an established network of passionate fishermen. To regularly produce fish within this landscape requires a finely tuned skillset. Captain Evan Salvay (our featured Young Gun this issue) provides context.

"Success here requires you to be good at hunting, breaking down large stretches of water. It requires that you effectively maximize use of your electronics and equipment. In many ways, we have a limited entry season here. You have to fish hard and be prepared. There's lots of pressure and to be successful you must be technically competent," Salvay relays thoughtfully. "The fishery rewards technical proficiency."

Longtime California headliner Captain Jim Kingsmill provides further perspective. A policeman for 30 years, Kingsmill learned fishing from commercial guys. He now runs a two-boat operation—the *Chaser*, a 54-foot Viking, and a 47-foot Pacifica, the *Joint Venture*. "The fishery is totally different in Cali-

fornia. Sight fishing is so different. There is no consistency in current and it's hard to pinpoint where fish will be. Success requires following signs that will lead to fish—things like knowing which birds are associated with different fish. Then there is the availability of live bait, which changes through the years,” Kingsmill explains.

“When you leave the harbor, you’re fishing in three miles. There is a three- to 60-mile band, the fish can be anywhere. You’re always looking, your head is always on a swivel. In other places you have a long run to the fishing—when you pick up and run, you’re not missing anything.”

The centrality of observation and awareness to the fishing in California is best explained by how the fish bite and where they are hooked. In most every other place in the world, marlin are hooked behind the boat while trolling. In California, the striped marlin and swordfish are targeted by slinging a live bait to tailers or sleepers from the bow. California captains get very few shots from the back of the boat. This defines much of their perspective and skillset.

Captain Greg DiStefano is the only Californian ever to win an *InTheBite* Captain of

the Year award. Many of his tournament exploits are set aboard *El Suertudo*, Guy Yocom’s Cabo-based 80-foot Weaver. “One of the things, in my opinion, that’s different for the west coast captain is that sight fishing is so important. You are locked into binoculars all day working for a few shots. There are very few opportunities here—the more you’re in the gyros the more fish you’ll see. Training yourself how to look and how to pay attention is huge,” DiStefano explains. “In Southern California, most boats have two or three gyros each. In the White Marlin Open, I bet there were three gyros in total.”

When asked how a background in the California fishing scene translates to fishing Cabo and other places, DiStefano points to a direct benefit. “It makes you pay attention to the water around you, not just to the boat.



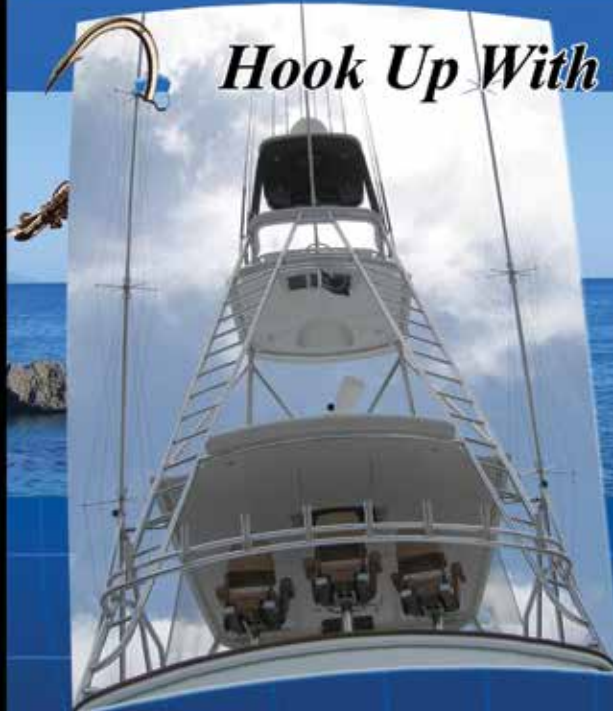
The fishing landscape in Southern California.





Where guys from other places might pick up and run, this background helps you to pick up the binoculars and look.”

Evolution and Perspective

Captain Pete Wishney is the owner/operator of the *Foxi Lady*, a Hatteras based out of Dana Point, California. An all around awesome and hilarious guy, Wishney never met a fishing adventure that he didn’t like. Pete and his wife Denise recently returned to Califor-

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Captain Steve Lassley: The Essential California Captain

In many ways Captain Steve Lassley embodies the essence of the California Captain. In addition to a pile of tournament and sportfishing accolades that is too long to be listed here, Lassley spent 30 years as a commercial swordfishermen in California. Lassley, while at the helm of one of the most famous multi-boat operations in sportfishing history, combined a number of skill-sets from a variety of fishing applications to forge a career that not only won millions, but has been recognized by induction into the IGFA Hall of Fame (even as he still fishes). Taking lessons from a variety of fishing disciplines and fisheries in a diversity of locations and integrating those lessons into strategies that employ emergent technologies is particularly Californian institution.



Photo courtesy Gary Graham

“Regardless of what you’re fishing for, the important thing is number of days on the water,” Lassley begins. Like many top shelf California Captains, he has been at the leading edge of harnessing sonar and other technologies in new and innovative ways. “I’ve been heavy into sonars since the late 80s. I had the very first Furuno CH14 (the predecessor to the Search Light) on this coast. We had a Furuno tech fishing with in the Outer Islands (200 miles off of Cabo) for a month getting it dialed in. We’d do stuff like suspending a 200-pound tuna off a float and try to hit it with the sonar to see what it looked like.”

By the early 90s Lassley was among a group of eight or ten West Coast captains getting heavily involved in high tech sonars. “A lot of it translated from long range boats and the success they were having—the ability to see an individual fish from hundreds of feet. We took their success and integrated it into a tournament strategy for black and blue marlin,” Lassley recalls. The sonar revolution was only half of the puzzle.

“That was in conjunction with the use of tuna tubes—that started in 1990 or 91. Bart (Miller) was the first guy with tuna tubes. Beak (Capt. Mike ‘Beak’ Hurt) fished with him in Kona and brought them here. I saw Beak with a bonito in a tube. I made some the next week. The combination of tuna tubes and sonar—and fine tuning all of that, from the right water flow for different baits to which frequencies worked best for which applications—that was really important. We learned it all from the ground up and made a lot of mistakes along the way. We were really fine-tuned and at the top of the game by 2006.”

How does all of this relate to where sportfishing is headed? Captain Steve Lassley is circumspect in his perspective. “The first team that can couple both coasts’ techniques will be the top dog—the total package will be the best. Anybody that scorns dead bait is a fool. Anybody who scorns live bait fishing is a fool. You pick up a lot of bits and pieces along the way and the end results are being able to put all those pieces together in a manner that works... But the real key is days on the water.”

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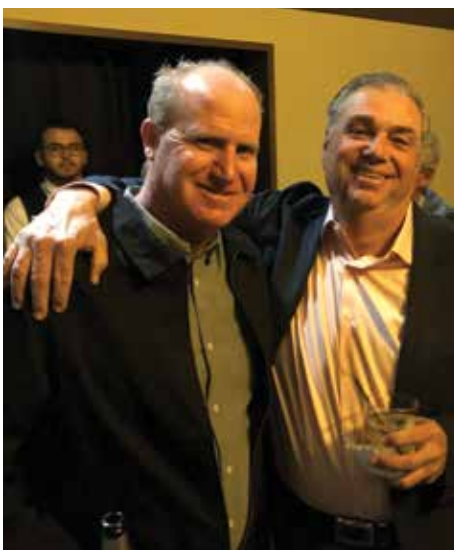
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nia after an extended tour of all of the best places to fish in Central America and the Caribbean. Resulting from his travels, Wishney well understands how a California fishing background can prepare you for fishing in other places.

“Southern California is much more live bait oriented than other places. Reading the water—the bird life and the color are very important here,” he begins. This solid understanding of the importance bait and the ability to read the water translates to other places. “There’s the old truism, ‘Where there’s bait, there’s fish.’ In California you look for little white terns. When they start fluttering (as opposed to flying), don’t wait to see fish, just throw your bait in. That idea translates very well to Venezuela in April and May when the blues show up. If there’s a frigate around, just wait for him...”

Captain Peter Groesbeck personifies the diversified skillset that results from integrating a California fishing background into skills picked up in other places. Groesbeck’s father had a 40-foot Wheeler in the 50s—his father caught his first marlin in 1956 out of San Diego. In the early 70s, Groesbeck’s brother bought a sportboat called the *Prowl-*



Captain Greg DiStefano and *El Suertudo* owner, Guy Yocom.

er—Groesbeck fished aboard it quite a bit. This body of experience augmented quite a bit of time crewing on stick boats for swordfish. The first time Groesbeck went to Cabo San Lucas was 1970—and he’s been traveling there ever since.

Groesbeck was part of the *Bad Company* fishing team for many years and ran a mother-ship/gameboat operation that spanned the

Pacific in the mid-1980s. These days Captain Peter is at the helm of a three Viking Fleet with boats in Half Moon Bay (near San Francisco), San Diego and Quepos, Costa Rica. “In the early days in California from May through October, there were lots of albacore, marlin, tuna and swordfish. From October through April, we’d head to Cabo. We’d spend some time in the boat yard then we’d do it again.”

“In Mag Bay we’d get lots of shots. This elevated the fishery in California. We started to inputting some of the East Coast guys to get better out of the back of the boat—using ballyhoo and dredges, and the like,” Groesbeck says of the evolution. The result of the integration of some east coast tactics and perspectives into the California, live bait perspective produces a sort of best practice. “Some times we run and gun, sometimes we troll. You just can’t be one dimensional. We integrated this into the build of our new 72’. We have enough equipment to anchor anywhere—we have bait tanks on the bow and bow rails. We can throw poppers to tuna and kite fish.” The basic idea is to be ready for anything and to be able to effectively mesh a variety of fishing styles to fit any situation.

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ON TARGET

Pro Tips for Sighting-In Your Rifle for Hunting Season

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by Capt. Adam Peebles

As hunting season approaches, it is once again time to dust off the old long gun and put a few rounds on target. As a former U.S. Army sniper, I learned and then later taught advanced shooting skills that served myself and my students well in combat. Some of the fundamental shooting concepts and exercises can be carried over into the hunting world, particularly when it comes to long distances.

I am always amazed at the amount of time and money many hunters spend on apparel, traveling, guided hunts, expensive optics, custom rifles and many other aspects of the sport. Meanwhile, most will likely fire five to ten rounds at a paper target 100 yards away for a “zero” and then expect to make a challenging shot in a field environment later. Some will be successful, some will not. However, I can’t begin to count the amount of hunting stories that end with a poor or missed shot and no trophy to show because of it.

At the end of the hunt, it doesn’t matter what brand boots you have on or what expensive camo pattern you wear. Putting yourself into a position to make a clean and ethical shot ultimately dictates the success or failure of the hunt. The following are some basic steps and tips to help ensure your hunt ends with a round on target.

Which Round is the Right One?

The first goal of readying your rifle for the

hunt should be deciding on which ammunition you want to use. Every rifle will tend to group better with a certain round or load. Too often I have listened to complaints about a new rifle lacking accuracy and grouping capability. In many cases, changing the load and round could solve inaccuracy woes.

The best way to figure out what ammo your rifle performs best with is to fire a few five round groups with various loads at 100 yards. With a grouping exercise, it is important to maintain the same point of aim for the entire five round group. A common mistake people make while grouping or zeroing is not having an exact point of aim. I recommend using a one-inch square black sticker on the target for zeroing and grouping. As it is impossible to tell exactly where center mass is on the square, aim at the corner of the square as it is clearly defined and prevents your crosshairs from drifting around in the center of the square.

This creates the most consistent point of aim possible for grouping and zero exercises.

You will also want to build a comfortable and stable firing position for both exercises. I recommend firing from either bipods or sandbags for your forward support and then using a sand sock or bean bag for the buttstock support. After grouping with various loads, you will have a good idea of which cartridge to take to the field.

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Now that you have the ideal load selected



Determining which bullet, at which load, performs best for your rifle is essential.

for your rifle, it is time to get an accurate zero. A good zero can be obtained in the same manner as the grouping exercise. A target with a one-inch black sticker at 100 yards will be the starting point for your zero. As with the grouping exercise, it is important to have an exact point of aim to achieve the most precise zero possible.

To zero, fire a three-round group at the target. Estimate where you believe the center of the three-round group to be and then adjust your windage and elevation to move the center of that group to your point of aim. Repeat this step until the point of aim and point of impact are the same. This technique will work with standard crosshairs, BDC reticles, and any other optic. If using an optic with a BDC built into the elevation turret, make sure you slip the BDC to 100 yards after you zero. A spotting scope is useful for observing and adjusting the point of impact. Having a good spotting scope on hand will also save you many trips down the firing line to inspect your target.

Gathering Data

With your rifle and optic now dialed in, it is time to identify the distances at which you expect to effectively take a shot and practice shooting at those distances. Even though many optics now have internal BDC reticles and BDC elevation turrets, there is no substitute for getting out on the range and gathering real world data on your rifle and how it performs at range with the load selected.

You can get a general idea of your bullet drop using one of the many ballistic calculators available online, but unless you have a chronograph to get an exact muzzle velocity there will be some deviation between the calculator and real-world results. An optic with a BDC reticle or BDC elevation turret takes bullet drop into account within the optic, while others have only a standard crosshair with no BDC built in and require more exten-

sive data gathering. A BDC that is not custom built for an exact barrel and load will never be dead on accurate. It is helpful to keep a log-book for gathering data at different distances, taking note of any deviation between the BDC for the selected distance and the actual point of impact for that range. For optics with no internal BDC, for best results you will need to note the exact MOA elevation adjustments between your zero and the ranges you gather data on.

One ever changing factor when shooting long range is the wind. For most rifles in most hunting situations, reading the wind is a non-issue. Only when pushing out beyond 300 yards will you really start to see the wind effect the bullet in a way that could cause a miss in a hunting situation. If you plan to take shots beyond 300 yards, then becoming familiar with how to read and adjust for wind is a must.

Even though the average hunter will likely not need to account for the wind in relation to making an ethical shot, it never hurts to become familiar with how the wind effects the trajectory of the bullet. A 10-mph crosswind at 300 yards likely wouldn't cause enough deviation to turn a good shot into a bad one, but a 10-mph wind at 600 yards would require a windage adjustment to ensure a hit in the vitals. A wind reading tool, such as Kestrel's 5700 Ballistics Weather Meter, is very helpful for reading wind, altitude, and barometric pressure and is invaluable for the serious long-range enthusiast. If you plan on shooting at long range regularly, study up on the wind and the effect it has on a projectile.

Preparing for "The Shot"

At this point, you should feel confident in your zero and the data obtained at various ranges. Now it is time to apply what you have learned on the range to a hunting scenario. There are several ways to create real world scenarios both on the range and in the field prior to the hunt.

For starters, practice firing from alternate firing positions. Practicing from kneeling, sitting, resting on a pack, or shooting sticks is a good start for those who will be doing spot and stalk hunts out West. If most of your hunting will take place from a climber stand, tree stand, or shooting house, set some targets up at various ranges from those stands and practice firing from them. Replicating and practicing awkward and alternate positions will make you more likely to make a shot count, as it is highly unlikely that you will be on your belly or on a bench rest in a perfect firing position



The author posing with the result of a skillfully executed hunt.

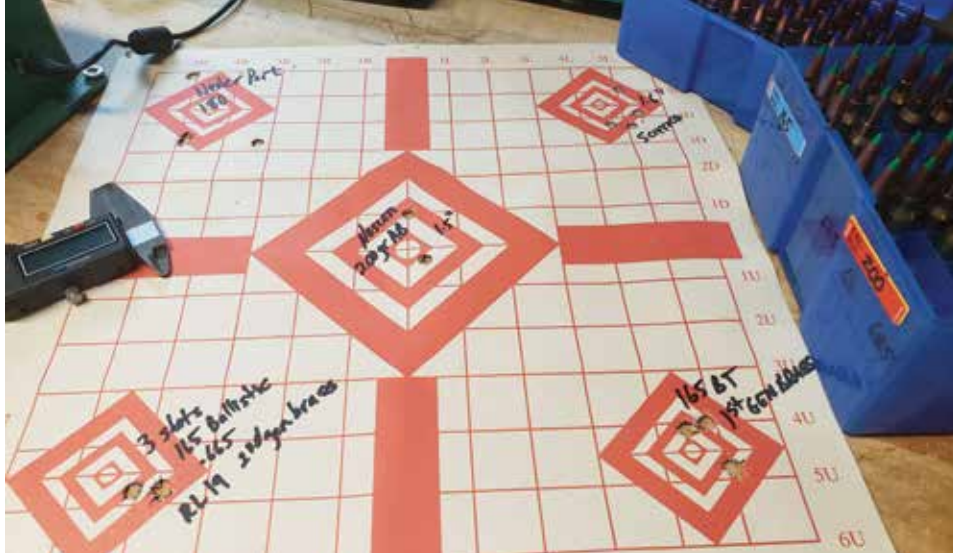
The Four Fundamentals of Marksmanship

A steady position, aiming, breath control, and trigger squeeze are the four fundamentals of rifle marksmanship. These fundamentals of rifle marksmanship lay the groundwork for becoming a consistent marksman. A dry fire drill can help refine all the fundamentals without ever stepping onto the firing range.

First, ensure that your rifle is clear and unloaded. Next, find a comfortable and steady shooting position that gives a clear line of sight on a target of your choice. Practice holding the crosshairs steady on the target and focus on your breath control. At your natural respiratory pause, squeeze the trigger. When done correctly, your crosshairs should not move at all during your trigger squeeze. Spend a few minutes daily on this exercise and you will notice definitive improvement on the fundamentals.

The Proper Set Up

Ensure your rifle and scope are setup properly. When looking through your optic, you should see a clear view of the target without any scope shadow. Scope shadow is the black color you will see in the ocular lens if your eye is not the correct distance away from the optic or if your eye is at an improper angle from the lens. This can be caused by an improperly mounted scope, an incorrect stock to cheek weld, or a combination of the two. Ensure that you have a consistent stock to cheek weld that allows for proper eye relief. Adjust your scope forward or backwards within the scope rings to allow for correct eye relief.



ural respiratory pause can help you overcome this obstacle and put a round on target.

To practice you will first have to elevate your heart rate and breathing. At the rifle range, knock out 20 pushups or do a quick 50-yard sprint and immediately get behind the rifle and make an accurate shot as quickly as possible. Even with heavy breathing and an elevated heart rate, you will still have a slight pause right after you exhale. This is called your natural respiratory pause and is precisely when you should take the shot. Begin by taking two to three slow deep breaths and then breathe out slowly while keeping your crosshairs on

the target. At the end of your exhale, squeeze the trigger. Practice this repeatedly and often and soon you will notice that your shot placement will not suffer nearly as bad when you are breathing heavily, and your heart is pounding through your chest.

Final Shot

I hope these tips will help you as you prepare for your next adventure, so that when the moment of truth comes, you will be able to take the shot confidently. In the words of the Roman philosopher Seneca, "Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity."

when it is time to take a shot in the field.

Whether you plan on making a stalk on a big bull elk, sneaking up on a wary ram, or sitting in a stand watching a food plot for a buck, I can guarantee one thing. When it is time to take the shot, your heart rate will be elevated and your breathing heavy. "Buck Fever," "the shakes," or just physical exertion can cause this issue. Fortunately, learning how to control your breathing and firing at your nat-

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CAPT. EVAN SALVAY

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Stella June

45 Sea Hunter

Owner: Ivan Vanortwick

by Charlie Levine

With a Bisbee win on his resume and his finger directly on the pulse of the burgeoning bluefin tuna bite, at just 27 years old Capt. Evan Salvay has established himself as one of the top fishermen in Southern California. The trick to his success? A run-and-gun style that focuses on finding fish and doing whatever it takes to get tight. But like all successful captains, Evan started out young and learned a bunch of different skill sets before he made a name for himself.

Evan began fishing on the local sport boats (what So Cal guys call party boats) in middle school and wet his feet by helping out

the deckhands. When he was 16, he started working for a six-pack boat based in Avalon Harbor on Catalina Island. Home to the

Tuna Club of Avalon since 1898, Catalina is one of the storied spots in the annals of sport-fishing history.

His first gig charter fishing was in 2009, not the best timing. An economic crash and slow fishing were not doing any favors for the charter industry, but it was a big year for Evan as he got to fish with Capt. Mike Arujo, a well-known marlin fisherman who ran the *Vertigo*, a 70-foot custom out of Newport Beach. In the 1990s and early 2000s, Arujo was among a small group of elite striped marlin captains in the area. It was Arujo who introduced the young mate to tournament fishing. Around this same time, Evan headed down to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and fished with his uncle in some money events. In 2010, Evan was on a team that won a daily in the Western Outdoor News Tuna Jackpot. It was his first taste of prize money.

The marlin fishing in Southern California slowed to a trickle from 2011 to 2014 and several of the big-time tournaments in the area ceased operations. "I took a hiatus for a few seasons," Evan says. "The tournaments were putting up one fish for the entire fleet over three days of fishing. There weren't many opportunities in So Cal for a young person trying to progress. It's not like the East Coast."

When the marlin scene dried up, Evan bought a 17-foot Boston Whaler and started to fish the salt-water bass circuit. He'd also roll the dice and run that small boat out to San Clemente Island for yellowtail. They built a custom, 52-gallon gas tank under the leaning post to make the 60-mile run in open ocean. "My dad would drop us off and say, 'See ya later.' We'd circumnavigate the entire island. We did it every week. We'd hit atrocious weather and giant swells. Luckily it didn't kill us," he says.

In 2014, Evan got his captain's license just as an El Niño kicked in and the fishing started to improve. "I started to transition back to offshore," he says. He purchased a 29-foot Crystaliner, an express style So Cal boat with twin Cummins. This time, the timing was just right. In 2016, the offshore fleet saw one of the best striped marlin bites in modern history. "There was a wide stretch of fish. We ran out of San Pedro and fished striped marlin around Santa Barbara Island and as far north as Santa Cruz Island. It was the same year we saw wahoo locally and blue marlin were around in catchable volumes. That bite may never be repeated in my lifetime." Sal-



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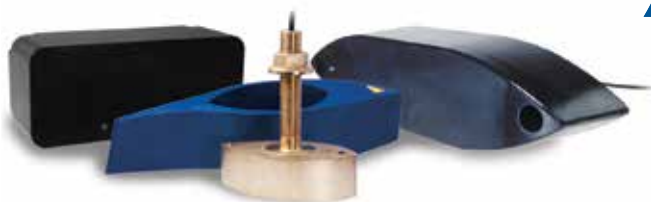
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vay and his crew landed a 474-pound blue in their home waters, which was one of the highlights of his young career.

The bluefin tuna also began to show up en masse with big fish over 200 pounds in the mix. "This bite never existed here before, and the whole scope of my business started to revolve around the bluefin," he says. But these tuna were not easily caught. Crews would find massive schools of 'foamers' busting up on the surface but had to get creative to catch them. That's really where Evan's skills shined. He began to focus on jigging and popping techniques and that propelled him to the top of the game.

"I was at the right place at the right time," he says. "The fishery is cooking strong right now and it's perfectly suited to young people. It's an active style of fishing." Evan spends most of the day in the tower, scanning in the gyros for pods of fish. When he finds them, he hammers the throttles to get in on the action and then anglers use a mix of poppers, kite baits, stick baits and iron to get tight. This isn't a slow-trolling affair, it's action packed.

Throughout this period, Evan continued to go to Cabo and fish 15 to 20 tournaments a year. In 2017 he took his tournament program in Mexico up a few notches. He linked up with a client, Davis Ahn, and they purchased a Cabo 40 express. They sent the boat to Mexico about a month before the kickoff of the tournament season. Evan got the program together quickly, learning the boat and getting it set up



Salvay at the helm of the *Stella June*, a 45 Sea Hunter.

to his liking. They pulled it off and landed a 442-pound blue on the first day of the 2017 Bisbee's Black and Blue. The fish didn't take home the daily, but they finished the tournament in fifth place and got to collect a check. "We were four guys in our 20s that were somehow given a shot," Evan says. "I think we were the youngest team to ever walk on that stage."

The next year they went back to Cabo and fished on the same boat with the same crew. There were three qualifiers caught going into the final day, but the big money had rolled over and there was a pile of cash up for grabs. "We

went out that day and did what we wanted to do," Evan says. "We filled the tuna tubes with 10- to 15-pound tuna and slow-trolled live bait." They got bit around 11 a.m. and Charlie Lee caught the fish in just under two hours. The fish won the tournament, netting the *Chinito Bonito* a cool \$3 million! The second largest tournament payout in sport-fishing.

"That was my dream," Evan says. "I don't know if it was luck or fate or what, but you put together a good program, put your time in and hope that luck kicks in. We got the bite we wanted. For someone who grows up fishing striped marlin in California and suffers through slow fishing, and to have your career skyrocket during some of the best fishing, it's a dream come true."

Right now, Evan is taking a hiatus from charter fishing and running a private boat that's a big departure for the So Cal scene. The *Stella June* is a 45-foot Sea Hunter with quad 425-hp Yamahas, a full tower and a Seakeeper gyro. The boat is owned by Ivan Vanortwick who enjoys the same style of fishing as Evan.

"A lot of fishing is on the bow out here, not behind the boat," Evan says. "We've got the biggest center console out here and it suits what we do. We utilize the speed and hunting ability to create a more active, engaging opportunity. I have a boss who's into that. He likes to throw poppers and stick baits. You can't always do that if you have an older boss who wants to sit in the cabin."

They plan to take the Sea Hunter to Cabo and fish the tournaments in the fall. "We're looking forward to see what we can do with a boat that has speed, bait capacity and good, technical anglers," he says.



Captain Evan Salvay and company posing with a \$3 million black marlin.

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Capt. Marlin Parker, and crew members Ryan Thurner and Carol Lynne work together on the *Marlin Magic II* like a well-oiled machine. The close-knit group gets plenty of practice fishing together too – around 200 days a year. In an average year, the crew will catch approximately 80-100 blue marlin, with 95% of those fish being tagged and released.

Parker is a dedicated, highly respected captain who has fished Kona's blue waters for over 44 years. He is no stranger to the winner's circle, winning multiple first-place wins in Kona and Los Cabos, Mexico. While Marlin and company have tasted victory before, the 2019 Big Island Marlin Tournament was one they will not soon forget.

When asked what he thinks makes the *Marlin Magic II* a successful tournament fishing

machine, the good-humored captain credits his 44 years of experience off Kona, his fiancé Carol Lynne – who acts as crew/hostess/professional photographer, and crew member Ryan Thurner who has been fishing with him for the past three years.

Parker believes that maintaining a positive attitude is the key to tournament fishing. Keeping a good vibe on the boat is very important here because while fishing off Kona, anything can happen. The standings can change in a second. From Parker's perspective, it's essential to have a competent crew that goes above and beyond in ensuring that not only do clients have an enjoyable experience while fishing, but that the boat is fine-tuned both above and below the waterline.

Approach for Big Island Marlin Tournament (BIMT)

No matter what tournament he's fishing, Parker always fishes five Marlin Magic Lures. Every morning he handpicks the spread, factoring in conditions and what he's "feeling" that particular day. At the end of day two of

the three-day tournament, Parker had his work cut out for him. He had tagged two blue marlin. Meanwhile, Capt. Tracy Epstein on the *Last Chance* had tagged 12 blues. Making the prospect of a comeback that much more daunting, Capt. Teddy Hoogs on the *Bwana* weighed a 671.5-pounder and tagged seven more blues.

On the final day, the veteran captain knew he had to swing for the fences. He had Thurner put a XXL Ruckus on the short corner, a Lava Ruckus on the short rigger, a Regular Shell Ruckus on the long corner, a Mirror Big-eye on the long rigger and a Baby Blue Bullet on the stinger.

Parker knew that with all the small male blue marlin around there had to be a big one around, too. Going to his memory bank, he chose to fish the spot where he caught a 973-pound marlin ten years ago.

As if on cue, a huge shadow appeared behind the lure in the short corner. An enormous blue marlin appeared, pushing wake off its head and shoulders like a submarine. Everyone on board saw the fish and angler Keith Hilton jumped on the rod when the gargantuan fish inhaled the Lava Ruckus.

After an epic 20-minute battle with the big blue coming completely out of the water twice, and ripping across the ocean's surface throwing whitewater everywhere, the swivel hit the rod tip. Thurner grabbed the leader on the still green fish, and the behemoth switched back and forth five times behind the transom before it was alongside the boat. Brian Rice threw the first gaff, followed by Parker coming down off the bridge, sinking the second gaff for reassurance.

Once on board, the fish measured 133.5-inch short with a 78-inch girth. On the scale, the gigantic blue weighed in at 1,035-pounds. The *Marlin Magic II* took the heaviest fish money and it was the first grander caught off Kona since August 26, 2015. Congratulations to Capt. Marlin Parker, Carol Lynne, Ryan Thurner and the anglers on board.





EAST COAST DIVISION



Virginia Beach Billfish Tournament
1st Place:
Evelyn Kennedy
Capt. Kevin Pankoke

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Pirate's Cove Billfish Tournament
1st Place: *Desperado*
Capt. Rob Barker



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Alice Kelly Memorial Ladies Only Tournament
1st Place: *Bangarang*
Capt. Paul Spencer



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White Marlin Open
1st Place Marlin: *Fish Whistle*
Capt. Charlie Horning



Dare County Boat Builders Tournament
1st Place: *Waste Knot*
Capt. Barry Sawyer



Virginia Beach Invitational Marlin Tournament
1st Place: *Just Right*
Capt. Nolan Raunswinter



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Edisto Invitational Billfish Tournament
1st Place: *Trashman*
Capt. Shelby Myrick



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Big Rock
1st Place Marlin: *Top Dog*
Capt. Ryan Knapp



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Carolina Billfish Classic
1st Place: *Blue Sky*
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Emerald Coast Blue Marlin Classic
1st Place Marlin:
It Just Takes Time
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Gulf Coast Triple Crown Champion
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Texas Legends Billfish Tournament
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Capt. Matt McDonald



Lone Star Shootout
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Capt. Jason Buck



Texas Billfish Classic
1st Place Marlin: *Amigo*
Capt. Brad Schoenfeld



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Bisbee's East Cape Offshore Tournament
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Signs of Melanoma – What you Need to Know for Detection



By Alexandra Stark
Licensed Psychotherapist

While back, we focused a segment of this column on preventing skin cancer. For those who spend a lot of time on the water, limiting sun exposure can be a real challenge. We talked various types of sunscreen, sun shielding clothing, a pair of well-made sunglasses – the works. The main take away was that sun protectant clothing – hats, buffs, long sleeves, and pants – is a good bet, even if you bathe in sunscreen three times a day.

Even with the best protection, however, there is still a chance that someone can develop skin cancer. According to the Mayo Clinic the most serious type of skin cancer is melanoma. This dirty, miserable bastard develops in the cells (melanocytes) that produce melanin — the pigment that gives your skin its color. Melanoma can also form in your eyes and, rarely, in internal organs, such as your intestines. Melanoma is a dangerous, sometimes lethal adversary – and one that does not always fight fair.

Although skin cancer is a very serious diagnosis, being in tune with your body and know-

ing the signs necessary for early detection can be the key for treatment. What follows is a breakdown of what to look for when screening your body for potentially dangerous spots on your skin. The Skin Cancer Foundation (www.skincancer.org) details an excellent and easy to remember way to manage your detection system: the **ABCDEs of Melanoma**.

Most people have a few brownish spots on their skin – freckles, birthmarks and moles. Almost all spots are harmless and normal, but some may be skin cancer. When looking for troublesome areas, remember the following:

- **A is for Asymmetry.** Most melanomas are asymmetrical. If you draw a line through the middle of the lesion, the two halves don't match, so it looks different from a round or oval and symmetrical common mole.

- **B is for Border.** Melanoma borders tend to be uneven and may have scalloped or notched edges. Common moles, on the other hand, tend to have smoother, more even borders.

- **C is for Color.** Varied shades of brown, tan or black may be the first sign of melanoma. As melanomas progress, the colors red, white or blue may appear. Benign moles are usually one to two shades of brown.

- **D is for Diameter or Dark.** Melanomas at the time of detection are usually larger than the size of a pencil eraser (about 6 mm, or ¼ inch, in diameter). However, they may also be smaller. Melanomas also often appear darker in color as compared to normal moles. However, they can also be lighter in color or pink in color. Rare, amelanotic melanomas are colorless.

- **E is for Evolving.** Any change in size, shape, color or elevation of a spot on your skin, or any new symptom in it, such as bleeding, itching or crusting, may be a warning sign of melanoma.

- **F is for Funny Looking.** If a mole in a grouping of moles that does not look like the others in the group, this is a warning sign.

If you notice any spots on your skin that bear any resemblance to potential melanoma, schedule an appointment with a dermatologist as soon as possible. It is also a safe bet to include a yearly skin check as part of your regularly scheduled medical appointments. The saying goes that "If you can spot it, you can stop it." While some medical procedures start at advanced ages (like the dreaded prostate exam), even young people might consider regular appointments with the dermatologist – especially if they spend quite a bit of time in the sun.

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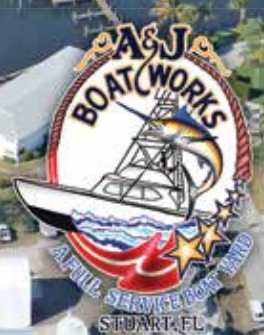
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The 2019 Blue Marlin Report from Texas



By Captain
Kevin Deerman

As we near the end of our fishing season in the Texas Gulf, I began to reflect back on the incredible marlin fishing our tournament fleet has experienced in the previous few years. This year, on the other hand, has been a little off in comparison. While the bulk of the season hasn't lived up to the previous few years, it seems to be picking up here towards the end.

Last year at this time, this column described the Hoover/Diana Spar producing over 45 blue marlin in a five week period. These catches and releases were all reported between the Poco Bueno tournament in July and the Texas Legends Tournament in August. Were the numbers not enough, many of them being solid fish and a few in the 600- and 700-pound class.

The Diana bite never really happened this summer. In fact, if you were to combine the action from all season in all of our normal tournament target areas that it would have matched last year's bite from the Hoover/

Diana Spar alone. What accounts for the difference in fishing results? For starters, the favorable current and bait conditions that produced the bite last year have not been present at Hoover/Diana in 2019.

While the overall number may have been down, there were a few boats that did have epic trips throughout the summer. In early June the *Hook N Bull* released six blues on an overnight trip to Diana. These early results had many thinking that the bite was about to go off again this year... but not much really happened at Diana thereafter.

In the Texas Billfish Classic, our tournament season starter this year, there was a really good bite at the shelf rigs for about a week. This area produced the majority of the 22 blues for the 26 boat fleet fishing the tournament. Of these 22 blue ones, the *Bali Hai* caught four and took home second place in the release division. The *Done Deal*, who won the release division, also picked up the last couple of their blues in the same area. Their total for the tournament was six blues and one white.

Fishing finally picked back up on Labor Day weekend with most of the boats reporting at least one blue marlin release. If the wide distribution of action were not enough, the *Game Plan* set a new Gulf record going 8 for 10 on blue marlin in a single day! *Game Plan* caught all eight of their blues at the Perdido spar rig using stand up tackle and estimated them all to be between 400- and 600-pounds.

Perdido is the southernmost rig that we fish off the Texas coast. In addition to the new single day Gulf record, the rig has produced many tournament winners in the past. The following weekend, the crew on the *Sigsbee Deep* headed back to the same spot and went three for four on blues with an extremely big girl that they gave a very conservative estimate of 700-plus pounds.

Before we call 2019 a thing of the past, we still have a little time before hunting season is full on. As long as the weather cooperates, we hope to tack on a couple more good reports.
— *That's the report from Texas!*

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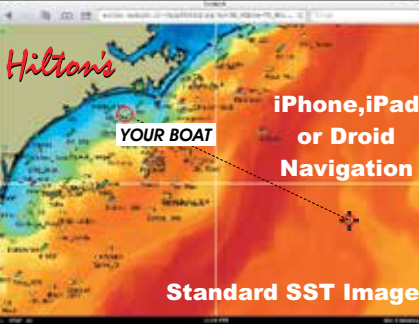
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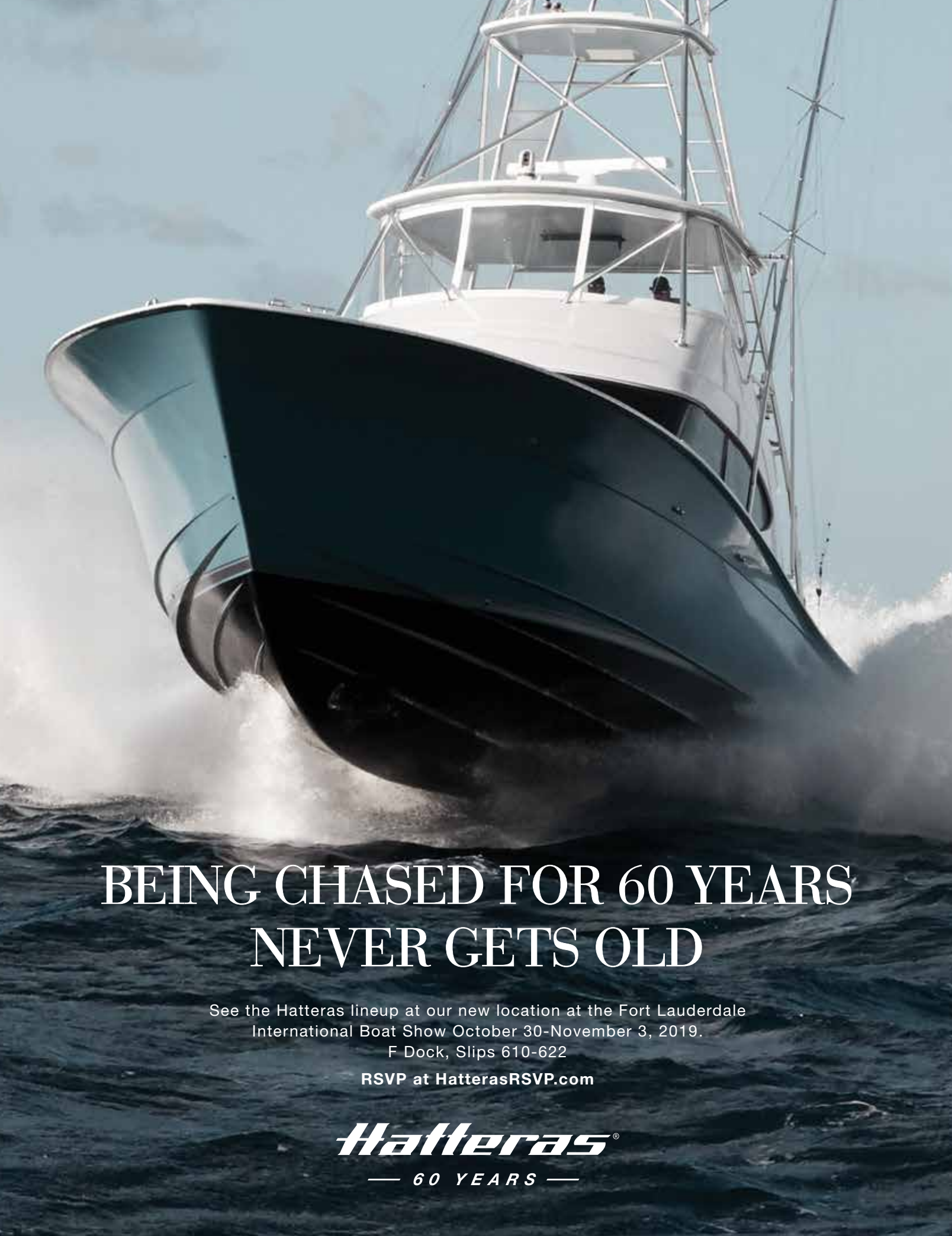


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