

Best Crews



Best Crew
Capt. Baxter Still, Rum Bum (\$5,000.00)



Second Best Crew
Capt. Ariel Correa, Bimba (\$3,000.00)



Third Best Crew
Javier Hernández, Reel Affair (\$1,000.00)

A Special Memorial Award

Ralph Christiansen, Jr. Perpetual Award



The Christiansen family with the new Tournament distinctive award; "Ralph Christiansen, Jr. Perpetual Trophy for Best Angler Overall," courtesy of Murray Products.



Siblings Stephanie and Ralph Christiansen III with the new award: The "Ralph Christiansen, Jr. Perpetual Trophy for Best Angler Overall"



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[Aug. 16-22, 2010]



The Billfish Bulletin

The Official Bulletin of the 56th International Billfish Tournament, San Juan, Puerto Rico 2009



USA and Guatemala win the IBT!

Dear Anglers and Friends:

Once again we want to thank you all for joining us for our 56th edition of the San Juan International Billfish Tournament.

Here is a snapshot of those lucky anglers and crews who were able to excel during our tournament this year.

Our tournament is as strong as ever with solid participation from anglers and crews from around the globe. We have always strived to share our hospitality and camaraderie and promote conservation practices during our tournaments; this has been the formula for success!

Next year's Chairman, Frankie Mirandés, will take the tournament up another notch, continuing the tradition and history that takes us back to 1954.

I thank you all for your support over the years and invite you to join us next year in celebrating our 57th Edition of the San Juan International to be held August 16-22, 2010.

Tight Lines and Screaming Reels!

Gonzalo M. Ferrer
Chairman
56th San Juan International Billfish Tournament



Best International Team • United States

Doug Covin, fishing with Luis Bacardi and Salim Merheb (both absent from the photo) won the Best International Team award, as well as an entry to participate in the Rolex / IGFA Championship in Cabo San Lucas and three plane tickets to Panama, courtesy of COPA Airlines. In the photo: Frankie Mirandés, Capt. Baxter Still (on behalf of Luis Bacardi), Dave Withers, Tournament Chairman Gonzalo M. Ferrer, angler D. Covin, Brandon Day and Ralph "Agie" Vicente, Club's Commodore.



Second International Team • Guatemala

Two fishing teams from Guatemala competed in this edition. In the photo: the Guatemala winning team with Frankie Mirandés, Midel Gomez, Manuel Cobar, Jr., Gonzalo M. Ferrer, Che Kozina and Ralph "Agie" Vicente.



Third International Team

Lady anglers Ivette Rodriguez, Carolina Figueredo (from Venezuela) and Maria Rivera won as International team!! In the photo: Frankie Mirandés, Mari Iturregui, Ivette Rodríguez, Maritza Vicente, Figueredo, Mai Vizcarrondo, María Rivera, Agie Vicente and Gonzalo M. Ferrer.

Thanks to all our Sponsors for their support. We couldn't have made it without them!!!

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San Juan-Salinas Shootout

Representatives from the Salinas Yacht Club in Ecuador made a symbolic delivery of the trophy to San Juan representatives who will keep it for one year. In the photo: Paco Solá, Pepe Anton, Mirandes, Ferrer and the winner!! Ralph "Agie" Vicente who won the award along with Charlie Donato.



Anglers Luis Bacardi and Doug Covin in the 56th Edition.

Best Visiting Anglers



Best Visiting Angler and Second Visiting Angler

Doug Covin (center) received the Best Visiting Angler award, while Capt. Baxter Still from Rum Bum received the Second Visiting Angler award on behalf of Luis Bacardi, winner.



Third Visiting Angler

Charlie Forman, Club and Organizing Committee member from Florida, took home this award.

Best Boats



Best Boat!!! Rum Bum wins a Murray Products fighting chair >

From Rum Boat Dave Withers, followed by our Tournament Chairman Gonzalo M. Ferrer, Capt. Baxter Still and seated in the chair, angler Doug Covin, Frankie Mirandes, who will be the next Tournament Chairman, Brandon Day and Ralph "Agie" Vicente, Club's Commodore.



Second Best Boat

Bimba won a rocket launcher. Its owner, Jose Diaz Umpierre (5th from left to right), received the award with his teammates, and Mirandés, Ferrer and Vicente.



Third Best Boat

Reef Affair won a step box! Friends Wilson Colberg (left) and winner Carlos Ramírez enjoyed every minute of the Awards Ceremony, and of course the boat's new step box. In the photo: Colberg, Ramírez, Adrian Stella and Tito Serra.

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Best Lady Angler

Baptist Health Center awarded the Best Lady Angler Award to Maria Rivera. In the photo: Gonzalo Ferrer, Maria Rivera, Martin Arias, Maria Emilia Vila (Baptist), and Mari Iturregui.



Captain and Angler with most Tags

Captain with Most Tags; Ariel Correa, Bimba. The Angler with Most Tags award went to Maria Rivera, also Best Lady Angler.

Local Anglers



Best Local Angler Gustavo X. Ferrer / UBS Perpetual Trophy

Carlos Ramirez received the Perpetual Award from Gustavo Ferrer, Sr.



Second Local Angler

Jorge Pavia on Reel Affair.



Third Local Angler

Nicolas Carvajal. Bimba.

Best Interclub Teams



Best Interclub Team

Carlos Ramirez, Carlos Luis Rodriguez and Bill McGough, who returned to the USA earlier. In the Photo: Mirandes, Ramirez, Mari and Gonzalo Ferrer, Rodriguez and Vicente.



Second Interclub Team

CNSJ with Ralph Christiansen, III with Mike Benitez and Luis Enrique Terrassa (the later not in the photo). The Third Interclub Team went to Club Deportivo del Oeste with Eugenio Belaval, Efrain Gonzalez and Omar Joglar.