

## CATALINA MARLIN TOURNAMENTS

### 35 Cabo Flybridge - MAGELLAN on a roll winning Master Angler Billfish Tournament

NEWPORT BEACH - The marlin bite continued over the weekend for the 45 boats fishing in the Master Angler Billfish Tournament put on by the Balboa Angling Club. The Master's, as it has become known, is a light line tournament where the lighter the line used to catch a marlin, the more points are earned. Boats typically use 20-pound test for the trolling rods and throw bait with 16-pound and 12#. With nearly 12 hours of fishing time for two days, that gives everybody plenty of time to test their light line angling skills.

This year saw plenty of talent on the water, all representing various fishing clubs from Southern California. Greg Stotesbury and his team fished their new Contender for the Light Tackle Marlin Club and had multiple hookups on 12-pound, releasing two of them successfully earning them second place. Jock Albright fished his boat Kea Kai for the Los Pescadores Club and put Ben Secrest from Accurate Reels on a few fish, one of which was a big marlin hooked on 12-pound that they battled for nearly eight hours before getting a clean release.

**There was one boat that stood out above all the others in this year's tournament with nearly twice as many points as the 2nd place boat. Rob Webster's 35-foot Cabo Magellan, took high boat as well as high angler with 990 points. Webster, along with Mark Wisch, John King and Keith Provin caught 3 marlin on 20-pound (all jig fish), one on 16-pound and one on 12-pound (both bait fish). Keith Provin was the angler on 3 of those fish which gave him the high angler award.**

The majority of the fish were caught in the same area as the Avalon Billfish Classic, on the backside and west end of Catalina Island. There was another spot holding a few fish closer to San Clemente as well. With a few more tournament lefts, boats are hoping that the fish stay close and keep biting.



TEAM MAGELLAN enjoying their first place win with 5 releases



THE CHAMPIONS, from left to right Mark Wisch, Keith Provin, Rob Webster, and John King took first place in the 2008 Master Angler Billfish Tournament aboard Webster's Magellan.