

# REEL TIMES



White seabass caught outside of Dana Point at the tide shift. Caught on 30# and weighed in at 58 lbs.

## Marlin News

DAC had three IGFA Satellite Tags for the IGMR marlin Race.

The first Satellite Tag was placed on August 17, 2025, by Jim Kingsmill on Wild Bill. This was a 30-pound bait fish. Location 277 bank.

The second tag was placed by Bob Kurz on Royal Slam. Tag was placed on September 21, 2025.

The third Satellite Tag was placed on September 27, 2025, by Reed Martin on Gad Zukes. This was a 30-pound jig fish. Location 20-07 shipping lanes.

Patrick Sangi released his First Marlin on 50-pound tackle on September 27, while fishing on Wild Bill. This is a 50-pound button fish.

**Come join us for the DAC Holiday Party. It's being held Wednesday Dec. 10th 6-9pm at Dana Point Yacht Club. We will have hors d' oeuvres, soft drinks, no host bar, raffle and ugly sweater contest. The 2026 tidelogs will be handed out. Hope to see many of you at our last event of 2025.**

## Letter from the President

Dana Anglers,

All the Tournaments (except Lobster) have been completed. We had a "great" year with many more members participating.

For Outstanding Angler, we had 18 members score points.

For Top All Around Boat, we had 1 Boats score points.

For Outstanding (Marlin) Boat, we had 13 Boats catch Marlin.

We had 23 members and 22 guests catch Marlin and the Season isn't over yet. We have to wait and see how that Race turns out!! The fish did not cooperate.

We need "more" junior anglers!!

We have next years Board set. We have two board members retiring from the board, Tom Kretschmar (Treasurer) and Pete Flath (Secretary). Tom, an accountant, did a great job getting the Club records back on track and was with us for many years. Pete, as well did a great job and also recruited his daughter Allie to do the Newsletter and Year Book. We Thank them both for their years of service to the Club, they will both be missed. Allie will continue to do the newsletters and Year Book.

The new Board is as follows:  
President - Dave Peter  
Vice President/Social Chair - Dave Whitenack  
Treasurer - Scott Kingsmill  
Secretary - Alex Plambeck  
Fish Chair - Bob Waters  
Membership Chair - Jeff Hollenbeck  
Web Master - Peter Nannis

If you would like to help the Club, there are several sub committee's that could use help. Contact one of the board members for information.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the holiday party and thanks for a great year!

Dave Peter  
DAC President



# Fish Report



## TUNA TOURNAMENT

Bad weather on the tuna grounds continue to plague fishing results, plus Blue Fin Tuna being Blue Fin Tuna plays a role. A notorious finicky fish to approach and catch. 4 Weigh slips were turned in.

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Trevor Blackann	28.375 lbs on 30# line	21.28 pts	Dock Holliday
2nd Place	James Palada	38.5 lbs on 50# line	19.25 pts	Dock Holliday
1 <sup>st</sup> Guest	Tony Panici	75 lbs on 50# line	37.63 pts	Ramble on Rose
Top Boat	Dock Holliday			
Big Fish	Tony Panici			

## EL NIÑO TOURNAMENT

A few of the DAC teams fished in the El Niño Marlin Tournament. No weigh slips submitted.

## DICK TONKS TOURNAMENT


1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Bob Waters	130 pts	Showtime	Marlin Released 9/13
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ned Washburn	130 pts	Blackfin	Marlin Released 9/14
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Alex Plambeck	130 pts	Fish Styx	Marlin Released 9/14
Top Boat	Showtime			

Congratulations to Alex Plambeck for his first Marlin release, ever! This is a 30 lb Marlin button for Alex.

## DAC MARLIN TOURNAMENT

Fishing on JEFE, Chris Bailey released a bait fish in 16-pound tackle in 3 minutes. Wow! Great job to Team JEFE. Catch was made on 10-4-2025. The next day, Ned Washburn released a jig fish on 30-pound tackle. While other DAC boats were pounding the grounds between the 14 and shipping lanes, no other weigh slips were turned in.

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Chris Bailey
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ned Washburn
Top Boat	JEFE



## BAC MASTERS TOURNAMENT

DAC fielded a 3 boat Team, consisting of JEFE, Wild Bill and Showtime. DAC won a lot of Awards, as we usually do. JEFE was the only team boat that could pre-fish and they found the fish that no one knew about at the Boot. Team JEFE had quite a pre-fish day. Chris Bailey released a 30 lb bait fish out of a double. Dave Peter released a 16 lb Jig Fish out of a triple. Great fishing. It cannot be understated how important this information turned out to be.

2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	High Angler	Chris Bailey	16lb release on day 1	Jefe
6th Place	High Angler	Zach Waters	20lb release on day 1	Showtime
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	High Boat	JEFE	Geoff Heldoorn, Pat Holmes, Chris Bailey, Dave Peter, Jeff Tom	
1st Place	High Team	Dana Angling Club	JEFE, Wild Bill, Showtime	
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From Geoff Heldoorn on JEFE

We left Long Beach on Thursday morning and made bait at IzorsReef. Jeff Tom showed us the trick. You have to anchor up and chum and wait for them to find you. It took about 30 minutes but slowly they came in and we were able to put about 30 or so in the tank. Some were too big. We had about 50 or so total for the trip at that point.

We headed up to the 270 area where we had fished the weekend before. Still a lot of bait in that area. I was in the gyros and found a pack of about 12 Tailers at 39/38 at 1:20 pm. Pat put us on them and Chris and I each cast a bait to them. We were both instantly bit. They would have eaten as many baits as we could have thrown at them. Chris and my fish ended up going 180 degrees opposite and I couldn't stop mine and it spooled me and broke off. Then at 3:10 we got a triple jib strike at 37/39. 2 fell off and Dave Peter released a nice one after putting on a good arial display. That was a great pre fish day, and we knew where to start the tournament the following morning.

Day1-at 6:45 am we found a sleeper that didn't bite. At 12:15 I found a pack of at least 10 feeders at 39/41 going nuts about 1 mile away. Pat sped up the boat and we got to them and again Chris and I each got a cast into them but no bite. Crazy, but they ignored the baits. At 2:37 at 39/41 Pat found a Tailer and Chris ended up dropping back a Ballyhoo and got bit on 16#. He fought the fish for just under an hour and we released a nice tournament fish. We found 1 more Tailer in this same spot at 4:30 but couldn't get a bite. That was it for Day 1, but we were on the board.

Day2-This was a slower day. We busted our butts trying to find and catch fish but just didn't have any luck:

2:25 pm Feeder at 41/41  
 3:00 pm Jumper at 38/39  
 4:55 pm Jumper at 40/36

We had a blast overall. Fun times fishing and at night on the anchor. The first night at Howlands and the 2nd night at Cat Harbor. We recounted old trips and stories about Dana Angling members of the past. One of those trips that will stand out for a lifetime.

## BAC MASTERS TOURNAMENT

From Bill Waters on Showtime.

I'll begin by saying this was the most satisfying tournament we have participated in. The communication and sharing of information between the 3 boats was fantastic.

The results proved that when we found out we won Top Club and Top Team awards plus 2nd place angler (Chris Bailey) and 6th place angler (Zach Waters) On top of that we were so close to winning it all in a down year where only 10 fish were released.

For the club members who don't fish for Marlin, you need to give it a try. Sure, it's boring when you troll around all day and don't get any action but there are days when the action is non-stop. Day 1 was one of those days.

Team JEFE graciously pre-fished on Thursday. They found the fish and had a fantastic day, releasing 2 fish. I'll let Geoff fill in the details. This information set the stage for everyone to be in the right area at lines in.

Day 1 -Showtime

I fished with Bob Waters, Zach Waters and Ryan McDonald. We got the pre-fish dope from Geoff and left the harbor at 5:20, head to the drop off at 270. We had 2 working guys, so we were late to the area (as usual) with lines in at 7:15. Water temp was 70.6.

At 8:15, at 39-36 we saw a feeder but couldn't get on it as it was too far away

At 8:40 we get a zip on port short corner, put a drop back in the water, which ended up being a shark bite off. (1)

At 9:00, at 41-38 we see a feeder

At 9:35, at 40-37 we get a knockdown on the starboard rigger, super-secret EAL lure (2)

At 9:55 at 38-38 we see a feeder.

At 10:10, at 38-38 we get a knockdown port rigger (3)

At 10:50, at 36-37 we see a jumper 71.5 water then get a. knockdown on the rigger and short corner (4-5),

At 11:16, we get a double on a blue short corner and EALstarboard rigger. Both fish have good hook set, both fish head to the bow and are taking a lot of line off the reels. Zach is on 20 lb, Ryan is on 30 lb. Both anglers are worried about being spooled. Ryan's fish is cut off when the fish cross each other. Zach's fish is still on. We concentrate on that fish and release it at 11:43. We are happy as clams but realize we should have released both fish. The worst part for me is the magic lure is gone. That lure accounted for 7 or so knockdowns this season alone (6-7),

At 12:45, at 36-37 we see a feeder.

At 1:15, at 36-36 we see a jumper.

At 37-37, we find a school of large tuna on the surface, but we think it's porpoise and just motor by.

At 1:30, at 38-39 we see a feeder.

At 2:30, at 36-39 we see a jumper.

At close to 5:30, heading towards the island and wanted to check out the 500 fathom drop off. At 5:50, at 39-32 we get a knockdown on the port rigger.

The count for the day 8,2,1. We had a lot of action. We put drop back mackerel and ballyhoo in the water but never came close to getting those baits in any fish other than the shark.

There was a lot of boat activity in the area just above 270. At some point, I decided to find new ground that wasn't being hit hard so we moved from the 270 towards the 286. This was the best decision of the day as it put us in place to get the double hookup.

Day 2

We got a late start and headed to the 286.

At 9:30 we get a mako bite on short line and release it.

At 9:51, at 37-38 we get a knock down on the port rigger. takes a lot of line off the reel before coming off. (1). I called it in a little too soon, so they counted it as a knockdown.

We worked the area where we got the fish on day 1 for that single opportunity. We eventually joined the fleet above the 270. Lots of boats were working that area.

At 12:45, at 40-41 a fish comes into the pattern. First on a short line, then the starboard rigger, goes to the port rigger. Zach puts drop back in water, fish goes to drop back, turns away and disappears. Nothing else for the rest of the day. 1- 0- 0

Nice trip. Good weather. I fully believe we should have got 3 fish but that's marlin fishing for you.

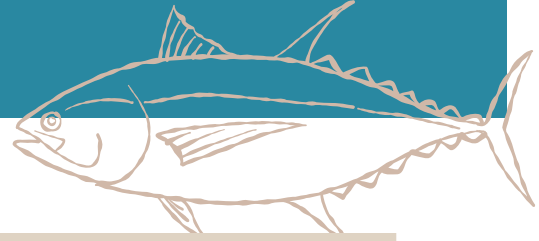
## LOBSTER TOURNAMENT

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Alex Plambeck	13.18 lbs
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Joey Borgese	10.18 lbs
Top Boat	Fish Styx	

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Jeff Tom for his generous donation of tournament award rods, and to Jeff Hollenbeck for his time and effort in building them. Thanks to their contributions, the club will be distributing 11 rods at the banquet.

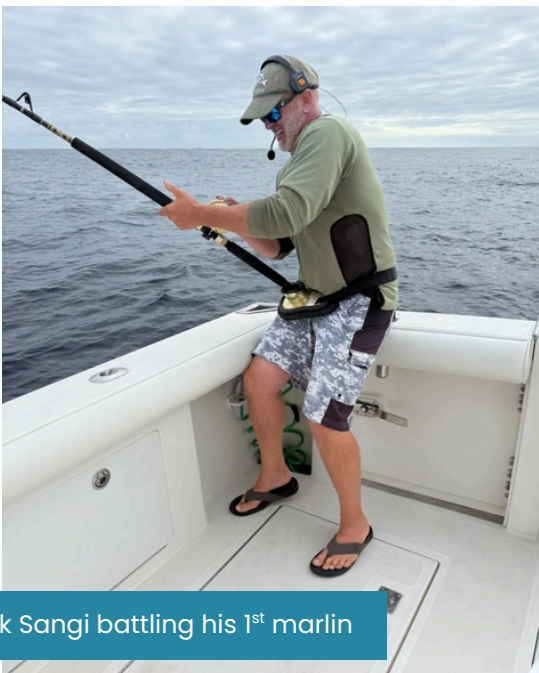


# DAC 2025 BILLFISH COUNT



## BY BOAT

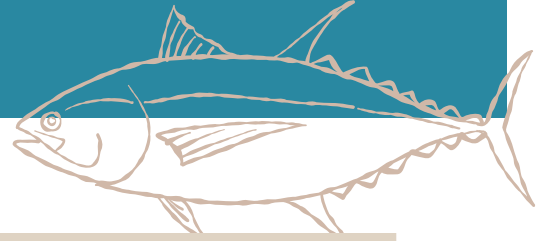
BOAT	OWNER/CAPTAIN	MARLIN	SPEARFISH	SWORDFISH
Gad Zukes	Greg Zucchero	8		
Ramble on Rose	Jim Kingsmill	6		
Showtime	Bill Waters	6		
JEFE	Geoff Heldoorn	5		
Magellan	Rob Webster	5		
Royal Slam	Bob Kurz	4		
Wild Bill	Scott Kingsmill	3		
Second C	Rod Halperin	3		
Foxi Lady	Pete Wishney	2		
Kingpin	Chris Bailey	1		
Shared Dream	Stan Mahler	1		
Black Fin	Jeff Tom	1		
Fish Styx	Alex Rentziperis	1		



Patrick Sangi battling his 1<sup>st</sup> marlin



# DAC 2025 BILLFISH COUNT



## BY ANGLER

ANGLER	MARLIN	SPEARFISH	SWORDFISH
Bob Waters	4		
Chris Bailey	3		
Jim Kingsmill	2		
Jeff Tom	2		
Rod Halperin	2		
Zach Waters	2		
Sally Kurz	2		
Frank Myers	2		
Ned Washburn	2		
Geoff Hersch	1		
Dave Peter	1		
Alex Plambeck	1		
Bob Kurz	1		
Patrick Sangi	1		

Alex Plambeck caught his first marlin on his boat, Fish Styx, on September 14, 2025

Patrick Sangi caught his first marlin on September 27th fishing on Wild Bill.

Recent new member Frank Myers with 2 marlin this season.



## DAC Website Updates



The club is currently working on a new website to replace our current one. The reason is that our old site that was developed 10-12 years ago isn't very easy to maintain and keep updated and also lacks SSL protection.

The purpose is to create a new website based on a more modern framework that is easy to maintain, secure and have a bit more modern look and feel to it but still provide all the weigh slip features and reports we got from the old site. In other words we should be able to maintain all parts of the site without the need for developers. We have chosen a Managed WordPress option including SSL which should make it real easy to find external help if needed since WordPress is broadly used in the market place.

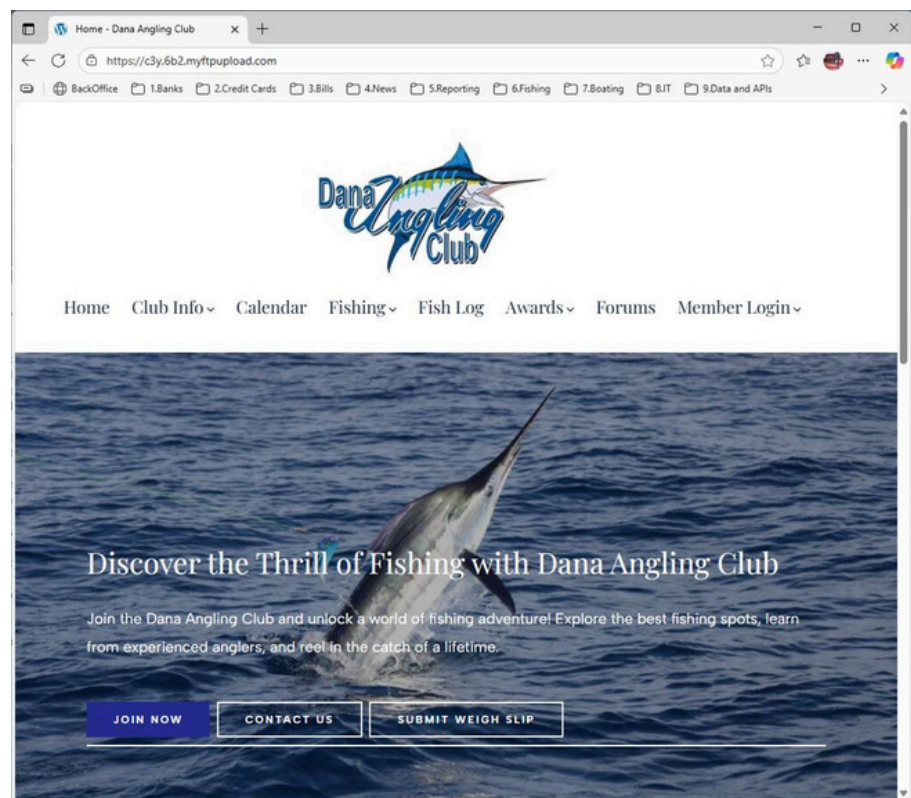
We've got a good portion of the new site implemented in a staging environment. The core parts of weigh slip management has been integrated and improved and some of the old weigh slip limitations have been removed.

Another major improvement is that the site will integrate our membership management and give us a single membership roster where members can login and manage their own information and new members can sign up using an online form.

The fish log, billfish counts and button award reports all have the option to select the year for the report.

The new site will soon be opened up under for public access under the <https://www.danaanglingclub.com> domain and be running parallel to the old site so you can compare and provide feedback as necessary. We will send a separate announcement when it is ready and by that time the current membership roster should have been imported, i.e. no need to re-sign up.

The plan is to cut over by the end of this year after the season has wrapped up. Then we will import all the existing weigh slips to the new site. The old site should remain active for reference until we decide to close it down.



## Quite the Catch



Below are a few photos of my first Marlin ever. Caught on 30lb in the Dock Tonks tournament 7 miles south of the Avalon bank. The fish jumped about 20 times during a long battle before finally touching leader. The fish was then released safely due to a straitened out hook! I'd like to thank the club members for the information and motivation to target this species on my boat. Everything I have learned has come from the DAC. A great memory spent on my boat with Al the Sport Barber and my wife.



Joey Borgese on Fish Styx during the lobster tournament



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