October 2026

REEL TIMES



Jeff Acampora with a big wahoo at San Clemente Island

Tournament Update

EL NINO TOURNAMENT WAS POSTPONED DUE TO BAD WEATHER. THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE FISHED ON OCTOBER 17 AND 18. PLEASE SEE NEW FLYER ON THE DAC CALENDAR.

Letter from the President

Anglers,

This El Nino Season has been interesting. The Club has recorded 312 Martin Releases, which is phenomenal. Bait has become hard to get and other species have been hit & miss. Wahoo, Dorado & Yellowfin Tuna are sporadically caught and seem to be anywhere!!! All the Tournaments had placing fish. The Yellowtail & White Seabass Tournaments had "big" fish weighed in.

Twenty two boats and 33 anglers caught Marlin. New members are on top of the Leader Board, seems everyone has been getting out fishing!!!!

You've had to hunt for the fish, but when you found them, Oh Boy-Game On!!! The season is still rolling and promises to last well into the Fall... Check your Terrafin Charts for where the Temperature breaks are, this has been a valuable tool. Sadly, an e-mail arrived stating that the Terrafin site will shut down at the end of 2027, Jeff & family are retiring...

We have one more Marlin tournament to complete, that was postponed due to weather. The question will be - where are the Marlin? They have moved Northwest, Anacapa has been Hot for weeks. East End of Catalina has slowed down, the Osborne Bank has YFT on it....

Looking forward to seeing you all at our last two events, the Year End Get Together and the Christmas Party... Keep fishing my Friends....

Dave Peter
DAC President

Tournament Results

TUNA TOURNAMENT

1st Place	Doug Steele	23.0 lb BFT	5 pts	Hunny Bunny
Top Boat	Hunny Bunny			
Largest Tuna	Doug Steele	23.0 lb BFT		



Fishing on Hunny Bunny, Doug Steele landed a 23.0-pound Blue Fin Tuna on July 30 to sweep all categories in the Tuna Tournament.

LADIES/JUNIORS TOURNAMENT

Luke Blackann, fishing with His Dad Trevor went out in small craft weather and found the right kelp. Luke not only caught a Yellowtail and Dorado in the tournament, his Dorado earned him the First Junior Dorado Flag. Congratulations!

DAC MARLIN TOURNAMENT

1st Place	Ned Washburn	300 pts
2nd Place	Chris Bailey	300 pts
3rd Place	Geoff Heldoorn	150 pts
Top Boat	JEFE	
Special Prize	Jim Arndt	Yellowfin Tuna

Geoff Heldoorn reported that He took JEFE to Anacapa Island Friday night in sloppy weather. Pat Holmes was on the wheel and found a sleeper in the morning. Geoff, needing a 12 -pound button fish, fought the fish for a short while, before it got crazy and broke off. They released two jig fish on 30, a tailer on 30 and Chris got another bait fish on 16 pound on day one. Day 2 was slower with a Chris Bailey getting another 16 lb bait fish. They rode home in nice seas.

Great job to the crew on JEFE.

"We left the dock Friday night at about 9:45 pm and headed up toward Anacapa Island. Chris Bailey, Pat Holmes and Ned Washburn joined me. It was a lumpy trip up but finally calmed down around 4 am so the last 2 hours were nice and we arrived in the zone around 6 am. Pat found a sleeper at 6:45 am and the fun started. It didn't bite but it got us fired up. As the morning progressed we had some fish come up behind the boat and as the wind came up we started finding tailers. We released 4 fish the first day (a Tailer, dropback and 2 jig fish) and spent the night at Smugglers Cove. We left early and got to our Sleeper Zone Sunday morning. Pat found a Sleeper and I cast my 12# (need my button) even though this wasn't a line class tournament. The fish kind of cooperated for the first 20 minutes but then decided to get anry abnd spooled me to knot and broke off. Chris followed later with a Jig fish and that was the last of our catches. We headed back in gorgeous weather and arrived back in Long Beach just after 5 pm. Overall we released 5 fish in the tournament and had a blast in hot gorgeous conditions up there."

Geoff Heldoorn, JEFE

Tournament Results

DICK TONKS MARLIN TOURNAMENT

1st Place	Chris Bailey	640 pts
2nd Place	Jeff Acampora	460 pts
3rd Place	Graham Trimper	320 pts
1st Guest	Shawn Kaus	480 pts
Top Boat	JEFE	760 pts
Heaviest Dorado	Trevor Blackann	14.1 pts

The Dick Tonks coincided with the BAC Masters tournament. 27 Marlin were released by DAC boats on the 12th and 13th. Another 12 were released on the 11th during the Masters Tournament. This is a stunning number of catch and release for DAC.

Boat Catch Total during the tournament:

Shared Dream	7	Magellan	2
Blackfin	6	Whitecaps	1
JEFE	5	Royal Slam	1
Wild Bill	2	Lady D	1
Second C	2		





Current 2026 Standings

DAC 2026 BILLFISH COUNT BY ANGLER ON MEMBER BOAT

Angler	Marlin	Spearfish	Swordfish
Frank Myers	39		
Chris Bailey	14		
Sally Kurz	13		
Pat Holmes	9		
Geoff Heldoorn	8		
Loren Washburn	7		
Graham Trimper	5		
Ned Washburn	5		
Mark Goudy	4		
Dave Peter	4		
Jeff Acampora	4		
Bob Kurz	3		
Kevin Cryan	3		
Jason Levine	2		
Trevor Blackann	2		
Bob Waters	2		
Scott Kingsmill	2		
Natasha Myers	2		
Stanton Mahler	2		
Trip Myers	2		
Zach Waters	2		
Stan Mahler	2		
Greg Zucchero	2		
Geoff Hersch	2		
Bill Kingsmill	1		
Gary Floyd	1		
Jack Raub	1		
Vince Baldwin	1		
Bert Vergil	1		
Adam Schwab	1		
Rob Webster	1		
Don Girskis	1		
Jim Kingsmill	1		













Current 2026 Standings

OUTSTANDING BOAT (BILLFISH ONLY)

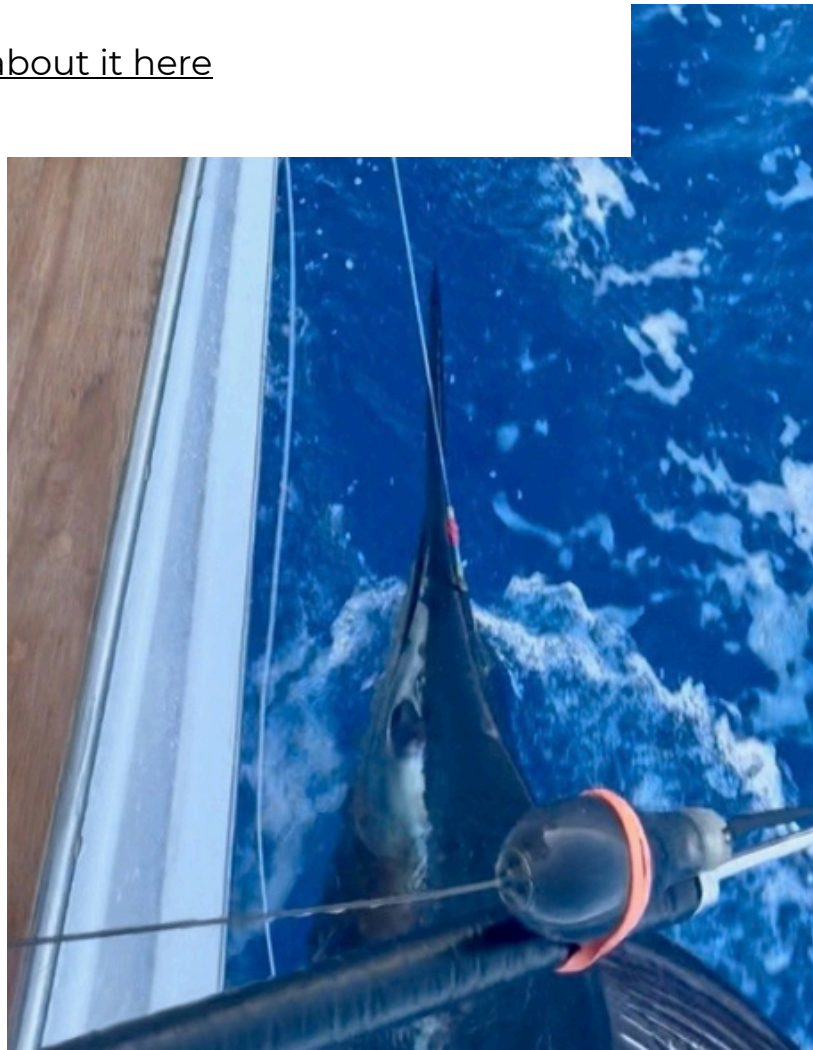
Boat	Captain	Marlin	Spearfish	Swordfish
Ramble On Rose	Jim Kingsmill	106		
Gad Zukes	Greg Zucchero	47		
JEFE	Geoff Heldoorn	26		
Royal Slam	Bob Kurz	23		
Wild Bill	Scott Kingsmill	21		
Second C	Rod Halperin	14		
Shared Dream	Stan Mahler	13		
Magellan	Rob Webster	11		
Black Fin	Jeffrey Tom	10		
TYEE	Todd Mansur	8		
Hawk	Pat Holmes	7		
Sea Ranch	Bob DeNault	7		
Showtime	Bill Waters	5		
Kingpin	Chris Bailey	2		
Lady II Di IV	Donavon Fink	2		
Whitecaps	Jason Bibelheimer	2		
Old Bill	Bill Kingsmill	1		
Reel Obsession	Don Girskis	1		
Inevitable	Jack Raub	1		
Paradiso	Frank Baldwin	1		
Dory D	David Schwab	1		



Bob and Sally Kurz Win 25-26 IGFA Great Marlin Race – International Game Fish Association

Read more about it here





First Catches of the 2026 Season

First Yellowtail	Peter Nannis	52.1 lbs*	Jan 10, 2026
First Jr White Sea Bass	Charlie Holmes	14.2 lbs	Feb 15, 2026
First White Sea Bass	Pat Holmes	14.05 lbs	Feb 15, 2026
First Tuna	Jason Bibelheimer	97.9 lbs	May 5, 2026
First Marlin	Frank Myers	Released	June 28, 2026
Largest Tuna	Jack Raub	129 lbs	July 22, 2026
First Jr Dorado	Luke Blackann	14 lbs	August 16, 2026
First Jr Marlin	Trip Myer	Released	September 5, 2026









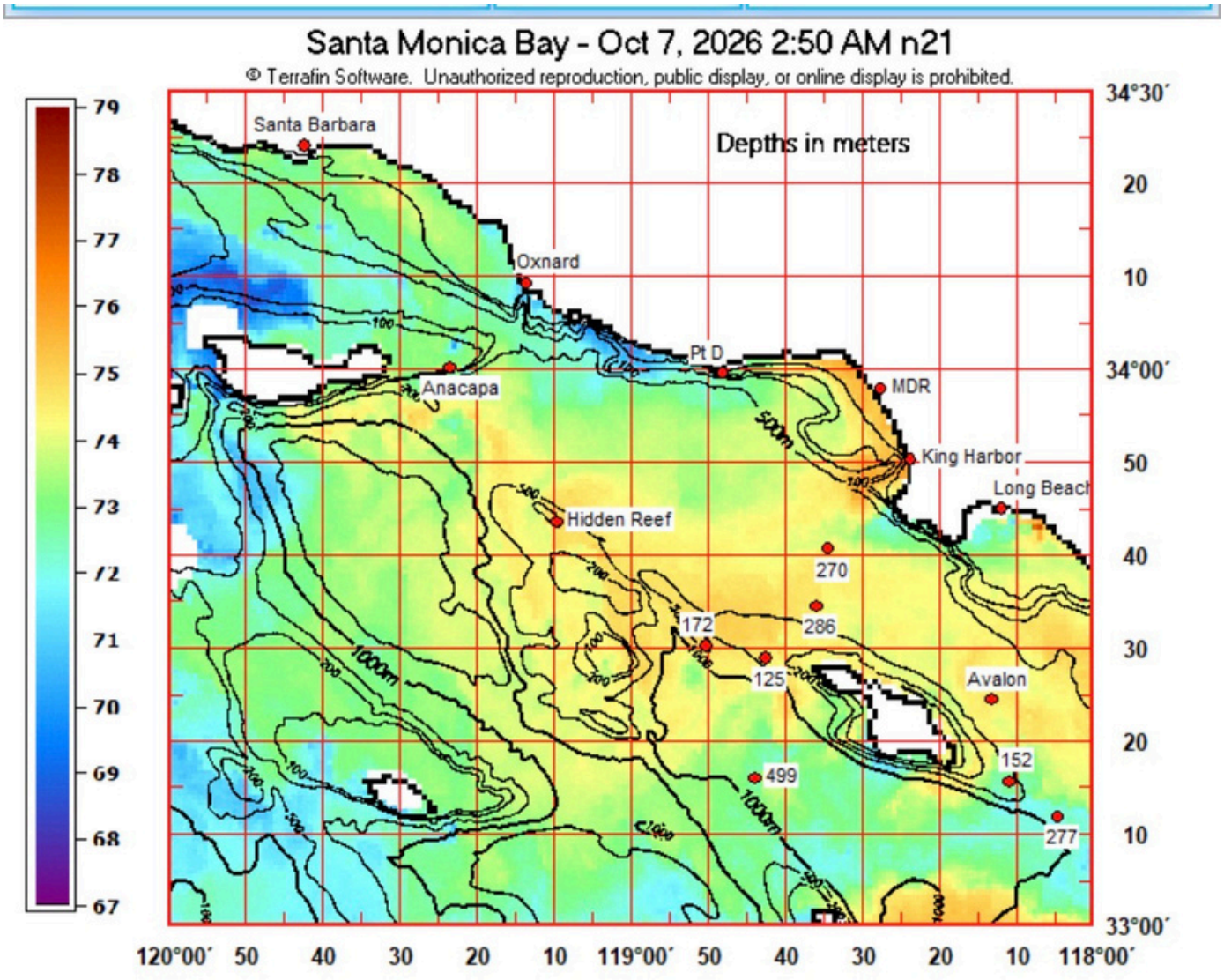




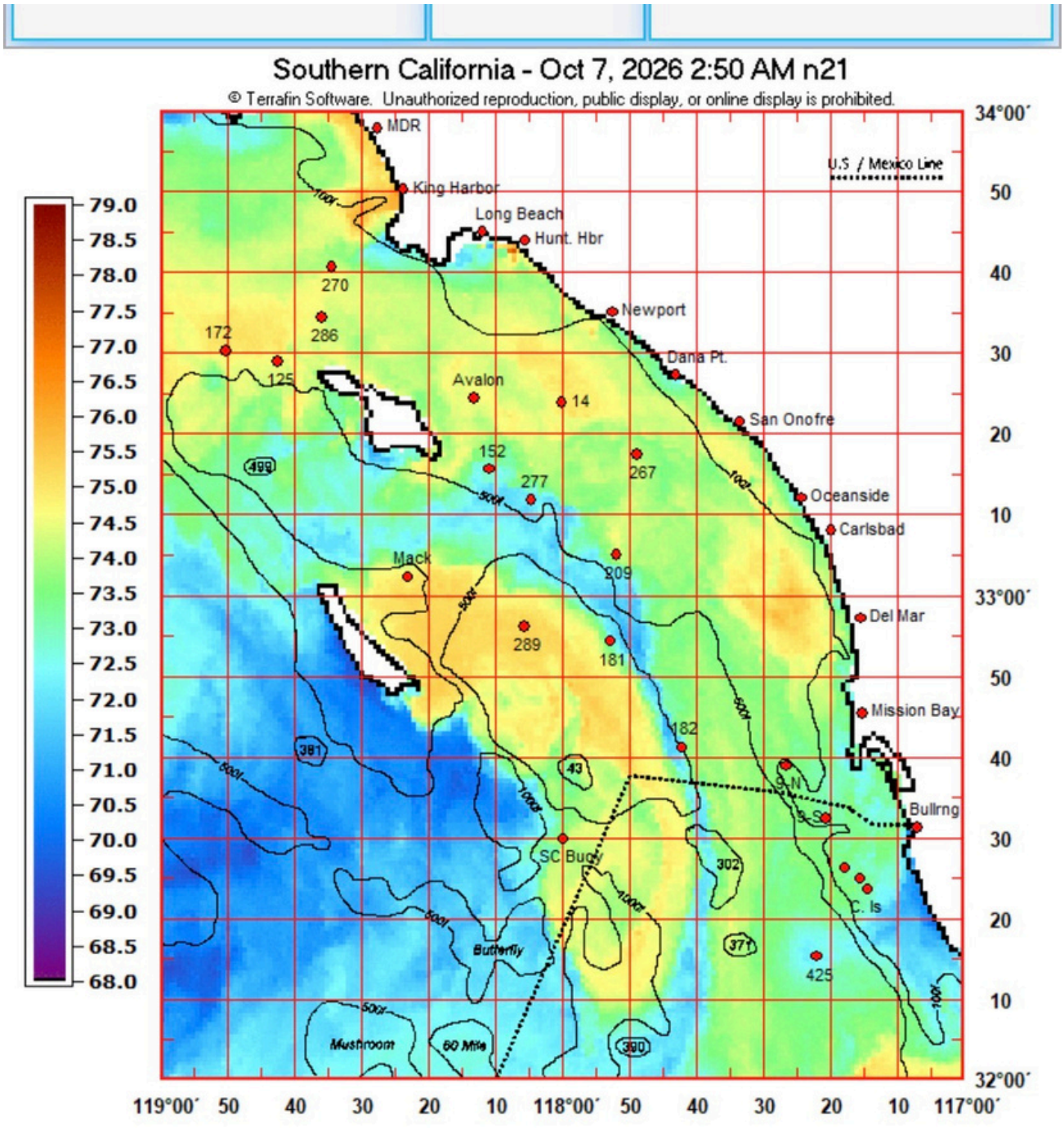


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50 Bonus Points Awarded to any Angler that has never landed or released a Billfish as a DAC member!

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2026 Memorial Tournament

Dedicated to Past Members Cliff& Dennis Allen

Lines In: Sat. Oct. 17th 5:00 AM Lines Out: Sun. Oct. 18th 5:00 PM

BILLFISH ONLY – Marlin, Broadbill Swordfish, Spearfish & Sailfish

All DAC and IGFA angling rulesapply. One place per anglerwill be allowed. You must submit a clean 20' sample of the line/linesused to catch the fishunder 30# (8#,12#, 16# and 20#). All weigh slips to be submitted via the website within 5 days of the CATCH

MARLIN – SPEARFISH - SAILFISH		
Line Class	Release Points	Points per lb.
8#	200	2.00
12#	180	1.50
16#	160	1.25
20#	140	1.00
30#	120	0.75
50#	100	0.50
80#	80	0.25

SURFACE SWORDFISH	
Line Class	Points per lb.
30#	4.0
50#	3.6
80#	3.2
100#	3.0

DEEP DROP SWORDFISH	
Line Class	Points per lb.
NONE	1.0

Angler with the most points wins !!!

1stTie Breaker – First to arrive atpointtotal
2ndTie Breaker – Total timeon fish

PRIZES

BONUS POINTS: 50 Bonus Points will be awarded to any club members score who has never landedor released a Billfish within club boundaries

SPECIAL PRIZE: Heaviest Tuna, Dorado, Yellowtail or Wahoo

Adults: 1st, 2nd,3rd Place
Juniors:1st,2nd,3rd Pla ce
**TopBoat

* Adult Guests:1st Place Only
Junior Guests: 1st Place Only

* ADULT GUESTS: $10 Entry Fee – JUNIOR GUESTS: No Entry Fee

** Top Boat scoring - Combined angler point totals of up to 3 anglers per boat. Members, Juniors and Guests count the same.

**** ALL GUESTS must bepre-registeredprior tothe start of the tournament. Pre-registerEITHERvia the "Club Info / Payments" tabs at www.danaanglingclub.com/payments OR call any DAC Board Member. Information including the guest's name, adult / junior, boat name and DAC member name must be stated; The guest fee must be submitted to www.danaanglingclub.com/payments within 5 days after the tournament.***

Send Weigh Slips and Line Samples To:
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25156 Nueva Vista Dr., Laguna Niguel, CA 92677
-OR-
Submit Electronic Weigh Slip at www.danaanglingclub.com/weigh-slip