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**First Day Results at the 2006 IFA Championship**



Panama City, FL – The 2006 IFA Championship is taking place right now at St. Joe Land Company development in Panama City, FL and the first day results are in. One hundred and seventy-six (176) anglers attended the captain's meeting last night at Edgewater Beach Resort ready to have some appetizers (provided by Edgewater Beach Resort), meet anglers from other divisions and get the low down on this two-day tournament.

There are several prizes up for grabs at the no-entry fee Championship including the grand prize of a Ranger 169 Ghost with a 90 HP, 4-stroke Yamaha Outboard, Loadmaster trailer, Power-Pole anchoring system, Humminbird electronics and a Minn Kota trolling motor, with an estimated retail value of \$30,000. The Cabela's Team of the Year award will also be determined and first place between the six (6) teams competing will take home a \$5,000 check. There are also several contingency prizes awarded at the Championship, including Cabela's, Minn Kota, Humminbird, Keelshield and JaxWraps.

The anglers could not have asked for better fishing conditions. It might be said that the beautiful blue skies is the reason over two-thirds of the field brought fish to the scales on the first day of competition. Captain Troy Perez and partner Christine Perez are current leaders in the competition, bringing in redfish weighing in at 7.17-pounds and 7.75-pounds, giving them a great first day weight of 14.92-pounds.

Captain J.D. Nobles and partner Randy Hartley are not far behind with a total weight of 14.8-pounds. This team is also holding the current Big Fish of the Championship, with a nice 7.97-pounds. The sixth place team of Captain Joe Porcelli and partner Jeff Stellinga are the current Cabela's Team of the Year title leaders, but the other four (4) teams competing for the \$5,000 Cabela's check are not far behind and anything can happen during the second day.

If each team can go out and get the same weight they brought in on Friday for Saturday, it will be quite a race at the final weigh in. The weigh-in will take place Saturday starting at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joe's RiverCamps on Crooked Creek and will also be aired on Americana Outdoors.

IFA sponsors include Ranger Boats, Yamaha Outboards, Cabela's, Minn Kota, Humminbird, Choice Hotels International, Sebile Lures, JaxWraps, KeelShield, Power Pole, Solar Bat, Shimano, Powertex Group, Audubon Nature Institute, Loadmaster and Careco Multimedia. A special thanks goes to the 2006 Championship sponsors, St. Joe's RiverCamps on the Crooked Creek and Edgewater Beach Resort.

Now the strongest grass roots inshore tournament series dedicated to catch and release in competitive fishing, the IFA's focus is centered on competition, recognition and education. For more information, please contact Bart Schad with Palmer Conrad Consulting by calling 870-431-8495 or e-mailing [info@palmerconrad.com](mailto:info@palmerconrad.com).

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