



Owens and Aldridge take top honors at first IFA Florida East Coast Division event

Jacksonville continues to be a well accepted hot spot along Florida's East coast by the IFA anglers. This year was no different and the anglers took full advantage of the same fishing areas the IFA has visited for the last couple of years. However, it was the weather that seemed to bring in change and the Redfish Tour team of Scott Owens from Brunswick, GA and Rob Aldridge, from Jacksonville, had to adjust.

Even though the 20-25 mph winds forced Scott and Rob to make a change, it did not throw them off or hinder them in any shape or form. This Florida East Coast division team brought in their two fish limit weighing a total of 14.16 pounds and for this they took home the first place prize of a fully-rigged Ranger Banshee, valued at approximately \$20,000 as equipped with a 40 HP, 4-stroke Yamaha outboard, Loadmaster trailer, Power Pole shallow water anchor, Minn Kota trolling motor and Humminbird electronics.

"We had two good bites all day and they were the right ones," said Scott Owens. "I would like to thank Chris Whitman for giving me a handful of the new Fish Bite baits, without these baits we wouldn't be here. It was a pleasure fishing this tournament with the other IFA anglers here, I know everyone fished real hard." Scott continued by saying, "We will keep trying for a Team of the Year win and this is a good start. We have been practicing in Titusville and Rob is originally from St. Augustine."

Also finishing in the top five for the tournament were: second place – Jeff Pope and Dwayne Black with 13.34 pounds; third place – Chris Chapman and Dan McGatlin with 13.12 pounds; fourth place – Fred Rounsaville and Christian Davis with 13.11 pounds; and fifth place – Stephen Szczepank and Jeremy Schillo with 12.87 pounds.

The third place team of Chapman and McGatlin pocketed the \$750 Ranger Cup Powered by Yamaha check by owning and fishing from a Ranger Boat powered by a Yamaha outboard. (for Ranger Cup and Yamaha incentive program details, visit www.rangerboats.com).

The big fish of the tournament was a 7.44-pounder caught by the 12th place team of Chuck Dehlinger and Brian Clark. They were awarded a \$500 check for the accomplishment.

The Jacksonville tournament was the first tournament of the (IFA) Redfish Tour FL East Coast Division. The two remaining events in this division will be in Titusville, FL on June 28th and St. Augustine, FL on September, 20th.

Other divisions include Texas, Atlantic, Florida West Coast, Gulf Coast and Louisiana. All are one-day events with three tournaments in each division. Teams that fish in any three events qualify to compete in the two-day, no-entry-fee IFA Redfish Tour Championship scheduled for November 7-8, 2008, where the first grand prize will be a Ranger 173 Ghost with a 115 HP, 4-stroke Yamaha outboard, Power Pole shallow water anchor, Minn Kota trolling motor, and Humminbird electronics valued at approximately \$34,000.

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