



Lafitte Brings Ninety-Nine IFA Teams

The IFA Redfish Tour Louisiana Division opener was held this past weekend at Lafitte's Seaway Marina. Ninety-nine teams left the dock at 6:15 A.M. heading for the race to grab up over \$43,000.00 in cash and prizes, this including the first place prize of a Ranger Banshee with a 40 HP, 4-stroke Yamaha outboard, Loadmaster trailer, Power Pole shallow water anchor, Minn Kota trolling motor and Humminbird electronics, valued at approximately \$20,000.

When the dust settled the team of Ray Chagnard and Eddie Adams sat on top with a weight of 16.94 pounds, topped by a huge 8.96 pound Redfish, an additional win for the Big Fish prize of \$500. This is the second time in a three year time this team has been awarded a Ranger boat, in Grand Isle 2006 they also took home the 1st place prize.

Chad Dufrene and Jay Cedotal in second place had a weight of 15.53 pounds, combining the strengths of two strong local competitors and taking home \$4,900. Big news in 2007 at Lafitte was that the team led by Sal Fontana Sr. looked like a winner, and in the end was bumped to 2nd place. In 2008, again the name of Sal Fontana was in the lead, but this time it was Sal Fontana Jr. Fishing with partner Michael Stearns, Sal Jr. took a strong lead for a while with a weight of 15.48 pounds, but dropped to a third place finish by the end of the weigh-in. Still, the team took home a fine check of \$2,900. In all seventy-eight teams weighed a limit of fish, and six teams weighed at least one Redfish.

Rounding out the top five finishers of this IFA Redfish Tour presented by Cabela's event were: Chad Davis and Greg Strosher (15.34 pounds, \$1,900); Keith Bird and Bryant Bird (14.96 pounds, \$1,400).

Barnie White and Steve White, in 13th place, were the Ranger Cup Powered by Yamaha winners and took home the \$750 check by being the top finishers qualified for the special incentive cash prize by owning and fishing from a Ranger boat with a Yamaha outboard (for Ranger Cup Powered by Yamaha program details visit www.rangerboats.com).

The Sperry Topsider Spotted contingency award of \$100 and the Solar Bat award of \$100 were awarded to Tom and Karrie Shockley for wearing and recognizing their Sperry Topsider shoes and Solar Bat sunglasses during the weigh in. To find more information about these contingency awards and more visit <http://www.redfishtour.com/contingency.html>.

The Lafitte tournament was the first of the Inshore Fishing Association (IFA) Redfish Tour Louisiana Division for 2008. The two remaining events in this division will be in Grand Isle, LA on August 16th and Venice, LA on October 11th.

In addition to the Louisiana division, there are also Florida East Coast, Florida West Coast, Gulf Coast, Atlantic and Texas IFA Divisions. All are one-day events with three tournaments in each. Teams that fish in all three events qualify to compete in the two-day, no-entry-fee IFA Redfish Tour Championship scheduled for November 7-8, 2008

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