



Eschete and Myers Make a Clean Sweep

When the IFA anglers hit the water to pre-fish all last week, Dwayne Eschete, from Mandeville, LA was in Texas, and he was depending on his partner Fred Myers to find the fish. Eschete arrived at 1:00 am on Saturday morning and was unsure what the day would bring. As 3:00 pm arrived, the team in yellow M&M jerseys took the stage and loaded up on prizes. Their twin 7.21 pound Redfish weren't big enough to wrestle the Big Fish award and the \$500 check away from Bill Edwards and partner Richard Rogers of Pembroke, Georgia, but that was the only prize they failed to claim.

Eschete and Myers took home the first place prize of a Ranger Banshee, valued at approximately \$20,000, equipped with a 40 HP, 4-stroke Yamaha outboard, Loadmaster trailer, Power Pole shallow water anchor, Minn Kota trolling motor and Humminbird electronics. They were also awarded the Ranger Cup Powered by Yamaha check for \$1,500, the Sperry Topsider Spotted contingency check for \$100, the Solar Bat contingency check for \$100, and two pairs of Sperry Topsider Shoes. Eschete has walked away with three 1st place wins since he started fishing with the IFA and was part of the 2007 Cabela's Team of The Year Championship team.

"We ran 60 miles and caught six Redfish all day. Our twins were the first two we caught for the day and the baits we used were top water plugs and gold spoons," Dwayne was stated as saying. Fred said, "It was a typical Florida fishing day, you never know what you will get."

Taking home a \$500 check for Big Fish and a 2nd place check for \$2,750, a whopping amount for a field of 47 boats, Bill Edwards and Richard Rogers were all smiles. They brought in a total weight of 14.39 pounds.

The third place team of Rick Harris and Tim Harris weighed in 13.66 pounds for a nice \$1,830 check. Harris and Harris, local to the area, are veterans of the old IFA Open days, and were quite vocal in welcoming the new IFA Gulf Coast division to Panama City. "We sure are glad you guys are here this weekend, and we've wanted our own division for a long time," said Rick. "We are already looking forward to the next one."

Rounding out the top five finishers of this IFA Redfish Tour presented by Cabela's event were: Chris Wiwi and Clint Brooks (13.49-pounds, \$1,370); Lawrence Thompson and Alen Chase (12.46 pounds, \$1,150).

The Panama City event, hosted by St. Joe Land Company, was held at beautiful Bay Point Marina, and the Captain's Meeting was hosted and held at Edgewater Beach Resort in Panama City Beach. The next event in that division will be at Navarre Beach, Florida on June 21st.

In addition to the Gulf Coast division, there are also Florida East Coast, Florida West Coast, Texas, Atlantic and Louisiana 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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