



And Wind Blows Again for Port Aransas

The wind for every IFA event in 2008 so far has been blowing like crazy, and Port Aransas was another example of the wind blowing hard from all directions, starting two weeks prior to the Texas season opener. With the IFA in town and the Texas Sand Sculpting Festival going on just down the road, there was a lot of activity for the weekend of April 18th. The IFA set up at the Port Aransas Marina, and with help from the Port Aransas Chamber of Commerce and Tourist & Convention Bureau, managed to host a great event for the local anglers. The first place team of Chris Logan and Jason White weighed in 16.94 pounds to grab up 200 points in the IFA Team of The Year race. They also took home a fully rigged 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.

Fifty-one teams weighed in their two-fish limit of Redfish and twelve of these Redfish weighed in at over eight pounds. The Big Fish prize of \$500.00 went to the second place team of Clarkson and Gremmel with a whopping 9.12-pound redfish. With the water colored by the wind, there were many fish caught by anglers using high-reflective baits like gold spoons, and credit was also given to scent baits like Gulp and Exude.

Rounding out the top five finishers of this IFA Redfish Tour presented by Cabela's event were: Jeff Clarkson and Greg Gremmel (16.63-pounds, \$4,280); David Nesloney, Jr. and Brian Morris (16.20-pounds, \$2,570); Steve Reupke and Lynn Abney (16.16-pounds, \$1,700) and Benjamin Patrick and Buddy Myers (15.73-pounds, \$1,280).

Paul Braley and Paul Braley, Sr., in 10th 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 newly introduced Sperry Topsider Spotted contingency award of \$200 (carried over to Port Aransas from the Jacksonville tournament) was awarded to Rene Uriegas and David Hastings for wearing and recognizing their Sperry Topsider shoes during the weigh in. To find

more information about the contingencies and more visit

<http://www.redfishtour.com/contingency.html>.

The Port Aransas Texas tournament was the first of the Inshore Fishing Association (IFA) Redfish Tour Texas Division for 2008. The two remaining events in this division will be in Padre Island, TX on August 9th and Rockport, TX on October 4th.

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

IFA Redfish Tour sponsors include Cabela's, Ranger Boats, Yamaha Outboards, Minn Kota, Humminbird, Loadmaster, Sebile Lures, Jax Wraps, Power Pole, Solar Bat, Pioneer Beef Jerky, Sperry Topsider Shoes, DriGrip Sunscreen, CW Crab and Charter Lakes Marine Insurance.

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