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Chris Floyd and Dave Hopper Win Redfish Tour Beaufort Event

BEAUFORT, SC. – Chris Floyd and Dave Hopper, both from Mount Pleasant, SC, won the IFA Redfish Tour South Carolina Division event in Beaufort Saturday with a two-redfish catch weighing 8.04-pounds. The victory earned this team a Ranger Banshee rigged 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 we left the dock we traveled 50 to 60 miles and didn’t catch any fish. On the way back we stopped to fish a grass line and we caught a fish, it was about 1:30. We caught a few more and managed to put another one in the boat in time to head back for weigh-in. It’s all about luck!” stated Chris.

“We used Redfish Gulp, caught a total of four today and only pre-fished one day. We would like to thank our sponsor, Mike Able at Haddrell’s Point Tackle and Supply. We love fishing the IFA, it is a great organization and hope to see everyone in Hilton Head,” David was stated as saying.

Rounding out the top five boaters were Mike Upchurch and Josh Utsey (7.02-pounds, \$2,800); Frank Avent and Bobby Wilson (6.55-pounds, \$1,900; Legare Jones and Frank Gaston (6.54-pounds, \$1,400) and Danny Boykin and Matt Martin (6.31-pounds, \$1,200).

Chris Floyd and David Hopper were the recipients of the \$1500 Ranger Cup check (to find out more about this program go to www.rangerboats.com) and the \$500 check for Big Fish of the tournament (4.34-pound redfish).

The next tournament of the season will take place in Corpus Christi, Texas, July 14th at Marker 37. For more information about the IFA Redfish Tour and its tournaments, visit www.redfishtour.com or call 478-788-8871.

The lucrative IFA Redfish Tour presented by Cabela’s is a series of one-day, catch and release, close-to-home events, with two-angler teams using artificial lures only. The tour consists of six divisions with three single-day local events each. Teams that fish in three events in any division will qualify for the two day, no-entry-fee IFA Redfish Tour Championship to be held November 2-3, 2007. The championship winner will take home a Ranger 173 Ghost with a 115 HP, 4-stroke Yamaha outboard, Loadmaster trailer, Power Pole shallow water anchor, Minn Kota trolling motor & Humminbird electronics, estimated retail value of \$34,000.

IFA sponsors include Ranger Boats, Yamaha Outboards, Cabela’s, Minn Kota, Humminbird, Loadmaster, Sebile Lures, JaxWraps, KeelShield, Power Pole, Solar Bat, Shimano, Powertex Group, *Florida Fishing Weekly*, Palmer Conrad Consulting, Audubon Nature Institute, Choice Hotels International, and Careco Multimedia.

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