



### **Loud and White take top honors at last IFA Florida East Coast Division qualifier**

St. Augustine is a popular spot along Florida's coast this time of year as tourists visit the nation's oldest city and anglers take advantage of the area's famed fishing. Knowing that the nearby waters would be somewhat crowded at low tide conditions first thing on the Saturday morning, the Redfish Tour team of Adam Loud and Cliff White opted instead to make a 60 mile run to fish around their home waters of Fernandina Beach.

The decision proved to be the right one as the team took the third and last IFA Redfish Tour Presented by Cabela's event of the Florida East Coast division with their two fish limit weighing 12.60 pounds. It was just enough to beat out runner-ups Tommy Derringer and Chris Herrera, who had 12.58 pounds.

"We knew we had made the right move as we left the Augustine area because we passed right by some places we had targeted locally and they were already occupied," said Adam Loud. "We knew our Ranger Bay 2200 and Evinrude E-tec 250 would put us where we wanted to be at just about the right time for the tide to turn. We hooked up almost immediately and were able to see and follow a good school of reds for quite awhile."

Rounding out the other top five finishing teams were: third place – JD Nobles and Randy Hartley with 11.18 pounds; fourth place – Jeff Pope and Dwayne Black with 11.06 pounds; and fifth place – Phil Ruzzo and Mike Futch with 11.03 pounds. The relatively low weights and the fact only 45 teams had limits revealed just how tough the fishing was on this day.

Loud and White started with Rapala Skitter Pops looking for a topwater bite. They later turned to Exude RT Slugs, sight casting to oyster beds. With two good-sized reds in the livewell, they left the area around noon to return to St. Augustine waters knowing the higher tide had expanded the fishing area and that some bigger fish had been coming from there.

"We did catch a few more fish, but never bettered our limit," Loud explained. "We thought we had enough weight for a top 10 finish, but to win with 12 pounds was a great surprise."

For the win, the pair was awarded a fully-rigged Ranger Banshee, valued at \$20,000 as equipped with a 50 HP, 4-stroke Yamaha outboard, Loadmaster trailer, Power Pole shallow water anchor, Minn Kota trolling motor and Humminbird electronics. Loud and White were also the Ranger Cup winners and pocketed the \$1,000 Ranger Cup check by being the top finishers

qualified for the special incentive cash prize by owning and fishing from a Ranger boat (for Ranger Cup program details visit [www.rangerboats.com](http://www.rangerboats.com)). And they received the \$100 Solar Bat incentive check for wearing their Solar Bat sunglasses across the stage as they weighed in.

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The \$500 Big Fish check went to teammates Tom Fragomeni and Ken Goldberg for a 6.94 pound redfish.

In addition to the Florida East Coast division, there are also Florida West Coast, Georgia, South Carolina, Louisiana 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 2 – 3, 2007 in Panama City, FL and vie for its \$34,000 first place prize package. The championship site has not yet been announced.

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