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IFA Redfish Tour Hits a High for 2006 in Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE, FL – Sisters Creek Landing was the place to be this past weekend in Jacksonville when the Inshore Fishing Association (IFA) kicked off the Florida East Coast Division. The one hundred and ninety-six (196) anglers that fished in the Jacksonville event were competing for first place prize of 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.

First place team of Captain John Henninger and John Eggers took home the fully rigged Ranger Banshee with a total weight of 13.85 pounds. The winning team also walked away with the Ranger Cup Powered by Yamaha prize money of \$1,500. “It really pays to be a part of the Ranger and Yamaha team. To qualify for the Ranger Cup Powered by Yamaha bonuses at each IFA tournament, participants must own and fish from a Ranger boat powered by a Yamaha motor. For more information about the Ranger Cup and Yamaha bonuses, visit www.rangerboats.com,” explained Jerry Stakely, IFA Tournament Director.

Captain Brad Safreed and Greg Suki took second place with a total weight of 12.91 pounds and 14 ounces behind was Captain Gary Wysong and Rodney Wysong, winning third place with a total weight of 12.77 pounds. \$500 was awarded for Big Fish prize to Captain Phil Rizzo and Mike Futch. They brought one fish to the scales with a weight of 8.27 pounds.

“Jacksonville has been our best turnout yet this season. We are very pleased with the participation numbers and believe that the new and improved format will continue to attract tournament anglers who are seeking quality one day, close to home events with a low entry-fee to the IFA.” states Bart Schad, IFA Marketing Relations. “There are still 15 events left for the season which will give anglers ample opportunity to come fish three events with us and qualify for the no entry fee Championship.”

IFA sponsors include Ranger Boats, Yamaha Outboards, Cabela’s, Minn Kota, Humminbird, Choice Hotels, Loadmaster, Power Pole, Image Graphics, Solar Bat, Shimano, Powertex Group, *Florida Fishing Weekly* and Careco Multimedia. A special thanks goes to the Florida East Coast Division sponsors of Sneakers Sports Grille and Dave Workman, Jr. Strike-Zone Fishing.

Now the strongest grass roots inshore tournament series dedicated to catch and release in competitive fishing, the IFA’s focus is centered on competition, recognition and education. For more information, please contact Bart Schad with Palmer Conrad Consulting by calling 870-431-8495, e-mailing info@palmerconrad.com or visiting www.palmerconrad.com.

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