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IFA Spends April Fools Day in Lafitte

LAFITTE, LA – It may have been April Fools Day Saturday, but the anglers weren't about fooling around. The 83 boats that showed up for the Inshore Fishing Association (IFA) Lafitte event were full of anglers ready to compete and what a day it turned out to be!

During the one-day tournament all but five (5) teams weighed in two (2) fish with weights ranging from 1.6 pounds to 8.65 pounds per fish. First place team of Captain Chad Billiot and John McQueen brought in a weight of 16.70 pounds, two nice (2) Redfish weighing 8.55 and 8.15 pounds. They were awarded 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.

“We fished west of the Louisiana Golden meadows and caught our redfish on Saltwater Assassin Eel baits,” stated John McQueen. “We caught a total of 15 fish Saturday with real long casts into clear water. The fish were just coming in in waves for about 45 minutes, and they were ready to eat. We had a couple of really big fish, and just a bunch in the 25 to 28 inch range.”

The Cabela's team of Captain Thad Robichaux and Vernon Robichaux came in second place with a total weight of 16.05 pounds. Captain Ted Tassin and Chris Babin brought in a weight of 15.90 pounds landing them third place. Ted Tassin and Chris Babin walked away with extra prize money for Big Fish (\$500) and they were also Ranger Cup winners (\$500).

Many thanks to the hosts at C-Way Marina, and to the anglers who came to the event and participated. All in all, I thought it was great to be back in Lafitte and look forward to the next one,” said Mike Lott, IFA Staff Member.

The IFA Redfish Tour 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. The next event will be in Jacksonville, FL on April 8, 2006, and all divisions are filling up fast. Register online today at www.redfishtour.com.

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