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IFA Texas Division Wraps Up in Port O'Connor

PORT O'CONNOR, TX. – The IFA Redfish Tour presented by Cabela's has made its final stop of three in Texas for the 2006 tournament season. This year's Texas opener was held in Galveston on March 25th followed by a visit to Port Aransas on April 29th and the final Texas qualifying event this past weekend in Port O'Connor.

“This was our first year to have a full division in Texas and we really appreciate all of the new and the returning anglers that came to fish with us. We hope to bring the Tour back to Texas and see full fields when we return next year,” states Jerry Stakely, IFA Tournament Director.

Captain Mike Patterson, Jr and partner Brett Phillips were the big winners in this Texas go 'round. They took first place and went home with the Ranger Banshee rigged with a 40 HP, 4-stroke Yamaha outboard, Power Pole shallow water anchor, MinnKota trolling motor and Humminbird electronics. The team also walked away with \$1,500 for the Ranger Cup Powered by Yamaha bonus and \$500 for biggest fish. Their two-fish total weight was 13.95 pounds, leaving the competition trailing by 2.65 pounds.

Second place, with a two-fish total weight of 11.30 pounds, was the team of Captain Chris Kohnert and Steve Cowart. Kevin Shaw and Tom Horbey took home third place with a 10.92 pound total weight.

In ending the Texas Division, the Cabela's Team of the Year title went to the team of Captain Chris Kohnert and Steve Cowart. Chris and Steve earned this title by accruing the most points in the three Texas events and will receive one set of entry fees paid for one division in 2007. This team is also eligible to compete against the other divisional winners head to head at the Championship for the over-all Cabela's Team of the Year title and \$5,000.

This year's 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 Fort Myers, FL June 24th. Register online today at www.redfishtour.com.

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