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IFA Redfish Tour Beats Last Years Turnout in Savannah

SAVANNAH, GA – The IFA Redfish Tour Presented by Cabela's held its first 2007 Georgia Division tournament March 31st in Savannah and had eighty-eight anglers compete for a 1st place prize valued at approximately \$20,000. The one day tournament kicked off with a Captain's Meeting Friday night at Hogan's Marina and ended with a new 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 being awarded on Saturday afternoon.

The 1st place team of Captain Brad Phelps and partner Gene Barnett, both Savannah locals, took home a Ranger Banshee for the 6.05-pound and 5.16-pound redfish they brought to the scales on Saturday. They had a two-fish total weight of 11.21-pounds and were also awarded 200 points towards the Cabela's Georgia Divisional Team of the Year race. Brad and Gene also walked away with \$500 for Big Fish of the tournament and the Ranger Cup bonus in the amount of \$1,500. To learn more about the Ranger Cup bonus program, please visit www.rangerboats.com.

Captain Steve Guthrie, Sr., from Moncks Corner, SC, and partner Brian Surowiec, from Mount Pleasant, SC, snatched up 2nd place awards and a check in the amount of \$2,600. Steve and Brian brought in a two-fish team weight of 10.40-pounds and earned 199 points towards the Cabela's Georgia Divisional Team of the Year race. 3rd place and a \$1,800 check went to the team of Captain Troy Perez and partner Christine Perez, from Mims, FL, with a two-fish total weight of 9.64-pounds. The 10th place team of Captain James Putnal and Charlie Putnal, from Macon, GA, received the \$100 Solar Bat contingency, awarded to the team who wears their Solar Bat sunglasses and recognizes Solar Bat on stage at the weigh-in.

"Bubba Strickland and the staff at Hogan's Marina were very accommodating and their hospitality helped make the event a success. A big thanks goes out to the Georgia CCA, who assisted with this event and plans to have a hand in each of the IFA Georgia events this season. The Georgia CCA and the IFA Redfish Tour have similar goals and it is always great working with a group that is on the same page," stated Phillip Hodges, IFA Tournament Coordinator. "The group of anglers we had in Savannah was a great group of guys and gals and we look forward to seeing them all again in Darien, June 9th."

Local sponsors at this event included Hogan's Marina, Georgia CCA, Lockwood Marine and the local Power Pole dealer, Hale Marine Service. The Savannah event will be aired nationally on TV as part of the Americana Outdoors Saltwater Slam Series. Please check the IFA website to see when and where you can catch this event. This promises to be a great show with the 1st place team of Brad and Gene were filmed during the day of competition, weigh-in and receiving their awards.

This year's 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. The next tournament of the season will take place in Sarasota, FL, April 14th. To get more information on the IFA Redfish Tour or to register for a tournament, taking place in your region, please go to www.redfishtour.com.

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