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Louisiana Division Finishes Big in Venice



VENICE, FL – The IFA Redfish Tour presented by Cabela’s welcomed one hundred and twenty-two (122) members to the final stop in the Louisiana division this past weekend. At the beginning of the year, the IFA had questioned as to how prepared Louisiana was going to be for fishing tournaments. It turns out, Louisiana was ready for the IFA anglers and the IFA anglers were excited about visiting the great Louisiana areas on the schedule.

The IFA Venice tournament anglers brought in some of the biggest weights the IFA has seen all year. First place team of Captain Scott Ritter and Bobby Abruscato brought in a total weight of 17.94-pounds. This team took home a Ranger Banshee, rigged with a 40 HP, 4-stroke Yamaha outboard, Power-Pole shallow water anchor, Loadmaster trailer, Minn Kota trolling motor and Humminbird electronics, valued at approximately \$20,000. Along with winning this boat package, Scott and Bobby took home a \$500 check for big fish of the tournament and a \$1,500 check for being the highest finishing Ranger Cup Powered by Yamaha team (go to www.rangerboats.com to learn how to qualify).

Finishing in second place, with a total weight of 16.67-pounds, was the team of Captain Dwayne Eschete and partner Bruce Lindheim. This team took home a check in the amount of \$3,000. Captain Paul Simmons and partner Kyle Mitternacht walked away with a check in the amount of \$1,805 for their third place finish.

The team of Thad and Vernon Robichaux are the Louisiana Divisional Team of the Year winners. This team finished 2nd in Lafitte, 13th in Grand Isle and 5th in Venice. For their successful year, the father and son team of Thad and Vernon Robichaux will be able to fish one full division, free of charge, in 2007. This team, sponsored by Cabela's, will also be going head to head against the other five (5) divisional winners at the Championship for their chance at taking home the Cabela's Team of the Year title and a \$5,000 check.

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 and final event before the Championship will be in Charlotte Harbor, FL on October 14, 2006. To register for this event, 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, 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.