

2ND KDW CLASSIC DRAWS 264 BOATS

The 2nd annual **Palm Beach County KDW Classic** co-hosted by the **West Palm Beach Fishing Club (WPBFC)** and the **City of Riviera Beach** was held June 5th out of the **Riviera Beach Marina** and attracted 264 boats, a new tournament record (up from 238 in 2003). "If the weather had been a little more favorable we probably would have hit 300," said Tournament Committee member **Bud Tyska**. "Even though we dodged some thunderstorms and the fishing was a little slow, everybody had a wonderful time. We were thrilled with how it all turned out." Ap-

ing better at night," said tournament weighmaster **Pete Schulz**, who noted that most of the fish that came to the tournament scale were caught trolling rather than by those who were drifting live baits. Only three wahoo came to the tournament scale this year.

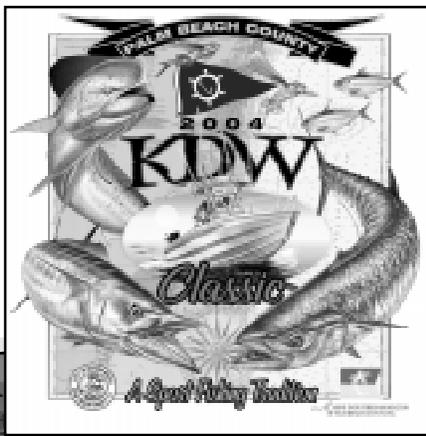


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King of the Classic! Bryan Connley (c) of Chaos Rods landed the 2nd place kingfish, the heaviest fish caught by a male angler.



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Queen of the Classic! Glena Maggart (l) boated this 40 lb. smoker king, the largest fish of the tournament. She was the top lady angler for the second year running.

proximately 100 fish were weighed in at the tournament scale. The largest fish brought to the weigh station was a 40 pound kingfish caught by Stuart angler **Glena Maggart** aboard the *'Hog Jaw'*. Maggart's fish earned \$3,000 and the coveted *Queen of the Classic* title, which is awarded annually to the lady angler who catches the heaviest tournament eligible fish. Maggart, a regular on the **Southern Kingfish Association** tournament circuit, also earned the top lady angler title in last year's *Classic*. The *King of the Classic* honor was won by **Bryan Connley** of Lake Worth with a 37.1 pound kingfish caught aboard the *'Chaos'*. Connely's second place king earned him \$2,000. In all, over \$24,000 in cash awards were presented to winning anglers in the one day Kingfish-Dolphin-Wahoo fishing tournament. These prizes were generously provided by the following Cash Award Sponsors: The **Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County**, **Ande Monofilament**, **Stor-All Storage**, **Badcock Home Furniture & More**, **Bev Smith Ford**, **Boynton Sport & Back Physical Therapy**, **Integrated Data Technologies**, **Lott Brothers**, **MRI Specialists**, **Smith Barney**, **Lowrance**, **Penn Fishing Tackle**, **Palm Beach Kennel Club**, **Florida Crystals**, **Grand Slam Sportfishing Supply**, **Palm Beach Yacht Center**, **Tuppen's**, **Cheney Brothers Inc.**, **Southern Community Bank** and **Miller Lite**.

The full moon and an early season cold water upwelling made fishing conditions challenging for tournament anglers. "We weighed in a lot more kingfish last year. With the full moon this year the kings were probably feed-

Angler Angie

Stacks of Singer Island landed a 16.4 pound wahoo that earned the \$3,000 purse for the largest wahoo. The largest dolphin, a 30.1 pound fish, was caught by Fishing Club member **Mike Murray** of Tequesta aboard the *'Murray Marine'*. The Top Junior Angler trophy was awarded to **Nick Askey** of St. Cloud, Florida who boated a 23.6 pound dolphin aboard the *'Bright Moments'*. The nine-year old angler earned \$600 for his great catch.

"We are extremely pleased with the response we have received these first two years. We want to continue to produce a tournament that stimulates the local marine & fishing industry, helps promote Riviera Beach & Palm Beach County and benefits the marine conservation & educational efforts of the **Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation (PBCFF)**, the Fishing Club's charitable affiliate. We think we have a good formula and we don't intend to change anything," said Fishing Club President **John Jolley**. Proceeds from this year's tournament will support the PBCFF's annual *Kid's Fishing Day* and *Rods & Reels for Kids* programs, as well as a marine habitat project planned for later in the year.

"We have already budgeted for the event next year," said **Tim Oenbrink** of The Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County, the *Classic's* Presenting Sponsor. "We

are really impressed that 264 boats participated this year. With that kind of response to a relatively new tournament, we can see that there is a lot more potential. We are excited to remain involved. The tournament already has an impressive following and is certainly good for the local marine industry."

"This institution [the West Palm Beach Fishing Club] prides itself on its unique role and active involvement in the community. With the *Palm Beach County KDW Classic* we are committed to producing a fun, affordable, first class event that benefits our area in many ways," added Jolley. The next *Palm Beach County KDW Classic* is scheduled for Saturday, June 4th, 2005 at the Riviera Beach Marina.

2004 KDW CLASSIC WINNER'S LIST

KINGFISH

1st (\$3000)	Glena Maggart	<i>Hog Jaw</i>	40.0 lbs.
2nd (\$2000) ...	Bryan Connley	<i>Chaos</i>	37.1 lbs.
3rd (\$1000) ...	Charley West	<i>Shamrock</i>	25.2 lbs.
4th (\$700)	Michele Oenbrink	<i>Southern Belle</i>	23.3 lbs.
5th (\$500)	Linda D'Angelo	<i>Grumpy Gator</i>	20.5 lbs.
6th (\$400)	Scott Adams	<i>Florida Crystals</i>	20.0 lbs.

DOLPHIN

1st (\$3000)	Mike Murray	<i>Murray Marine</i>	30.1 lbs.
2nd (\$2000) ...	Adam Fountain	<i>Yellowfin</i>	20.7 lbs.
3rd (\$1000)	Christopher Keena	<i>Holiday Every Day</i> ..	20.4 lbs.
4th (\$700)	Sterling Garner	<i>Contender 25</i>	20.1 lbs.
5th (\$500)	Chad Coleman	<i>Original</i>	18.9 lbs.
6th (\$400)	Kimberly Reineke	<i>Racy Gracie</i>	18.1 lbs.

WAHOO

1st (\$3000)	Angie Stacks	<i>Sailfish</i>	16.4 lbs.
2nd (\$2000) ...	Ralph Alewine	<i>No Frills</i>	12.7 lbs.
3rd (\$1000)	Joe Bryan	<i>Uncle Salty</i>	10.6 lbs.

JUNIORS

1st (\$600)	Nick Askey	<i>Bright Moments</i>	23.6 lb. dolphin
2nd (\$500) ..	Will Sabayrac	<i>Raptor</i>	16.8 lb. kingfish
3rd (\$400) ...	Curry Isiminger	<i>Bill M' Hard</i>	10.9 lb. kingfish
4th (\$300) ...	Shaun Staley	<i>Bill M' Hard</i>	9.8 lb. dolphin
5th (\$200) ...	Aurora Staley	<i>Mistress</i>	7.8 lb. dolphin
6th (\$100) ...	Colton Hearn	<i>Sea Hag</i>	7.2 lb. kingfish