



*From the Helm*

*by Art Ponce, Club President*

Hello club members! Spring is here, and it's time to get ready for the season. The Spring fishing is a favorite for many club members as the white sea bass, sand bass, halibut and calicos are all very cooperative. I hope to spend more time on the water this year than last. The good news is that the price of fuel is about half of what was being charged last year, so it will be a lot easier on the wallet.

Last week, I returned from a trip to Croatia just in time for the Fred Hall Del Mar Show. The Marlin Club directors decided to man a booth at the show, with the hope of generating more club members, and increasing our exposure to the fishing community. This type of an event requires a high level of commitment from the club. I'm happy to report that your board is very dedicated, as the booth was always manned by one or two board members for the entire five day run. In all, I would say that it was worth all the effort. We moved a lot of old merchandise, signed up some new members and talked to many more prospective members. I thank all of you for your hard work.

The Marlin Club Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. It will take place at the Silver Gate Yacht Club. The address is 2091 Shelter Island Drive, in Shelter Island. The club is normally closed on Tuesdays, but I have arranged for the bar to be open for us. The bar will open at six and the drink prices are very, very reasonable.

The meeting like in years past will be informative. We have three very knowledgeable speakers lined up who will give us plenty information, on fishing techniques, gear (lures and reels), and the upcoming mandated MLPA restrictions. Please make every effort to attend, as it is crucial that we are fully informed. We will also have a raffle for the door prizes.

Another important date is April 19<sup>th</sup>. The club has our open house in conjunction with the Day at the Docks festivities. We will sponsor a kids' fishing tournament from our docks, with prizes and hot dogs to follow. We will need help from the members in grilling the dogs, teaching kids how to fish, and providing bait. One week prior to the open house will be our house clean up day on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>.

One of our new members, Salvador Payan, the owner of SP Paving & Grading, has volunteered to seal the parking lot free of charge. We thank him for his generosity. The parking lot looks great!

*Arthur J. Ponce*

# Annual - General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, 2009 - 7:00 pm  
At the Silver Gate Yacht Club  
2091 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego, CA 92106

## Agenda includes:

**Business Overview**  
**Introduction of new Board Members**  
**Guest Speakers**  
**Representatives from Tiburon Reels and Pakula Marlin Lures**

## Guest Speakers:

**Bob Hoose - From Berkley—Pure Fishing**  
Bob will give a brief overview of White Sea Bass, Yellowtail and Candy Bait (squid)

**Buck Everingham - From Everingham Bait Company**  
Buck will give a brief overview about MLPA

**Brandon Cotton - From Pakula Marlin Lures**

**No Host Bar**  
**Club “swag” available for purchase**

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## New Members

Martin Redford - 24' skipjack, no name at this time.  
Steve Gardella - 25' skipjack, also not named at this time  
Jerry Gansch – DOUBLE J

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## A 30 Year Tradition Spotlights San Diego's Sportfishing Fleet

The Port of San Diego's Annual Day at the Docks® will take place Sunday, April 19, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This year's Day at the Docks will celebrate the beginning of Southern California's spring saltwater fishing season as it has for the past 30 years.

A *free* one day festival, the annual event provides marine attractions featuring an open house on many of the 70 renowned, modernized Sportfishers docked there. The pride of San Diego, the fleet is one of the largest, most modern to be found anywhere in the world.

Kid's Fishing Adventure, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for kids 4 to 12 years old; Casting and Knot Tying contests held throughout the day will challenge anglers' skills.

Admission to the Day at the Docks is absolutely **FREE**. Free parking at the Shelter Island launch ramp and shuttle aboard a double deck bus to and from event add to the fun. Live entertainment on three stages, tackle and trip giveaways and much, much more fill out the day. Entertainment and exhibitor listings are available on the website: [www.sportfishing.org](http://www.sportfishing.org).

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Huge kudos and thanks to all the Marlin Club members who volunteered their time and energies manning our booth at the Fred Hall Fishing and Tackle show this past month. A new member was recruited, lots of tee shirts were sold, and best of all we got our club's name out there. Everyone did an awesome job....along with getting our club out in the open...we were able to get some sponsors lined up for the season's upcoming tournaments. I worked the "Go Fish Expos" with a former club member Dick Medve (now relocated to the Big Island)...Eric with Aloha Lures and Paul with Primo Beer, both being vendors in the "Islands booth", have thrown in their hats to help promote the club with swag for our raffles and tournaments. Those working the Marlin Club booth were out there drumming up support for the club...we'll let you know who and what, at a later date.

Excellent presentation and representation at the Fred Hall Show



If you have been by the club this past week, you will notice the clean and slick look of our parking lot. Member: Salvador Payan and his crew donated their time, equipment and services by re-surfaced the lot...his company SP paving and grading did a great job! Thank you!

And one more...a special thanks to those who so generously sent checks to help support the club in these difficult times. THANK YOU....Every bit helps! Penny

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April 25, 2009 is the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Southwestern Yacht Club Angler's Bottom Fishing Tournament  
Details on their web site: [www.southwesternyc.org](http://www.southwesternyc.org).

It is all for a very worthy charity, **San Diego Hospice and The Center for Palliative Medicine**

## Words of Wisdom

If a man is truly blessed, he returns home from fishing to be greeted by the best catch of his life.

An unknown wife somewhere?

<b>DATES TO REMEMBER for 2009</b>	
Awards/ Trophy Dinner	February 21, 2009
General Membership Meeting	April 7, 2009
Club Clean Up Day	April 11, 2009
Open House/Day at the Docks	April 19, 2009
Sundowner	May, 2009 TBD
Spring Shootout*	May 16, 2009
Don Blackman Memorial Halibut Derby*	June 13, 2009
Juniors' Tournament	August 1, 2009
Presidents' Tournament	August , 2009 TBD
Labor Day Tournament	September 5-6, 2009
	BBQ September 7, 2009
ILTT Tournament & Dinner Awards Banquet	September 18-19, 2009
Small Boat Tournament*	September 20, 2009
Sundowner	August 29-30, 2009
	October, 2009 TBD
<b>*Open to the public</b>	



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