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can you guys use this?

Regards,

Pete

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From: "Bill Stephens" <bcjsteph@logonix.net>
To: peterarchie@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 8:24:05 PM
Subject: Marco Sportsfishing club members on Summerland Key Safari

Pete,

Not sure if you are interested in this for the newsletter or not. But thought we would share our adventure with you. It was a great trip for us.
As a new member I am not even sure this type of report is even encouraged from membership? Not sure if you are the person to submit this to either?
Some of us in the Naples Club do this as a type of "braggin' board".
Bill Stephens

Marco Sportfishing Club members traveled to Summerland Key to help control the Atlantic Dolphin population this last weekend.
Kevin Wright and Bill Stephens of the Marco Sportfishing Club and Brad Boersma a co-member of the Naples club were the crew for Capt. Brad's expedition.
The adventure started at Islamorada Wide World Sportsman. A dinner wait of one hour and forty five minutes was declined and we ran on down the road to a restaurant on the water for dinner. We arrived at the "House" about 9:30 P.M.



Brad had run his Glacier Bay 2640 down for the weekend before so we were set for Saturday morning. After buying four bags of pre rigged Ballyhoo we were off to fish our plan. First hook up came about 10:30. Bill's first Dolphin



Next hook up was just a few minutes away. Kevin ran this fish in and it was gaffed and put in the fish box.



A little later we had another hit and that gave us the Tri-fecta. Brad had his Dolphin.



After putting it in the fish box we were working on some line tangles and we had another hit as Brad was bringing in a line. He got the fourth Dolphin to the boat and it tore loose. That fish hit a cranked bait!!!

Day two was slower as we tried to follow the radio traffic and fish the local guides patterns. At noon we were in 600ft of blue with no trolling success. We found some Tripletail on a debris pile and had no luck getting a hit. Bill did get a Gray Triggerfish to get the "skunk out of the boat"

We ran back to the Skinnywater at 150' and started fishing our previous pattern from the day before. At about 1:00 we had the first Dolphin for day two.



About four o'clock we had more line tangle problems. As Kevin and Bill were working on that we had a hit and Brad grabbed the rod. He could not move what was on the other end. We stopped and started backing down. As he brought in more line we could see a big weed ball and it was animated. A King swam out from under it and that gave Brad his first King.



As hard as we worked for the sixth fish, daylight timed us out.

Next year we are going for a Sailfish and Wahoo population control mission.