

The Light Tackle Tatler

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Well the tournament hasn't even started and it's memorable! Mother nature is sure having the last laugh. For all the planning that has gone on, she will do just as she pleases. Or maybe it's all our fishing buddies in the sky crying that they can't be with us. What does all

this mean you may well ask, the short answer is this will be a three day tournament as there is no fishing tomorrow due to winds possibly getting up to 30 knots by early afternoon. So although this is a fish at your own risk event, the committee after a lot of discussion with team captains and their boat captains, decided that discretion is the better part of valor. And although Wednesday is a free day, unfortunately some anglers can't get out of work commitments, and others can't do Saturday. The compromise has been to extend fishing times, with lines in at 7.30am, an hour early and go until 3.30pm, an extra 30 minutes.

The rain stayed away for the cocktail party, which started at 6.30pm at the home of David and Diane Skinner on South Shore. It was great to have seven returning overseas anglers, as well as old and new locals. Just as we were about to start introducing the teams the rain started.



Now lets get to see who is fishing, eventually, in this 50th tournament.



First up is Bait 'n' Switch – Neil McKinney Cindy Mitchell and Mark Mitchell. I guess they aren't the best dresses team this year, although Neil did have a team shirt on from the last ILTT. But then they did loose Fiona, so you can't blame them. With them probably having the smallest boat in the fleet, Cindy sure was glad that Monday was cancelled. Neil is delighted to be back, he said he loves fishing this tournament, so different from anything they do in the Bahamas.

Next we had the Reel Anglers also from Bahamas – Scott Deal, David Fingland and Aron Long. David was also sporting a team shirt, what you forgot to send a memo the others? Anyway it is great to have you back after missing the last tournament. Aron recently won a qualifying event to the Offshore Championships, so it looks like they will be back there next year. When asked what he would do if they won our event, he said oh definitely represent you. Thanks that means a lot to us, or maybe you can fish against your teammates and see who is the best.





Team Overload, also representing Sea Horse Anglers club with David Ross Desliva and newcomers Jorge Amaro and Wayne Correira. Wayne was also heard to say he was releaved to not be going in the morning as he was getting to old to go out in weather like that.

Ricky Sousa, Ed Pereira and Any Pereira make up The Portuguese Mafia. Welcome Ricky to your first ILTT. This is Ed's second time and Andy's third. Guess this light tackle stuff has got you hooked, welcome to the club.





So best dressed team has to go to the all new team called Pelagic Playas with Matthew Strong, Niel Jones and missing Craig MacIntyre, who had to leave early due to fathers day family plans. And just to prove that they play as hard as they work, had to look like the cool dudes. You still look like ILTT virgins. Good luck to you all, Niel is used to light tackle, so can help his team out.



Sea Horse Anglers Club was next with Keith Pearman, Trevor Gillis and Nitin Aggarwal. Both Keith and Trevor are new to this. Keith said he new how to fish heavy tackle no this braid stuff. Just swing your rod like the golf club and you'll be fine. Welcome to you both.



This next team Bermuda Water Tours has 28 years of combined expreience with Bobby Rego, newcomer Paul Fox and our veteran angler Danny Fox. This is his 21st tournament and he and Bobby won the Off Shore Championship in 2003, being the first team to represent the club. Bobby has spent the last couple of weeks spoolling some the teams rods and even spent this weekend helping out our visit's and he has donated tackle for all the teams on be half of Flybridge Tackle. Thank you. If your

line breaks, it has nothing to do with the sand paper he used while spoolling. Oh and if you need work done on the water, he will be more than happy to help for a LARGE fee.

Last up is the host team Bermuda Anglers Club – Mark Henneberger, club president Kip Froud ad David Skinner. This is their 4^{th} year together and returing champions. You can bet that they have a target on their backs with two other champion teams, Reel Anglers and Bermuda Water Tours competing, Cindy and Neil would love to finally be champions after coming in second last time. Sea Horse wanting to win another significant and the new teams wanting to show they can compete.

Good luck to you all.



Kip officially welcomed everybody to the event and gave an update on Fiona and Dean, we know they miss being here. The changes to fishing mentioned earlier. He thanked all our sponsors for the wonderful they have given us. He also introduced Claire James who the club hired to help coordinate the organising of the event and write up the history of the club, but has gone above and beyond, and Cindi Pearman who got a lot of the information to her by going through all the clubs records collected by other members and anglers over the years.





And they spent the evening documenting, taking pictures, which will be added to the daily slideshow, allowing everybody see 50 years worth of memories.

Niel Jones then took over to review the rules with some heckling from the peanut gallery. After that a lovely dinner was served by Forways Catering who are also doing the Wednesday BBQ and food on the dock each evening.







Speaking of which, as tomorrow is now a non fishing day, Cindi Pearman offered to have a cocktail evening at her home and instead of it being a fishy party on the dock, it will be a football party as a number of people wanted to watch the England v Solvakia match. So this means there will be no Tatler with results tomorrow night. Looking for tight lines on Tuesday.

















