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Mission Statement:
The mission of Catchin' for Kids is to involve local businesses and anglers in support of underprivileged children in our community.

Captain's Corner

The 7th Annual Rockfish Tournament will be December 10th thru 12th, 2010

Date: 2/4/2010

Hello again, I thought I would take a few minutes to wish everyone a HAPPY and successful new year.

As 2009 has drawn to a close and 2010 kicks off I want to thank all of you for your untiring support. We concluded 2009 with our biggest event of the year, the CATCHIN FOR KIDS Rockfish Tournament. This year's tournament hosted over fifty boats and several new sponsors. This year we paid out over 15,000 dollars in cash and prizes.

With your support the Catchin' for Kids Group donated over 30,000 dollars in cash and toys to underprivileged children in our community. Most of these toys went straight to the TOYS FOR TOTS program. We also helped dozens of other families in Tidewater have a reason to smile on Christmas morning. We could not do this without our sponsors, anglers and volunteers. You guys are the best. THANK YOU

2010 will once again be a busy year for the Catchin' for Kids group. We hope to once again have four events with our first event being the VA. Beach Boat Show. The boat show is always a great time and we look forward to seeing our old friends and making some new friends too.

Speaking of sponsors and events I would like to welcome Vining's Marine and Lynnhaven Marine to our long list of sponsors. I look forward to Vining's Marine hosting the 2010 Anglers Club Challenge later this year. For the first time ever the Club Challenge will be held in Little Creek inlet at Bay Point Marina. Brain we look forward to working with you and your crew.

The sponsors corner this issue is dedicated to Reynold's Landscaping. Jack and his crew are top notch and have been one our biggest sponsors dating all the way back to our first Tournament. Thanks, Jack, for all you do.

Thanks for all your support

Captain Rick

UPCOMING EVENT

The Mid-Atlantic Sports and Boat Show is coming up in just a few days. Valentines weekend – February 12-14 – mark your calendar.

Once again this year Catchin' for Kids will be featured prominently in the show. We will have a booth where we will be raising not only money, through our raffles, but awareness throughout the boating and fishing community of our presence and our mission of supporting underprivileged kids.

Speaking of kids, this year we will have even more activities to keep the attention and interest of the kids attending the show. ...

Please join us for the inaugural indoor tournament for your chance to win some cold hard cash.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS



Top Female Angler Jamie Sheppard, flanked by Captain Rob Wilhoite (left) and tournament chairman Rick Williams

Here is a list of the winners of our Winter Rockfish Tournament:

First place 47.90 lb—The Glass Man—Captain: Stanley Parnell

NOTE: Captain Parnell and his Glass Man crew are members of BISC, the Buggs Island Striper Club, which was the leading club

Second 47.22 lb—Donovan's Reef—Captain: Rick Hylton

Third 45.12 lb—Southern Comfort—Captain: Michael Thompson

Fourth 44.34 lb—Knot Workin'—Captain: Gary Jaeger

Top Female 41.84 lb—The Cane Pole—Jamie Sheppard, Top Female—Captain: Rob Wilhoite

Top Youth 38.04 lb—Blind Date—Drew Camp, Top Youth—Captain: Stan Gold

NOTE: Drew Camp's Top Youth fish was the FIRST FISH weighed in for the entire tournament at 6:44 Saturday morning.

Sponsors Corner

REYNOLDS LANDSCAPING AND CATCHIN' 4 KIDS

Our involvement with Catchin' 4 Kids (Toys for Tots) began with the first tournament. My wife and I have participated in youth programs for many years, mainly involving sports, while we were raising our 2 sons. During that time, we quickly learned the need for help for youngsters. It was common for us to buy cleats, shirts, pants etc. for children because their families were not able to provide them. We have never forgotten the smiles from these needy children. Although we are not wealthy, we have been able to help, and that alone is better than all of the wealth on earth.

The Catchin' 4 Kids program has allowed us to extend this helping hand again and even though we do not get a first hand look at the smiles that we help to bring, our past memories suffice and our imaginations take care of the rest.

We are amazed by the hard work and dedication that is provided every year by the "team" that gets it done. The fishing tournament is outstanding, but the concentration on the children is always priority #1. This is why we continue to help with our annual donation.

A note from Captain Rick

Not only is Jack Reynolds one of our best sponsors he is also the owner of one of Tidewater's largest and most successful landscape companies. Jack's company has won several awards and has had his works showcased many times in Homearama.

We would like to thank Jack and his family for all their support, and we look forward to working with him and his company for years to come.

Please visit our website at

www.catchinforkids.com