



November 11, 2019 – for immediate release.

With 50 boats registered in this year's Dust'em Off Sailfish Warmup, a multi inlet tournament, the participation kept consistent with last year's attendance and payout marks. The fleet fished out of various ports up and down the FL coast with some boats as far north as Jupiter inlet and as far south as Islamorada in the Florida Keys. In order to accommodate both the boats coming from the north and the south, the Dust'Em Off Sailfish Warmup held 2 captain's meetings – both a north party held at Viking Yachts Service Center in Riviera Beach, FL on Wednesday November 6, 2019 and a south party held at the Historic Maxwell Room in Ft. Lauderdale, FL on Thursday November 7, 2019. Despite the hard fishing conditions due to the passing cold front producing winds as high as 30-40+ knots, fishing was decent throughout the day with the fleet releasing a total of 108 sailfish. The team aboard the 39' SeaVee powered by Mercury Outboards, Showtime, captained by Nick Carullo claimed victory this past Saturday with 8 sailfish releases. In second, the Three Times L/Fishless team captained by Gene Lebron caught and released 7 sailfish. Third place was taken this year by the team aboard Pharma-Sea/ZiZZZ captained by Evan Hamilton also with 7 sailfish. Luke Lacroix fishing aboard the Pharma-Sea/ZiZZZ with 4 sailfish releases claimed top angler prestige.

Again this year, the charter boat division consisted of 4 boats. Capt. Christian Sanchez on his Miami based charter boat Imagos lead his crew to the victory with 4 sailfish. Capt. Jimmy David on L & H secured second with 2 sailfish followed by the Lisa L captained by Mike Puller with 1 sailfish. The Lisa L also had the top junior angler, Carlos "CA" Saladrigas, who caught their only fish. Shelby Callison took top Female angler with 2 sailfish who fished aboard the Princess Lily with Capt. Mike Hunter. Top funfish was a 24.8 lb. dolphin caught aboard the Asian Pearl by Darin Chafin who took home a cool \$8,250 for their fish.

This year's Semi-Professional division saw 22 boats competing. The team aboard Yellowtale captained by Clarke Harlow with 6 sailfish releases took first place semi-pro. Second place was the Princess Lily team captained by Mike Hunter also caught and released 6 sailfish. In third, the Southern Ground team captained by Colin Page also caught and released 6 sailfish.

This year, for the second consecutive year, the Dust'Em Off Sailfish Warmup partnered with the Mahogany Youth in the form of an optional charity category titled the Mahogany Youth Challenge with 50% going to the winners and 50% going to the charity. This year, the Three Times L/Fishless captained by Gene Lebron took home the honors with 7 sailfish releases with \$3,800 being donated to charity.

The Dust'Em Off Sailfish Warmup continues to show how there can still be affordable, yet lucrative tournaments held in South Florida. The continued growth over the last 5+ years show that there is a competitive thirst that not only seasoned tournament teams have, but also guys that would be considered recreational (semi-pro) anglers have as well. The Dust'em Off Sailfish Warmup will strive to continue with a fun first direction in the years to come. The goal of the tournament is to not merely be an early season option, but a tournament that all anglers consider as **THE** mandatory kickoff to their tournament season. On behalf of the tournament I would like to thank all the anglers, sponsors, and staff involved in making this tournament a success for the last 6 years!

Sincerely, Capt. Ben Sharpe - Tournament Director

## **RESULTS**

### **Overall**

- 1 Showtime 8 **\$41,750**
- 2 Three Times L/Fishless 7
- 3 Pharma-Sea/ZiZZZ 7
- 4 Yellowtale 6

### **Professional**

- 1 Showtime 8
- 2 Three Times L/Fishless 7
- 3 Pharma-Sea/ZiZZZ 7

### **Semi-Professional**

- 1 Yellowtale 6
- 2 Princess Lily 6
- 3 Southern Ground 6

### **Charter**

- 1 Imagos 4
- 2 L & H 2
- 3 Lisa L 1

### **Top Angler**

Luke Lacroix – Pharma-Sea/ZiZZZ 4

### **Top Female**

Shelby Callison – Princess Lily 2

### **Top Junior**

Carlos "CA" Saladrigas – Lisa L 1

### **Funfish**

Asian Pearl - Dolphin 24.8 lbs. **\$8,250**

## PHOTOS

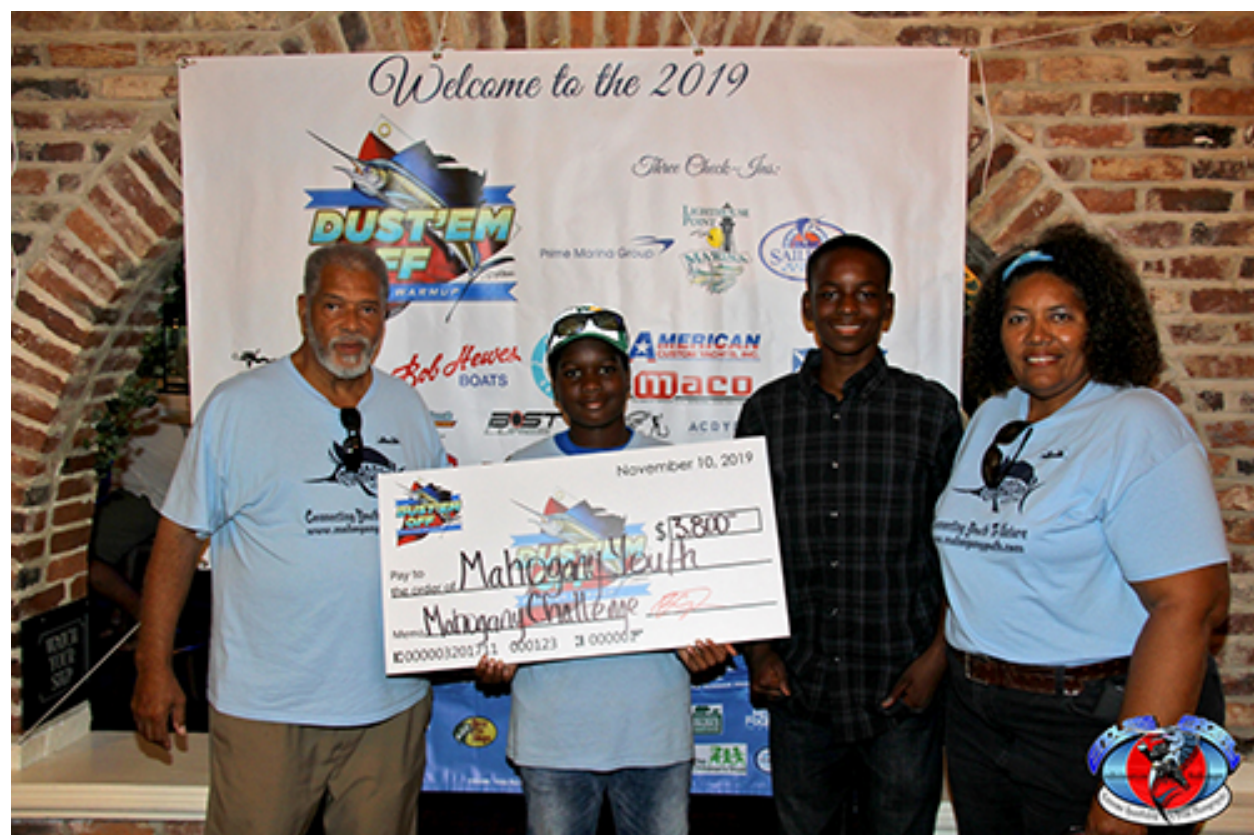














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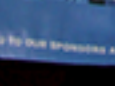
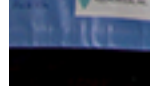


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