

"Ill Winds" Spare ACFA Tournament

September Tournament Recap:

The weekend of September 6-7 was bracketed by two very nasty Gulf of Mexico hurricanes and fortunately we were spared the worst (Thank You Lord!). In fact the weather was as nice as we've had all year, and certainly the most cooperative we've had for a club tournament in a while. Perhaps being the first Saturday of 2008 College Football or the uneasiness about the tropics seemed to keep a lot of folks off the water. But for the ACFA members who ventured forth from the Delta southward into the Gulf it was a great day to be fishing. The fish cooperated for many, though some folks (especially on the Mobile River) struggled to even catch a fish to weigh in. **Don & Bekki Ludlam** pronounced the weather, water and fishing "PERFECT" and they brought in a box of the nicest looking spanish mackerel we've seen in a long time and rewrote the Big Fish Contest for that species in the process. They along with **Mike Lee** and **Austin Lee** fished a rig a few mile south of Fort Morgan and swept the spanish mackerel category for the tournament. Very well done. Congratulations!



The fishing was even kinder to the 'motorless fishermen'.

New member **Danny Adkins** and **Josh Woolums** fishing in their kayaks near the Dauphin Island Bridge caught some nice white trout and school specks before Danny landed a larger speck on a top water lure that later became the first speckled trout from a kayak weighed in an ACFA tournament. Not to be outdone, Josh fishing a Gulp pogy hooked "a behemoth flattie that surfaced next to the boat and made me dirty up my underwear" ;-) LOL...

Well that flounder ended up in his box and 1st place in the tournament becoming the first kayak caught fish to win an ACFA plaque! Congrats "*Stinky Hooker*" (continued on page 5)



September Tournament Results...

At least 45 fish were weighed in (with 5 Junior anglers earning plaques):

Speckled Trout: 17 total (1 Jr angler) (**Christian Howell** 2.70#)

1st **Chris Conken** 4.75#, 2nd **Adam Barker** 4.05#, 3rd **Tommy Pond** 3.80#

Flounder: 6 total (1 Jr angler) (**Christian Howell** 1.15#)

1st **Josh Woolums** 4.50#, 2nd **Henry Nall** 2.10#, 3rd **Bill Perry** 1.85#

Redfish: 4 total (NO Jr anglers)

1st **Jim Foster** 6.20#, 2nd **Henry Nall** 5.65#, 3rd **Trevor Wood** 5.45#

White Trout: 13 total (3 Jr anglers: **Austin Lee** 0.80#, **Major Grifton** (N) 0.65#, **Christian Howell** 0.55#)

1st **Bill Perry** 1.90#, 2nd **Patric Garmeson** 1.35#, 3rd **David Thornton** 1.00#

Spanish Mackerel: 3 total (NO Jr anglers)

1st **Bekki Ludlam** #6.55, 2nd **Don Ludlam** 5.30#, 3rd **Mike Lee** 5.10#

The club members were treated to sandwiches (provided by Team '*LIVEBAIT*'). Thanks to **Doug & Belinda Smith**, and **Bruce & Angie Howle** for procuring the eats, setting up and cleaning afterwards. We sure appreciate the efforts folks!