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**IFA Redfish Tour Makes News in Port Aransas, Texas**



PORT ARANSAS, TX - The IFA Redfish Tour Presented by Cabela's had a great turnout for the 2007 season kick-off tournament in Port Aransas this past weekend. The Texas division opener of a 2nd year for the new and improved regionalized one-day format guaranteeing 1st place boat prize and 100% payback for each event is attracting anglers throughout the south. 85 teams registered to compete for the 1st place prize of a Ranger Banshee rigged with a 40 HP, 4-stroke Yamaha outboard, Loadmaster trailer, Power Pole shallow water anchor, Minn Kota trolling motor and Humminbird electronics.

The 1st place prize of a fully rigged Ranger Banshee, valued at approximately \$20,000, went to the talented team of Captain Glen Watts and partner Mike Miller for the 8.62-pound and 7.53-pound redfish they brought to the scales on Saturday, giving them a two-fish total weight of 16.15-pounds and 200 points towards the Cabela's Texas Divisional Team of the Year race. Watts and Miller caught their fish on gold spoons, soft plastics, and Triple Play Spinner Baits. "We only caught 4 fish all day, and 2 of them were the right ones. We don't always find those big ones right in our backyard, but they were there today," said Glen Watts. "We are looking forward to fishing the other 2 Texas events, and then the Championship." Watts and Miller also received an additional \$500 for Big Fish of the tournament, with a one-fish weight of 8.62 pounds.

Captain Kevin Akin and partner Danny Gonzalez also walked away with their 2nd place awards and a check in the amount of \$4,234.00. Akin and Gonzalez brought in a two-fish team weight of 15.63-pounds and earned 199 points towards the Cabela's Texas Divisional Team of the Year race. 3rd place and a \$2,540 check went to the team of Captain Kent Turner of Pattison, Texas and partner Amil Reznick, JR., of Sealy, Texas with a two-fish total weight of 15.40-pounds. Bagleys Gold spoons were the ticket for Turner and Renick. They managed a total of 6 reds and 15 big trout today, and had a run-in with a really big slot Red who gained his freedom just out of reach of the net.

Jay Survant and Corey Survant received the Ranger Cup - Powered by Yamaha Bonus of \$750.00. To learn more about the Ranger Cup bonus program, please visit [www.rangerboats.com](http://www.rangerboats.com). The Solar Bat Sunglasses \$100.00 Team Award was not claimed at Port Aransas, so the amount will carry forward to Lafitte, LA., where the Solar Bat Sunglasses bonus will be \$200.00 for the highest finishing team who wears Solar Bats while fishing, weighing in, and mentioning Solar Bat while on stage.

"It was really good to get this kind of participation for the Texas kick off of the 2007 season. A thanks goes out to all the teams that came out to fish with us and help our sport continue to improve. We hope to keep up this trend throughout all of our divisions, including our next event taking place in Lafitte, Louisiana," stated Jerry Stakely, IFA Tournament Director.

This year's IFA Redfish Tour presented by Cabela's is a series of one-day, catch and release, close-to-home events, with two-angler teams using artificial lures only. The tour consists of six divisions with three single-day local events each. The next tournament of the season will take place in Lafitte, LA. May 5th, 2007. To get more information on the IFA Redfish Tour or to register for a tournament, taking place in your region, please go to [www.redfishtour.com](http://www.redfishtour.com).

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Now the strongest grass roots inshore tournament series dedicated to catch and release in competitive fishing, the IFA's focus is centered on competition, conservation, recognition and education. For more information, please contact Bart Schad with Palmer Conrad Consulting by calling 870-431-8495 or e-mailing [info@palmerconrad.com](mailto:info@palmerconrad.com).