

6th Annual Labor Day Weekend Fishing Tournament

LGPOA held its 6th Annual Labor Day Weekend Fishing Tournament 8/30/14-8/31/14 and as in years past, the events were a great success! This year's tournament saw slightly fewer participants than in year's past in the fishing tournament with 73 Anglers fishing from 24 boats. The Kid's Outdoor Clinic and the Island BBQ were both very well attended though. Everyone had a great time and the weather cooperated this year for the Tournament Day.

The Kid's Outdoor Clinic was another Big Success and followed the same format as last year. For Saturday's Kid's event, Linda Soderquist, Janet Hinkle and Rob Hill, Jr. created an outdoor classroom at Hideaway Bay where they netted items from the bay and explored them in the wading pool. Linda and Janet also taught the Kids and their parents about the varieties of sea grasses that are found in our local waters. All of the kids received a completion certificate and fishing rod for their participation.

The tournament saw 22 anglers walk away with cash prizes for their catch. As in years past, the tournament pays back 100% of the entry fees to the winning anglers. Our gracious sponsors provide the funding to put the tournament on and supply the good bag items and supplies for the tournament cookout. We could not have done it without the support of our Sponsors in making this tournament possible for the POA to put on.

The BBQ / Pot Luck Dinner was well attended by tournament participants and Islanders alike and looked to be over 200 people enjoying fried fish, hush puppies, hot dogs, hamburgers and a wealth of islander's dishes. Kenny Rose, a local favorite, also returned to serenade the party with his Island Sounds. There were also some fresh faces helping with the cooking, set-up, etc. which was really great to see as well. Sheriff Bill Prummell and his family were able to make the BBQ as well and had a great time being on the island. It is always great to see our elected officials taking such an active role in supporting our island!

The Fire Department was also on site selling T-shirts to help raise money for the EMS function. They still have plenty available for great prices and a Great cause. If you would like to buy an LGI Fire Department shirt contact LGIFR and they will get it to you. We actually made it through the BBQ without our typical afternoon rain storm this year and were thankful for a great turnout and great weather Sunday night.

All in all it was a very successful event for the Island and a great way to get out and see your Island friends and neighbors and celebrate what this island is all about!

Thanks to all that helped make these events a big success and we hope to see everyone again next year!

Sincerely,

Your Tournament Committee

David Haynes

Robert Hill, Jr.

Linda Soderquist

Capt. Denis Doome

Bill Sanderson