



MARINA DEL REY ANGLERS

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The Marina del Rey Halibut Derby took place this past weekend on April 9th and 10th at Burton Chace Park in Marina Del Rey. A total of 95 anglers participated in the two day event to help raise funds for the Marina del Rey Anglers Youth Fishing Program and White Sea Bass Grow Out Program. These two great programs allow the club to take over 500 at risk and disabled children fishing and release 10,000 juvenile White Sea Bass annually.

Participants were treated to mixed weather, great prizes, and good times. Fishing was tough at times but everyone had fun fishing with friends and family. The level of camaraderie was impressive and speaks to the good nature of the event. According to Derby Chairman Steve Santen "The common denominator amongst entrants was that entrants were there to have fun and any prizes won would be icing on the cake." The top four individual winners did take home some impressive prizes including a fishing trip to Alaska and La Paz for the top two anglers. A special thank you goes out to Sitka Point Lodge, Tailhunter International, and Vagabond Sportfishing for donating the prizes. There was a separate team cash jackpot competition where the top three teams took home a hefty bounty. The winners are as follows:

Individual Anglers:

- 1st – Tony Park – 29.1lb California Halibut
- 2nd – Paul Thompson – 21.25lb California Halibut Includes a 25% live Bonus*
- 3rd – Dylan Legere – 14.8lb 5 Fish Limit of Live Calico Bass**
- 4th – Mark McNally – 13.25lb California Halibut Includes a 25% live Bonus*
- 5th – David Dahlin – 12.3lb California Halibut

* Live Halibut are saved and offered to Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute (HSWRI) to augment their Brood stocks.

** The live Calico, (Kelp), Bass are released at the weigh-in dock.

Teams:

- 1st – Bugs - 39.7 lbs Combined Steven Legere, Dylan Legere
- 2nd – Young Guns - 25.32 lbs Combined Stephen Bohrer, Jeff Compton, Paul Thompson
- 3rd – Glasscutter - 12.3 lbs Combined Jack Kell, Michael Milstead, Miguel Zamora

Entrants and friends feasted on delicious tacos from Leticia and Salvador Catering during the awards ceremony and received over \$5,000 worth of prizes during the following raffle thanks to some generous sponsors. Most went home with a prize but everyone went home with a big smile on their face. It was a great event and the Marina del Rey Anglers look forward to putting on the show again in 2017. Hope to see you there!

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