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**BALD HEAD ISLAND FISHING RODEO ATTRACTS CREWS
FROM ACROSS NORTH CAROLINA**

**Winning Team Reels In Combined Weight of 1,096.59 pounds;
Proceeds Benefit Old Baldy Foundation**

Bald Head Island, N.C. – Bald Head Island's 19th annual Fishing Rodeo, held June 3–5 on Bald Head Island, attracted 21 boats and crews from across North Carolina to compete for the top prize. Competitors fished for wahoo, tuna and dolphin.

"This year's fishing rodeo felt nostalgic with familiar faces and the largest turn-out for the Saturday night fish fry we've ever had. We hear from all the participants and guests that this tournament is like spending a fun weekend with friends and great food. We are already gearing up for 2011, our 20th anniversary, and it is sure to be full of extra excitement and surprises," said Trisha Howarth, Hospitality Sales and Marketing Director for Bald Head Island Limited. "The weather, fun-filled socials and delicious cook-outs once again made Bald Head Island's tournament one of friendly competition and island-style camaraderie."

Captain Barrett McMullan and crew from Ocean Island, NC, fishing aboard the *OIFC*, reeled in the first-place prize of \$7,560. The winning team caught a combined weight of 246.50 pounds.

Second-place winner Captain Austin Eubanks and crew aboard *Sandy Beach*, won \$3,780 for a total catch of 129.36 pounds. Third-place prize of \$1,260 went to Captain Joey Johnson and crew, fishing aboard *Reel Quick*, for a 65.22-pound total catch.

Lady Anglers compete in their respective categories for heaviest fish. Cindy Early aboard *The Office II* took the Lady Angler trophy by reeling in an 18.16-pound dolphin. Cameron Baily aboard *Lane Choice* earned the Junior Angler trophy by reeling in a 21.51-pound wahoo.

Combined catches in all categories from the two-day event totaled 1,096 pounds. The average weight of the 52 fish caught during the tournament was 21.09 pounds.

This year's catch-and-release billfish winner was Eric Snover aboard *Sarcastic*. His sailfish catch earned him 50 points and \$2,880.

The success of the event will benefit the preservation of Old Baldy, North Carolina's oldest lighthouse. A donation from the proceeds of the 19th annual Rodeo will be made to The Old Baldy Foundation.

Special thanks and recognition to this year's Senior Sponsor LogosDirect of Wilmington, NC. Visit them online at www.logosdirect.com for a wide range of logo apparel and products.

Sponsored by Bald Head Island Limited, the annual Bald Head Island fishing rodeo has become one of the area's top-rated tournaments. Next year's Bald Head Island Fishing Rodeo will be held on June 2–4, 2011.

Bald Head Island is a vacation and second-home destination located two miles off the southeastern coast of North Carolina. Bald Head Island is a 20-minute ferry ride from Indigo Plantation and Marina in Southport, NC. Open to the public, the island features 800 homes, including condominiums and single-family residences, and nearly 200 year-round residents. The island also includes a 10-acre marina and a championship golf course in one of the East Coast's most pristine cape island environments. To experience the exceptional nature of Bald Head Island, visit www.baldheadisland.com.



Congratulations to our 2010 Winners

Lady Angler

Cindy Early aboard *The Office II*

Junior Angler

Cameron Baily aboard *Lane Choice*

Judy S. Agner Award

George Jenkins

DAY 1

Tuna – *OIFC*, Captain Brant McMullan with 34.13 lbs.

Dolphin – *OIFC*, Captain Brant McMullan with 48.15 lbs.

DAY 2

Dolphin – *Hooked Up*, Captain Joseph Seegars with 33.46 lbs.

Billfish

Sailfish – *Sarcastic*, Angler Eric Snover with 50 points

5th Place, 75.89 lbs.

Turbulence, Captain Dixon Dickens

4th Place, 82.71 lbs.

Thunder, Captain Allan Toomer

3rd Place and \$1260, 100.07 lbs.

Reel Quick, Captain Joey Johnson

2nd Place and \$1260, 129.36 lbs.

Sandy Beach, Captain Austin Eubanks

1st Place and \$7560, 246.50 lbs.

OIFC, Captain Brant McMullan