



THE FISHIN' INSIDER

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Gilbert went snook fishing with his very good friends, Danny Gallegos and Blake Hensler from McAllen. They had a great day. They caught 7 snooks and lost 12 snooks. What an awesome day they had, especially that they were celebrating Gilbert's birthday. The snooks were all caught and release fish.

Congrats to the Top Brass, they hung up a 410 pound blue marlin to take the big stuff at the Port Mansfield Fishing Tournament. Captain Kirk, moonlighting with the boyz on Quick Sea hung up a sail that took that pot. Don't know about the rest of the gang cuz as usual the directors didn't bother to fax us the results and none of the local rags had much coverage I could steal from the sleepy I'il harbor.

This weekend we got TIFT. Shame we don't have marina facilities like they do in Mansfield but we do have better food, booze and birds. Speakin' of which, finally got around to wanderin' by the bird watchin' paradise of the Sandspit, Turk's Bar at the Saida Towers next to the Rad. I was absolutely stunned to see Bookie grindin' up virgin Pinas for a healthy crowd. The

boy ain't done that many virgins since his days behind the stick at the infamous ol' Tide III mess. Anyhow, come to find out that the ol' buzzard is a tad bit under the weather sooo I guess you could say that they're doin' a celebrity bartender thing till he's back on his feet. Ya got Bookie from Jake's, Kelly Casey late of Jake's and now proprietor Kelly's Irish Pub, Christy Carrasco also late of Jake's and now with Quick Sea Sam and the Palmetto and Rudy late of everywhere but now steady at the Rad on salary. They're workin' for tips and slingin' some killer drinks. Turk's better half Sammy still turns out the best burgers in South

Texas and she said to say thanks for the support. Ya'll have a mind, go by and watch the show.



Cuz of a l'il communication breakdown last weeks cover didn't get explained. The gent holdin' the fish is James Miller, the forearm with the black fist is Pawn Shop baron Billy Ayers that had to be cropped out cuz of space limitations. The fish is Billy's first blue aboard Captn' Cuba as in cuba libre with damn l'il lime to displace the rum. This is the other half of the shot.

We welcome your fishin' photos. Drop them by 2600 Padre Boulevard on the Island, or mail them to I.B. Hooked, c/o Coastal Current Weekly, P.O.Box 2429, South Padre Island, Texas 78597. Be sure to include the name of the angler, weight and type of fish, where caught, and name of boat if applicable. Photos with SASE will be returned.