



# THE FISHIN' INSIDER

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This may not be totally accurate but in the pic are three generations of Island bidness folk. Jim Ghilain in the middle founded Jim's Pier on July 4th, 1954. Somethin' like twenty years ago he began turnin' it over to his son Danny on the left, about a year ago Danny sold it to Frank Gonzales and yeah "Cornbread Red" LeRoy Surmerlin is still there like a shiny penny. Bout now I suspect Jim is shootin' birds. Danny booked it back to Stuart, Florida to babysit a refit on a 63' Hines Farley that'll slice through the water at 43 knots. When they're finished with the Lass, he and Levi Wolverton are gonna take her to Puerto Vallarta to see how Levi likes wirein' 800 pound marlin. No charters are welcome per the owner which damn sure ain't Danny. Last I saw of Frank, the proverbial morning after, he didn't look so hot but he got over it. The pic was taken at Amberjack's where Jim was presented a State Flag that flew over the dome in Austin last Independence Day along with a proclamation introduced by Eddie Lucio. Eddie couldn't make the bash because he attended the 911 candle vigil in Brownsville. Special thanks to "Surfer" Mike McGonigal, the finest most helpful warm hearted counter jockey in the all important Tourista information business. He's been keepin' the great unwashed from runnin' a muck for three decades. The gent came out of a good break just to see that we got the shot he took.



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