



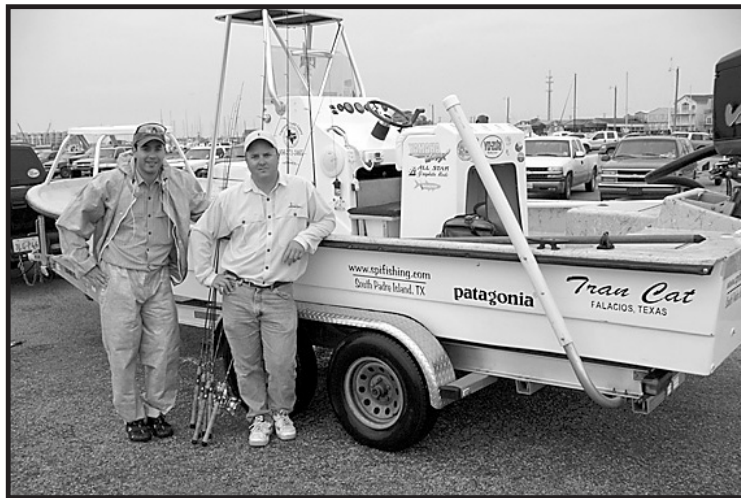
THE FISHIN' INSIDER

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Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye, it be convention time on the Sandspit and what a line up we have. In one corner we got the Troglodytes with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and in the other corner we got the Texas Department of Public Safety or is that pubic safety? Hell I don't know which but rumor has it that these boys and girls are vying awards for inspired chicken caca. First place is a free up-grade for their families at a local hovel that actually has room service. Second place is some free nights in the tallest building around these parts donated by some Oklahoma politician and third place is a weeklong stay in a trailer in Port Misrebelle and a coupon for a salad bar. The DPS folks'll be hidin' on 48, 100, 510 and probably 106 in the refuge.

The TABC'll be doin' covert insertions in the bars, restaurants, beer stores and probably north beach. I say north beach cuz a ways back them critters had a covert intelligence team hidin' in the dunes with spottin' scopes spyin' on a gaggle of Winter Texans surf fishin'. When grandma and grandpa started poppin' open brew at ten in the AM on a Sunday they swooped down and busted them. The good news as



It be official, they made it. Captain Todd Casey and David Karam qualified for the 2005 Oh Boy! O'Berto Redfish Cup Series. They'll be representing our area along with Captains Eddie Curry, Skipper Mock, Jack Barton and his brother Charlie. Congrats guys.

I recall was that them critters screwed up the paper work so bad that the cases got thrown out on technicalities. The better news was that them fools got stuck in the sand and nobody would pull'um out. The bad news is that they probably learned them a lesson and now have a sixty thousand dollar four wheeler paid for by guess who. where are ya safe from them bureaucrats with guns? Try fishin'. Far as I know DPS ain't got a boat or jurisdiction on the water, that be the Coasties and the kiddos at this station are all about your all's age so ya got a chance. No headboat that I know of round these parts would allow a TABC agent on their boat free of charge and since they ain't got the jack to buy a ticket or are too cheap to, ya'll are probably safe. As far as surf fishin' on nude beach, just make sure ya got your fishin' license on your person and the parks and wildlife wardens'll leave ya alone. Best bet though is to use the plastic ma and pa arranged for ya and take a private charter for a cruise in the bay cuz the redfish be nippin' and most of the restaurants round these parts'll cook up the catch real cheap. Be careful out there kiddos and remember that tipping is not a city in China.

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.