



# THE FISHIN' INSIDER

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## **SUNRISE, SOUTH PADRE BOAT SALES:**

I've rolled out of the rack at the crack of dawn for many things but to get a shot of some folks standin' around with their hand on a boat was a new experience.

If ya hadn't heard about this, Andy, P T Goldman and the boyz decided to have some fun with some valley civilians by holdin' a hand-on-a-boat-a-thon at the Sea Ranch Marina over the 4th of July weekend. This marathon started at noon on Saturday with 20 folks picked by ESPN radio beginnin' a slow roast on the parking lot. They get a potty break for fifteen minutes every three hours. I guess the boyz were lookin' out for the no-tell motel honchos cuz they let 'um off from midnight to six in the AM the first two days. As of six in the AM Monday it went to an around the clock ordeal with the same potty break schedule. However, the ordeal has turned into a marathon pachanga with supporters breakin' out the BBQ pits and providing whatever comfort to their pals that they can. No word about conjugal visits but I wouldn't bet against it.

The shot that I hope made the page was shot

Wednesday morning, 79 hours into the mess and 49 hours into the around the clock segment. Pictured are Sergio Antuiamo, Amy V. Golde, Lisa G. Walker and Rick Zuniga. Not pictured was a poor woman that depending whose story you hear freaked out when a cockroach either flew into her mouth, down her shirt or just landed on her face, needless to say she took her hand off the boat and got DQ'd. Last person standin' wins the boat and if they're still at it when this rag hits the street, I'd stand upwind if ya go by and check it out.

Hell of a scene after the fireworks fizzled out last Monday night, been a long time since I've seen that many boats run aground. Folks we're just past the summer solstice and their ain't gonna be much water in the bay till September when the autumnal equinox rolls around. That is unless

we get hit by a storm, then there's liable to be more water in the bay than anybody can believe. If ya don't know the bay very well, take somebody along that does. If nobody wants to go along with ya you should probably stay at the dock. If ya go out anyway stick to the Tompkins channel and don't throw a wake.



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