



THE FISHIN' INSIDER

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Sooo, we're loungin' on the bridge and jabberin' about the niceties or un-niceties of the storm that just blew through. Mad Moller rears back and relates the CNN view that they saw through the Galveston feed. There's "Sparky" holdin' up the bar at Coral Reef, talkin' to his drink and refusin' an interview session with the talkin' heads. That's probably why they ran it, llve. Discourage them speculators, wink wink, from comin' down here. Good luck and gawd bless cuz the sign proclaimed the joint to be ground zero for the "One Eyed Emily" waltz to your dreams, and it was every bit of that and more.

By the way, I did ask "Sparky" if he got any lip from his rum and sugar during the failed interview. Yeah, it was goooooood but nobody picked up the bar tab. Sooooo, here's to One Eyed Emily, she cost a fortune to get primped for but what the hell, that's a woman for ya. Ya'll can fill in the rest. I did ask "Sparky" if his drink spoke back to him during the maelstrom, he nodded innocently, innocuously

or whatever and slld out of his barstool and made a beeline for the side door. Last I saw he was runnin' after a semi-nubile forty somethin' or other and she was slowin' down.

The warm up for the grind a head really sucked, as far as I know only two boats in the South Texas Big Game Fishing Club mess caught and released sticks. Stayin' Alive out of Mansfield got a white marlin and Quick Sea got a blue but they lost an oar and missed weigh-in by fifteen minutes so zip points. The rest of the armada caught wahoo and tuna so we all ate well.

And speakin' of Port Mansfield, their big tournament is being fished this weekend and since the cut is a bit precarious the weigh-in for the big offshore boats will be at the Sea Ranch Marina at Southpoint in Port Isabel. And speakin' of Belles



Diane Johnson from parts all over with her ownself's first ever kingfish. She caught the beast fishin' with the Island Vendin' Mogul Chris Kobel. He also happened to be the host of the One Eyed Emily Party at the Coral Reef.

'ol Belle Hudson went and got hitched and semi-retired so no more chasin' her tail feathers but word is that she's now choppin' hair in her namesake town.

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 2428, 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.