



THE FISHIN' INSIDER

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Help Wanted: Well, not really it's more like an open castin' call at South Padre Boat Sales at the Sea Ranch Marina. They're lookin' for some hot young lass' to hand out material at a boat show the end of October at the Island's Convention Center.

Some of ya'll may already know this but the Oh! Boy Oberto Redfish Cup scheduled for this weekend has been cancelled due to the double whammy of Katrina and Rita. A large portion of the field has been displaced, their lives turned topsy turvy so the final qualifying event will be fished October 20-22 in Clearwater, Florida. The dates for the championship also to be fished out of Clearwater have yet to be set, but will probably be scheduled for November or December.

The South Texas Big Game Fishing Club will hold its final marlin hunt of the year this Saturday. The party

kicks off at Louie's on Friday evening with the weigh-in from 6:00-7:30 at the weigh dock over by Dirty Al's at the Sea Ranch. It looks like Bessie Belle will be the club champion for 2005 since they have better than a three fish lead over the rest of the field.

Which brings us to a problem. The Rusty Skillet award presented by this rag for futility is becoming precariously close to a dead heat between Blue Pursuit and Seaesta at 100 points each. The sponsors are nervous about what all they'll have to pony up at the season ending banquet. Can't say as I blame them cuz in thirteen years awarding this mess to the last place boat in the

points we've never had a dead heat. If these folks continue their futility on Saturday I guess we'll have to concoct some sorta tie breaker cuz we can't go with something as simple as a coin flip. But enough of that, it's time to go fish.



What a day to read a book, red tide, big surf at the jetties and Oscar and Mara getting' hitched. Saturday was weird and busy.

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.