



THE FISHIN' INSIDER

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Lazear, Texas: Greetings from the land of the LaMartians, the other side of Copanu Bay from Rockport and one of the most eclectic and politically incorrect locales on the coast, but a great place to observe Fall Week from afar.

Came up to the joint cuz of a couple of tournaments, the first of which was round one of the Redfish Nation Series. My semi-cruise was five teams relevant to the Sencapit that'er fishin' the mass; Eddie Curry and Skipper Mock, Todd Casey and Jim Lindemann, Charlie and Jack Barton, Chris Kubert

and Steve Cowart, Darrell Golden and Joe Braman along with 60 other teams.

The only real bumper from the crew was on day one when

Joe got a call that his papa Dan had been rushed to the hospital, Darrell dropped Joe off on the north shore of San Antonio Bay where he was collected and taken to his papa.

Word is that papa Dan should be fine, Darrel had to pound his way back to Rockport with a 27" and a 23" red in the livewell. Without Joe present to sign the weigh form they had to withdraw the catch that probably would've made the top 15 on day 1.

Day two was a wild ride with winds crankin' hard out of the southeast, it was soo bad that the Barton boys spun the hub on three prope cuz of the heat

caused by cavitation. They started the day in fourth place and got to fish very little but they still cashed the check for tenth place. Eddie and Skipper cashed for sixth 24 of a pound out of fifth and a ticket to the championship in Orange Beach. Todd and Joe cashed the ninth place check. If the three shots made the rag cuz space is tight, the winners Fred Lurch and Jeff Clarkson, the Barton Boys with their tough day two haul, Skipper and Eddie with their day two catch, it vaulted them from 15th to 6th. The gang will be back for the big one, the Wal-Mart/FLW Tour opener that starts today.



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