

## *Tarka team wins Delamere Trophy at Kilifi*

*The team on Tarka, Deborah Colvile, Ian Long and Barry Hannigan, were in the lead after the first days fishing of the 44th Delamere Trophy out of Kilifi last weekend, with two striped marlin and two sailfish, on a day when the fishing had gone quiet with overcast weather and little wind in the morning. Fourteen boats entered, and most of the fishing was concentrated on the Rips area, about twenty miles offshore.*

*On the Sunday the Tarka team increased their lead, adding another striped marlin and a couple of sailfish to come home easy winners with 3849 points, well ahead of the second team, Peter Hofmann fishing with the crew of Seyyida, Emmanuel Nasibu and Mjali, who recorded one striped marlin and eight sailfish for 2618 pts. Peter, a regular angler here from Europe, also won the prize for the most billfish released, while the Clueless team of Phil Revett, Robin Sharmel and Rob Duff, placed third with a stripey and two sail.*

*Andrew Buckoke and Anne Taylor fishing on their private boat Minerva won the award for the best small boat with a stripey, a sail and two good dorado of 14 and 12 kgs, and they were fourth overall. The big dorado gave Anne the hardest fight of the day, taking half an hour on 24 kg line, outdoing both the marlin and the sail!*

*It was very satisfying for Deborah Colvile, who has generously sponsored this tournament for many years, to win at last, as in recent years she has come close, with second, third and fourth places, and the weekend was much enjoyed by all.*

*Down south at Shimoni the boats have been having mixed fishing, as when the wind swung back into the south for a couple of days the fish became very shy, but with the north wind blowing securely again, Broadbill had a good day with two stripeys and a blue marlin for the Ages brothers. It was Kamara II's turn a couple of days later to catch a stripey, as did White Otter while Jasiri found a blue marlin.*

*Jasiri and Shuwari ran out to the offshore seamount outside Pemba for a night trip, and while they found no marlin they both caught broadbill, with the latter boat fighting an estimated 100 kg fish for two hours before tagging it – broadbill swordfish have a well deserved reputation as the hardest fighters for their weight in the ocean.*

*Last Monday, the weather seemed inauspicious with thunderstorms around, but Broadbill ended the day with a stripey and a sail, while Kamara II excelled with three stripeys, but the next day the marlin had vanished although the boats found sailfish.*

*The good fishing in the Rips off Watamu continues though the strange weather makes for variable sport, while the plentiful sailfish off Malindi provide an alternative target.*

*Wednesday saw fourteen marlin caught in the Rips, one of the best days, with Albatross flying three marlin flags, and the previous day Seahorse was top scorer with three stripeys, although some boats failed to score. On Monday Seyyida found a black marlin, two stripeys and a sail, while Tega released a big blue marlin of 175 kgs. A few days before, Axel Sorensen, a regular visitor who now is trying fly fishing, caught a striped marlin and four sail on fly tackle on B's Nest for a memorable experience.*

*Neptune, with regular Guy Raeymaecker, caught seven giant trevally and two grouper jigging near the bottom, then ran to the Rips for a blue marlin and a sail, while Eclare with Gordon Elder released a good black marlin of 150kgs and three sail, so some exceptional catches continuing.*