

**January Newsletter No.2/2009 courtesy of Capt Andy's**

**Fishing good, but strong winds blowing**

**There are still plenty of marlin and sail around, but the strange, overcast weather and strong winds can affect the water causing discolouration and are even beginning to slow the current and push it into reverse, which brings dirty water down from the rivers up north.**

**But the fish are still being caught in the Rips while plenty of sailfish can be caught off Malindi. From Watamu, Seahorse had one of each of the three marlin species and a sailfish, a super grand slam and a rare achievement – Simba did the same a couple of weeks back so two in a month makes one feel the skippers should call for emergency sandwiches and more beer and fish on through the night for a broadbill swordfish! All five species, the legendary fantasy grand slam, is, of course, no longer fantasy, as Simba achieved the worlds first a few years back, so it would be incredible if this could be repeated, and twice is better than once!**

**OI Jogi found two stripies and four sail last Friday, then a stripey next day, and ten sail off Malindi with anglers Simon and Caroline Rickarby a couple of days after that, while B's Nest had a good run with a blue, two stripeys and four sail, following this three days later with two black marlin, estimated at 100kgs and 60 kgs. Unreel had a stripey and a sail on Saturday, interesting as the marlin was eaten on the line by a mako shark estimated at over 200 kgs, which then cruised round the boat but refused all types of bait offered, obviously only enjoying it's meal really fresh! The same boat found a black, a stripey and a sail a couple of days later.**

**Skipper Jack Jackson in White Bear did the Malindi run one day with twenty two sailfish for angler Yurin Shulyak, then next day found a blue marlin and a sail in the Rips followed by some bottom fishing for snapper and a big grouper of 42 kgs, so plenty of variety in the fishing. Tarka has had four stripeys in the week and White Dove a stripey on Wednesday, so most of the boats are scoring well on a daily basis.**

**Neptune, after their good run last week, had a few days rest, but returned to the fray Thursday with both a black and a blue marlin by midday, while at Malindi the boats continue to find plenty of sail, but clients are in short supply with tourism have gone quiet after the Xmas rush – this should pick up again at the end of the month.**

**Down in the Pemba Channel the Shimoni boats are also finding marlin, but not as many as they would like, and the sea remains rough. Kamara II kicked off last week with two blues, one a good fish estimated at 125 kgs, and two sail, while Pandora had four sail. Broadbill tagged a blue two days later, and a stripey and two sail a few days later, while Shuwari tagged a nice black estimated at 140kgs, having found a sail and a spearfish the day before. The latter species is rare in our waters, and was released estimated at 30 kgs. Jasiri had five sail, Clueless, down from Malindi, had a stripey, while Broadbill also had a stripey and Kamara II released a good stripey estimated at 75kgs for Nigel Mackenzie on 15 kg line, a good catch.**