



**“Wave Paver”/ Garlington Winner of the 2006 Custom Shoot-Out
5th Annual Charity Fishing Tournament benefiting
Breast Cancer Research**

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The 2006 Custom Shoot-Out was held May 10-13, 2006 in Harbour Island, Bahamas. Thirty-two custom built sportfishing boats entered teams in the 5th annual fund-raising tournament. Twenty-one custom boat builders were represented including Rybovich(5), Merritt(4), Jim Smith(3), American(2), Bayliss(2), Tribute, Weaver, Garlington, Mark Willis, Hines-Farley, Whiticar, Sonny Briggs, Donzi, F&S, A. Willis, Hunley-Sullivan, Jarrett Bay, Gamefisherman, Shearline, C&S and Spencer.

There were 39 billfish released (16 blue marlin, 17 white marlin, and 6 sailfish) during the three days of fishing. **WAVE PAVER** (61' Garlington), owned by **JR DAVIS** of Kissimmee, FL, released 2 Blue Marlin, 2 White Marlin, and 1 Sailfish (which included 500 bonus points for a tournament grand slam) to capture the overall title in the 2006 Custom Shoot-Out. At the end of the fishing on Saturday, three boats lined up in the 1-3 foot seas for the “Fastest Custom Boat Race”. **DOUBLE DOG**, winner of the previous 3 years’ races, was finally beaten by the **JACK O HEARTS** with owner **JACK DELL**. There was only one other boat brave enough to race these two boats, the **BLANK CHECK**. **JACK O HEARTS**, with their new MAN engines, sped past the other two boats in excess of 47 knots, and was crowned “2006’s Fastest Custom Boat”. At the dock, owner **JACK DELL** of the **JACK O HEARTS** went over to **DON MCKINNEY** of the **DOUBLE DOG** and said “the conditions were just right for us and if it was rough, that Hines Farley would be the boat to beat.”

Everyone attending the tournament events had a great time. Harbour Island offers shopping, great dining, and a fun place to explore or relax on the world famous “pink sand” beaches. Florida Detroit Diesel, Rupp Marine, and Ring Power-CAT were Platinum Sponsors for the tournament. Other major sponsors present were Treasure Coast Propellers, Phasor Marine, Marine Exhaust Systems, Awlgrip, The Marine Group, Smith-Merritt Insurance, Quay Marine Insurance, RJ Boyle, The Billfish Foundation and many others who offered financial support for the tournament. Among the custom builders supporting the tournament were **Roy Merritt** of Merritt Boat & Engine Works, **Michael Rybovich** and **Wayne Huizenga Jr.** of Rybovich, **Jim Weaver** of Weaver Boatworks, **Rich Scheffer** of Tribute Performance Boats, **John Whiticar** of Whiticar Boatworks, **Peter Landeweer** of Garlington-Landeweer Marine, **Dominick LaCombe Jr.** of American Custom Yachts, **Mark Willis** of Mark Willis Boats, **Steve Roy** of R&R/Conch Boatworks, **Jim Floyd** of F&S Boat Works, **Bob Roscioli** of Donzi and **John Meyer** of L&H. According to **Skip Smith**, the Tournament Director, “the tournament was a tremendous success with great weather, good fishing, lots of fun, all to benefit (over \$100,000 was raised) Breast Cancer Research.

At the awards dinner and banquet, **Skip Smith, Bill Snyder and RJ Boyle** gave commemorative plaques to each tournament sponsor in recognition for their support of the tournament. The **WAVE PAVER** team, **Jr Davis, Captain Jeff Babuschak, Harry “Snick” Akers, Scott Glasscock**, accepted the 1ST Place trophy, a framed custom original by marine artist **RJ BOYLE**, along with many other fine gifts. **CUTNAIL**, a 58’ **MERRITT**, with **Captain BOBBY BROWN** placed second with 1 Blue Marlin and 3 White Marlin. **BLANK CHECK**, a 60’ **WEAVER** and **Captain DANNY HEARNS** took third place, with two Blue Marlin and a Sailfish release. **JR DAVIS**, owner of **WAVE PAVER**, won the “Top Angler” trophy with his two Blue Marlin, two White Marlin, and one Sailfish releases. **Jr Davis** also tagged all his fish earning him even more prizes from The Billfish Foundation. **ROY MERRITT** of **MERRITT BOAT & ENGINE**, winner of the 2005 Custom Shoot-Out Trophy, passed on the perpetual “Custom Shoot-Out Trophy”, a beautiful custom Carey Chen glass sculpture, to **JR DAVIS** of **WAVE PAVER** and **PETER LANDAWEER** of **GARLINGTON** for display in their office for the current year.

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