



TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS Wayne Berry (left) and Doug Ledgett make some adjustments on the leader board Saturday as the U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament comes to a close. One adjustment not

necessary was at the top spot where Michael Clemmons ran away from the field with his 49.05-pound king.



U.S. OPEN WINNERS Michael Clemmons (right) and Butch Benton, both of Southport, display the \$25,000 winning king mackerel and the first-place trophy after

Saturday's final round. Clemmons caught the 49.05-pounder during Friday's competition and waited nervously until the final results were posted Saturday.

## Southport's Clemmons Wins Record-Setting U.S. Open

BY DOUG RUTTER

Michael Clemmons of Southport wasn't even going to enter this year's U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament. He thought it would be a waste of money.

But the first-place trophy and check for \$25,000 were more than enough to convince him he did the right thing.

Clemmons won this year's event going away as his 49.05-pound king caught during last Friday's second round held up through Saturday's final hours of competition.

Although the winning king did not surpass the tournament record of 50.40 pounds set last year, the number of boats entered established a state saltwater fishing tournament record.

According to 1988 Tournament Chairman Richard Nubel, 544 boats entered this year's U.S. Open, surpassing the previous state record of 505 set at the Hardee's Atlantic Beach Fishing Tournament held earlier this year.

The second-place prize of \$10,000 went to Danny Juell of Little River, S.C., who caught a 42.10-pound king aboard "Brittany Nicole."

Carolina Beach's David Franklin took third place and \$5,000 aboard "Moody Blue" with a king mackerel which weighed 40.55 pounds.

Other Brunswick County fishermen finishing in the top 20 were Davey Herring of Southport, who won the eighth-place prize of \$1,200 aboard "Cap'n Boo" with a 36.65-pound king; Charles Wilson Jr.



Chip Maree of Shallotte took the first-place check of \$1,000 Thursday with 68.50 pounds. He was fishing aboard "Tarheel Baby." Luther Dishman of Southport won \$750 for second place Thursday with an aggregate weight of 57.90 pounds caught aboard "Just One." Dale McDowell of Bolivia, fishing aboard "Dalee," won \$500 for third

place Saturday with an aggregate weight of 56.35 pounds.

Other top 10 winners in the largest fish category were: Holt Trotman of Wrightsville Beach, 4th, \$2,500, 39.75, "Joint Custody;" Dean Porter of Wilmington, 5th, \$1,500, 39.05, "Reel Thrill;" Gary Reich of Winston-Salem, 6th, \$1,400, 38.50, "Gary's Grady;" James Hines of Wilmington, 7th, \$1,300, 36.90, "Baby Jane;" Farrell Scott of Wilmington, 9th, \$1,100, 36.35, "Marilyn;" and Stacy Prestwood of Wilmington, 10th, \$1,000, 35.05, "Miss Grace."

Rounding out the top 20 were Eddie Taylor of Wilmington, 11th, \$950, 34.95, "Got-Cha;" Daniel Casino of Jacksonville, Fla., 12th, \$900, 34.85, "Casino Royale;" Jerry Allgood of Wilmington, 14th, \$800, 33.60, "Janice

Faye;" Roger Canady of Wilmington, 15th, \$750, 33.00, "Lead Foot;" Doug Rochelle of Wilmington, 16th, \$700, 32.20, "Canaslack;" Dr. E. Canomer of Richlands, 17th, \$650, 32.20, "The Peg;" Norman Farrow of Wilmington, 18th, \$600, 32.20, "Double Exposure;" and Mike Henry of Carolina Beach, 20th, \$500, 31.65, "Sea Filly."

Six Brunswick County fishermen were among the next 20 finishers who received \$500 each. They were Thomas Bowmer of Long Beach, 23rd, 31.10; John Doshier of Southport, 28th, 28.50; Thomas Morgan of Supply, 30th, 28.45; Boyce Broadwell of Long Beach, 31st, 28.35; Bill Ross of Southport, 32nd, 28.35; and Ray Woodside of Yaupon Beach, 40th, 25.75.

## Safe Boating Is Squadron's Goal

BY RAHN ADAMS

"Boating is fun. Safe boating is more fun."

That's what a group of Shallotte area residents—all members of the U.S. Power Squadron—hope to get across to boaters in an upcoming series of free boating safety classes.

And according to Milton Whann, the classes are a step toward organizing support for a Power Squadron in Brunswick County.

Whann, who is a past commander of the Charlotte Power Squadron, said at least 15 members of the Charlotte squadron alone own homes in the Shallotte area.

At least 25 persons must express interest in a local squadron in order to form; one here; however, membership is by invitation only, he said.

Whann said he thinks there will be enough interest to form a local squadron within a year.

The U.S. Power Squadron (USPS) is a boating fraternity made up of people who want to learn more about boating through self-education, Whann said.

He said the organization began in the early 1900s as a motorboat club within the New York Yacht Club. Squadron members, who had learned strict rules of navigation, were called on to help teach U.S. Navy sailors about boat handling during World War I and World War II.

Some 13 squadrons currently operate in North Carolina, with Wilmington's Cape Fear Power Squadron covering this area.

The upcoming boating safety course, sponsored by the Cape Fear

squadron, begins Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. at M & J Marina located at Somerset Landing off N.C. 179.

"We need everybody—all boaters," Whann said, adding that anyone can sign up for the classes. However, he said children should be at least 12 years old.

And he emphasized that a student does not need to own a boat to take the classes.

"If you just have an interest in boating, you can take the course," he said.

The course, which will be taught by local Squadron members, will consist of 12 lessons. Whann said topics will include "rules of the road," equipment, trailer boating, aids to navigation, the compass, safety afloat, Marlinespike seamanship and chart work.

The classes are offered at no charge, except for a small book fee.

For more information on the boating safety course, contact Whann or Joe Huber at 579-6440.

## Boat Capsizes In U.S. Open

It didn't take long for Thomas Ryan of Raeford and Ed Binson of Long Beach to find out how "rough" last week's U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament in Southport could be.

Thursday, on the first day of competition, Ryan and Binson's 22-foot boat capsized in rough seas off Lockwood Folly Inlet, according to a spokesman for the U.S. Coast Guard station at Oak Island.

Neither fisherman was injured in the mishap, which occurred Thursday around 8:40 a.m. approximately three to four miles from shore.

Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Kenneth Fisher said a small craft advisory was in effect, with 25-knot winds and four to five foot waves at the time of the accident.

Fisher said Ryan, 51, and Binson, 49, were participating in the tournament when the bilge pump on their craft malfunctioned.

The pair were headed back toward port when the boat's port engine also faltered, allowing the craft to capsize in heavy seas, Fisher said.

The men were able to put on life jackets and jump from the boat before it capsized.

Ryan and Binson were picked up by another competitor, William Houston of Charlotte, aboard the "Celia Ann."

After being returned to shore, the two men were checked out by Long Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad personnel. Fisher said neither man required hospital treatment.

He added that the Coast Guard retrieved the capsized boat and towed it to port.



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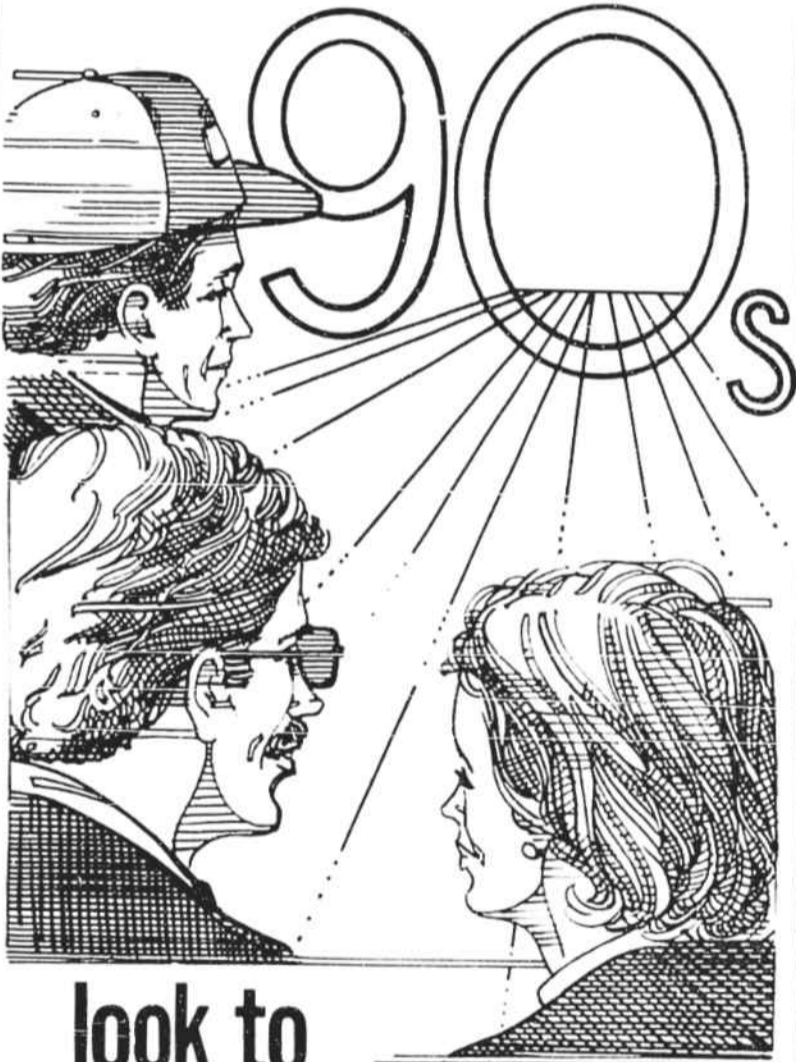
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