

Praslin-Seychelles Fishing Newsletter / Edition 06/2012

Hello all!

‘Gone with the wind’ is the only possible headline to this edition. The Southeast blew nearly the whole of June at around 20 knots or more at times. Accordingly I have very little to report this time. And absolutely nothing to show - no video, not even a foto. Terrible. Only around the mid of the month there were a few calmer days.

In that brief period Christian had two outings during which he saw a lot of Sailfish which is promising as their season starts now. At some point he had 5 behind his lures but they all were just window shopping. So day 1 ended with just a small Dorado. Day 2 produced one more of these and a Sailfish hookup, but it came off.

Martin also had one single trip resulting in a Wahoo and a Dorado. That one was quite exceptional though, measuring 1.42m and weighing 16kg - his largest so far. Unfortunately they returned in the dark so there is no picture. He was supposed to do a few more trips in the following days but had to call them off due to the wind setting in again.

Also in that period the ‘Heineken Fun Slam’ Tournament took place in Mahe. This was about catching a Yellowfin Tuna, a Wahoo and a Dorado of >5kg each to achieve the ‘slam’. Billfish were not eligible for points but to be released. Unfortunately none of the 10 boats competing got that slam together. Team ‘Kuki’ had all three species but their Dorado fell short by 500 grammes. Still with their 3 Wahoos they won the competition on points. The heaviest Wahoo was nearly 17kg but the biggest Tuna only 11.5kg. Additionally 6 Sailfish and 3 Marlin were hooked but as said did not help on the scoreboard.

That is already all Blue Water information for this time as I did not become aware of anyone else going out there. Closer to shore a bit of fishing was possible, though. Pierre’s grandson Greg guided guests for some fly fishing a couple of times. This produced the usual mixed bag of Trevallies, Queenfish, Garfish etc. and the clients felt well entertained. I was on the water only once this month. One evening Pierre, Robin and I took the tender for an hour of trolling in our protected bay. Holding a rod each we got 2 Barracudas, one Green Job and a Bonito: some fun (and food).

Last but not least: Since last weekend I do now proudly own a little boat. That is a 19ft skiboat style cat. As well as the two 85hp outboards it is somewhat ‘mature’ but I hope very much that it will be reliable and provide a lot of fun. Requires a bit of work so I am not too sad that the wind is still blowing. But of course I hope it settles a bit just in time when work will be finished. Really want to find out if I can get something right out there. Will let you know in next month’s edition.

So long, Tight Lines and best regards from Praslin

Daniel