



WOMEN MAKE THE BEST FIGHTERS

Please accept my compliments on Adam LaRosa's recent article, "Seven Deadly Sins" (July-August 2004 issue). Few writers could have effectively incorporated allusions to Dante in a piece about offshore fishing. More importantly, however, the "Pride" section of the article lent credibility to my long-held position that women are naturally good at fighting fish with stand-up tackle due to their lower body strength. Before meeting my husband, a veteran fisherman, I had experienced freshwater fishing only. It wasn't long until I was hooked (couldn't resist the pun) on fighting bluefish and tuna. Because I seemed to be one of a minority of women who fished offshore and possessed less than half the muscle of my male fishing partners, I was discouraged on my first few outings. I even changed my exercise regimen to include upper body strengthening. Over time, however, I learned that my legs and back are my assets. Now, on the rare occasions when other women join us on our offshore trips, I encourage them to fight with their legs.

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ABOUT THOSE BIKINIS LAST ISSUE ...

When I subscribed to Big Game Fishing Journal it was for a fishing magazine with great articles by experienced experts to learn more about fishing. I didn't subscribe to a men's magazine for pictures of scantily clad young women posing on fishing boats. So, what I want to know is, will the subscription price go up for this added benefit? If so, send me the bill but keep this great publication coming!

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TRED BARTA INSPIRED ME

For the past two years we have been trying to get out to trace the bluefin routes Tred described so

well in "Barta's Bluefin Bible" (September-October 2001). This year we actually had the boat in the water early, and plotted an inshore trek to find the Holy Grail. We did the Tuna Triangle from the Chicken Canyon to Hudson Tip, Texas Tower, Bacardi and Virginia in one fast day June 7. Water temperatures ranged from a cool 57.7 at the Tip to 61 at the Virginia. While not a productive trip

for bluefin, it was spiritual none the less. The water cool blue, and clean. We spotted some large bottlenose dolphin, and an early sunfish. While not meeting our expectations, this trip was the genesis of a beautiful tuna season to come. Thanks, Tred, for the inspiration. We'll be back.

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KEEP THAT LINE FRESH

I have been offshore fishing for close to 10 years now out of Indian River Inlet, Del. Some seasons have produced more fish than others as always. I constantly search for more articles from you guys to get more tips on either trolling patterns and/or rigging. Adam LaRosa and the CANYON RUNNER crew rocks with regards to sharing their experience and I truly appreciate that. I want to replace all my current reels with new line and know that you guys replace line often. Any suggestions for brand, I know you guys love Momoi monofilament.

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Thanks for the great comments about the article. As for the line we have only used Momoi for the past seven years plus and would not use anything else. However, all the lines are good and you really can't go wrong as long as you are always using fresh line and replacing it anytime there are nicks or abrasions on it.

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