

MEXICO REPORT: Mazatlan gears up for the Big Game Trolling Tournament as Hurricane Rick spreads fish

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MAZATLAN - It was another very busy week in Mazatlan with a significant increase in the dorado counts, and fish spread over a wide area. "Many boats and teams from all over the world were pre-fishing for the invitational Mazatlan Big Game Trolling Tournament, that hosted anglers from around the globe," said Larry Edwards reporting for the Aries Sportfishing Fleet. Slated to run from October 26 to November 01, final payout and awards were not available at press time but 47 countries were expected to participate

"High boat for the week was the Aries VIII skippered by Captain Carlos Morales and a Slovenian team led by Marko Založnik, landing and/or releasing 4 sailfish, and 81 dorado for their five fishing days of pre-tournament action," Edwards said.

The overall catches for a combined total of 57 outings totaled 4 blue marlin, all under 250 pounds, 18 sailfish, 1 striper, and 509 dorado. "The overall increase in action was attributed to Hurricane Rick, which left a new high pressure building over the area," he said.

Sea conditions were back to the standard, near perfect fishable conditions throughout the area, with minor swells and light tropical breezes. Surface water temperatures ranged from 84 to 86 degrees throughout the area.

Most of the boats were using rigged trolling baits in conjunction with artificials, practicing for the tournament. "The boats fished a wide spectrum of the lower Sea of Cortez with reports of an occasional billfish here and there, but no concentration however, dorado were taken in all directions."

