

FISHI FOR CHARITY EVENT

The 10th round of 'The 2012 Angler of the Year PDO Recreation Club' fishing for charity was held Thursday, 20th Dec 2012. This competition was geared to fish for charity "Change for Life"

The competition was generously sponsored by VEC Oil and Gas Consultants.

The fishing for charity program

The program of the day was to fish for 6 hours, weigh in and auction the fish, lunch and trips to the Fahal Island.

Fishing Event

An incredible fishing condition at this time of the year was offered to the fishermen. A total of 12 eager fishermen joined the event, hoping for a good catch for the auction and the Charity fisherman of the year title.

The launching of the boats started at dawn 0630. The sea conditions were perfect. Just like a bath tub! Light west breeze with a wave height of 0.3 meters.

During this time of the year, Mahi Mahi are expected to overwhelm the sea, groupers and red snappers are expected to be at the shallow reef together with barracudas.

Many of the anglers, Dr Abdul Hakeem, Frans Kohler concentrated in surface fish. Others including the captain, Faisal Riyami and partner Salmi Al Khatri ventured to the bottom category.

At the weigh-in, only one Mahi Mahi was caught by Dr Hakim, a beautiful cockpito caught by Salim Al Khatri. But, majority of the bottom catch was caught by captain Suleiman and son Tariq Al hajri weighing a handsome 21 kg. The day anglers were:

Faisal Riyami and Salim Al Khatri for the overall catch 15 points each

Tariq and Capt. Suleiman Al hajri bottom catch with 10 and 9 points

Dr Hakeem and Van Dijk, Frederik trolling category 10 and 9 points

Auctioning Event

Soon after the weigh in the auctioning started, Marvelous expertise was uncovered when Ray Petersen started the fish auction. During the process, a number of buyers bided for various fish. The Mahi Mahi went for a record of 15 omr, whilst the bream went for a 10 omr final bid.

Families friends and club members were very enthusiastic to see the fresh fish some alive, in the bidding process.

Buffet Lunch

The buffet lunch was organized by Mrs. Jamila A Mahrouqi, she took all the effort to prepare a home meal for the fishermen, friends, and families. Meals were priced at 2.5 omr/person.

The course was fresh tuna, rice and vegetables. Nicely baked cakes by Jamila and Andria were also on the table for a superb lunch.

Trip Round the Al fahal Island

The diving section contributed to the event by organizing a trip to the Al fahal Island. Norman Robin volunteered for the coxswain role. Five trips were organized from 1400 hrs to 1700 hours. Each trip took a number of families including children. For a 2 omr per person, it was a ride of a life time to Al fahal Island.

Change for Life support

Finally the event had a family atmosphere, fish auctioning and trip to the Island flavors. A beautiful way to start the celebration of end of the year, beginning of the New Year and X mass break. A total amount of 300 omr was generated for the charity organization "CHNGE FOR LIFE"

Sincere Thanks to the organizers including Andria Wenke, Norman Robin, Ray Petersen, Jamila Al Mahorouqi Captain Suleiman Al hajri , Mohammed Al Said for VEC, Faisal Riyami, Frans Kohler and all the fishermen and guests. The day ended peacefully with lots of success .



Ray Petersen with the crowd Busy Auctioning





Hakeem Hassan with his 4.4 kg Mahi Mahi



Attached picture: Happy Change for Life Fishing Crowd