

2011 CLASSES CONTINUED

GUATEMALA The boats in Guatemala set one billfish record after another, catching 1,000, 1,500 and then more than 2,000 billfish on one boat in a single year. With even novice anglers catching 15-20 sails per trip, Guatemala soon became the place to go for those who wanted a ton of shots at billfish. The enormous numbers



of eager Pacific sails soon had anglers who had never seen a billfish before pitch-baiting like pros after their second or third day on the water. Getting used to seeing a billfish in the spread and knowing what to do next only comes through repetition, and that's why Guatemala makes an excellent addition to our Marlin U class schedule. We plan on getting you a ton of bites and making you damn good in a hurry.

MADEIRA You can catch a huge blue marlin in Madeira, or you can troll for four days and not see a thing — such is the life of a grander hunter. Big fish frequent remote ocean islands like Madeira — Bermuda and Hawaii are other examples — but never in huge numbers. That's why everyone hasn't caught a blue weighing 1,000 pounds or more. But luckily, Madeira represents one of those magical places where, when things



fall together just right, the largest blues swimming the Atlantic can be caught just a couple of miles offshore in near-flat-calm conditions. This is a heavy-tackle session of Marlin University where we target big fish, not big numbers. Madeira is an incredible place that offers up a unique blue-water experience for those willing to gamble on the chance to see a 1,000-pound blue marlin.

PANAMA-TROPIC STAR LODGE

Often referred to as the best fishing lodge in the world, Tropic Star Lodge offers a remote, excellent fishing location with superior service. Tucked deep into the Darien rainforest at the back of Piñas Bay, Panama — you can't reach the lodge by road — Tropic Star provides unparalleled access to the world famous Zane Grey Reef and its large numbers of hungry black marlin. In fact, Panama, and Tropic Star in particular, is the closest place to the United States that offers up a really good chance of catching a black marlin. But blacks aren't the only game in town; during the late summer, a good



showing of blue marlin move in offshore, giving you an excellent chance of scoring a nice black in the early morning on the reef and then heading out later in the day to catch a blue dog. Join us for our first-ever trip to one of the most beautiful spots on the planet.

CABO SAN LUCAS Cabo San Lucas transformed itself from a sleepy fishing village into one of the most exciting billfishing destinations in the world by virtue of its incredible striped marlin fishery. Cabo San Lucas billfishing consists of pulling armed lures and pitching live baits to fish spotted tailing on the surface. Anglers use the lures to tease the billfish close to the boat so they can pitch a live bait. This session is a good option for those who want to learn a little about handling, rigging and fishing with live baits.



Sample Course Outline

ARRIVAL DAY

Arrive destination airport. Met by Marlin University representative for a scenic trip to hotel. Arrive hotel and check-in.

7:00 p.m. Meet at the Captain's Reception
Dinner and cocktails at the hotel restaurant.

DAY 1

7:00 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel restaurant, assign boats and discuss course

8:00 a.m. Boats leave for day's fishing

4:00 p.m. Boats return

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:15 p.m. Seminar

DAY 2

7:00 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel restaurant

8:00 a.m. Boats leave for day's fishing

4:00 p.m. Boats return

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:15 p.m. Seminar

DAY 3

7:00 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel restaurant

8:00 a.m. Boats leave for day's fishing

4:00 p.m. Boats return

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:15 p.m. Seminar

DAY 4 GO-WITH-WHAT-YOU-KNOW MINI TOURNAMENT!

Choose your own method; rig your own baits; fight and wire your own fish!

7:00 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel restaurant

8:00 a.m. Boats leave for day's fishing

4:00 p.m. Boats return

7:15 p.m. Graduation ceremony and dinner

DAY 5 FINALE

5:30 a.m. Gather in lobby to catch shuttle to airport for morning flight home

YOU'LL LEARN IT ALL

- correct tournament angling procedures
- how to correctly rig baits
- how to run lines
- various outrigger configurations
- correct communication techniques
- wire skills
- how to tag and release the catch properly
- how to back up the angler
- how to serve as first mate when required
- to perfect your fighting skills
- to eliminate common mistakes
- to instinctively know what to do once you've hooked a fish