

## CARIBBEAN WATERMAN

Welcome to the first newsletter by [caribbeanwaterman.com](http://caribbeanwaterman.com)! Each quarter we will provide you with updates on exceptional performances by the dedicated watermen of the Caribbean Sea.

### CW Challenge 2009

This year has begun with some epic events, and admirable performances have been recorded so far to date.

This Q1 report will serve to summarize 12 qualification events that have taken place in the Blue Caribbean Sea. Of these 12 events, 6 were Sport Fishing Events (4 International and 2 Local) and 6 were Competitive Surfing Events (all local National Team Qualification Events).

In the International Sport Fishing Category we had the 40th Anniversary Spice Island Billfish Tournament hosted by Grenada Yacht Club in January, the 14th Annual Tobago International Game Fishing Tournament hosted in Charlotteville in March, the Barbados Sport Fishing Association Tournament hosted at Port St. Louis in April, and the TTGFA "Marlin Madness" Tournament hosted at Crown Point, Tobago in May.

In the Local Sport Fishing Category we had the Unit Trust Tournament hosted by the Rotary Club of Diego Martin in Trinidad, and the TTGFA Beacon Insurance Wahoo Tournament.

In the Competitive Surfing Category we had three (3) National Team Trials hosted by the Surfing Association of Trinidad and Tobago at Sans Souci, Toco in January, March and April, two (2) National Team Trials hosted by the Jamaican Surfing Association at both Lighthouse and Makka Beach in January and March, and one (1) Surfer of the Year contest hosted by the Barbados Surfing Association at Surfers Beach in January.



### 825 lbs. of Glory!

Angler Jovan Jangoo (left) on board a 50 ft Bertram Sportsfisherman named "Reel Fanatic" caught an 825lb Blue Marlin on the final day of the 3 day TTGFA (Trinidad and Tobago Game Fishing Association) International 2009 Marlin Madness Tournament held on April 29th, 30th and May 2nd in Pigeon Point, Tobago.

The second largest fish ever caught in a tournament in Trinidad and Tobago helped put Jovan in the first place position in the CW Challenge '09 Anglers Race. He is closely trailed by fellow crew member Edward Aboud (bottom-right), who is in second place!

# Tide Line

In Barbados, Jamaica and T&T local surfers are currently competing in National Team Trials in order to earn a chance to represent their country at this years ISA World Surfing Games to be held in Costa Rica this August.

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## CW Challenge 2009 con't...

These twelve (12) CW Challenge '09 qualification events produced quite a number of noteworthy performances, many of which you will see recorded in the snapshot results included below. However the most outstanding performances so far have come from 2 participants. A junior surfer and a veteran captain; a Jamaican and Trinbagonian. Both are distinguished watermen, regardless of age.

Shane Simmonds, Jamaica's premier junior surfer, is also making waves in his country's open circuit with a first place and a second place in two events. He is presently Jamaica's top ranked open male surfer and the CW Challenge 2009's top performing open surfer based on aggregate for this quarter.

(N.B. Christopher Dennis of T&T has 2 wins and a 5th place in 3 events, and Johnathan Reece has 1 win in as many events. Based on the uneven number of events between the competitors, Shane has been determined to be the best overall performer.)

Hard Play II, Captained by Caribbean Waterman Legend of the Month (see Pirate of the Caribbean) Gerald "Frothy" de Silva, has excelled beyond any normal expectation in the International Sport Fishing Category, proving once again why he is such a sought after charter captain and stand-up custodian of our ocean. Guided by sharpened skills, his crew has managed to secure their place in the top 3 boats of all 4 international tournaments, as well as one local tournament. How does one contend with that?

The final noteworthy performance, previously mentioned in this publication, came from the crew of "Reel Finatic". Captained by Stuart Johnson and owned by Wayne Persaud, this vessel has proven to really raise fish, which the crew do a great job of angling.

It should be noted that this crew are very new to the sportfishing scene, this year being their second competing in the circuit, yet they have successfully put a lashing on even the most seasoned veterans. Beginners luck? We will have to wait and see...

Reel Finatic crew members Jovan Jangoo and Edward About now sit comfortably in First and Second place, respectively, in the CW Challenge 2009 Anglers Points Race. Keep it up fellas, *Tight Lines!*

## Legend of the Month



**HJ Gransaul**

**Billy Wilmot**

**Frothy deSilva**

**Visit our website to read more about the incredible watermen who have raised the bar for performance time and time again!**

## Best Vessel Performance

1	Hard Play II	T&T
2	Lurhd Away	T&T
3	Temptation	T&T
4	Ega Beaver	T&T
5	Houdini	T&T
6	Step Ah Side	T&T
7	Afunday	T&T
8	Reel Finatic	T&T
9	Why Worry	T&T
10	Southern Cross	T&T
11	Legacy	BDS
12	Pair a Dice	T&T

## Best Surfer Performance

1	Shane Simmonds	JAM
2	Chris Dennis	T&T
3	Jonathan Reece	BDS
4	Inilek Wilmot	JAM
5	Jordan Heaselgrave	BDS
6	Che Lovelace	T&T
7	Icah Wilmot	JAM
8	Jake Corbin	BDS
9	Luke Williams	JAM
10	Simon Coles	BDS
11	Chris Clarke	BDS

## Best Angler Performance

1	Jovan Jangoo	Reel Finatic	T&T
2	Edward Aboud	Reel Finatic	T&T
3	Andrew Crooks	Lurhd Away	T&T
4	Andrew Llanos	Hard Play II	T&T
4	James Harris	Houdini	T&T
4	Mathew Armstrong	Challenge II	BDS
4	Nicholas DeSouza	Blood Shot	T&T
4	Ryan Agar	Why Worry	T&T
9	Fernando Navarro	Blue Fever	T&T
10	Brett Thompson	Moonshadow	T&T
11	Oma Davis	Viking 4	T&T
12	Richard de Verteuil	Houdini	T&T
13	Adrian Johnson	Legacy	BDS
13	Don Thomas	Fun Now	T&T

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Official CW Challenge 2009 Events can be easily identified by the above logo, with slight variations specifically for Surfing events and for Fishing events. We will soon feature a third logo and category specifically for competitive sailing in the Caribbean.

# Tide Line

Trinidad and Tobago National Team Surfer and Ambassador of Caribbean Surfing, Jason Apparicio, enjoys some caribbean juice close to home. Jason is well on his way to representing his country once again at the World Games 2009!

## Upcoming Events...

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In the Competitive Surfing category there will continue to be National Team Trials. On Sunday 24th May the SATT will host their 4th and final Trials before choosing a team for the ISA WSG '09. On Saturday 9th May the BSA will host their second SOTY event for the year, and on a date to be determined in May the JSA will host their third Open Series Event for the year. Each of these events will contribute valuable points to the CW Challenge '09 Open Surfer Ranking.

In addition, look out for the ISA World Surfing Games 2009 which will commence on July 31st in Hermosa Beach, Costa Rica. Another source of valuable surfer points, which will be scaled up to reflect the high level of competition at this event.

In Competitive Fishing category the TTGFA will host their annual KINGFISH tournament on June 20th and 21st. The International Tournaments of St. Lucia and Martinique will be announcing their dates in the near future, but normally take place in September and November.

The IGFA World Championships hosted in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico has been postponed indefinitely due to the Swine Flu epidemic.

The full standings of the CW Challenge '09 can be downloaded from our website. Please note that not all events committees have submitted complete points for every participant, therefore these standings are subject to change with the inclusion of such.

Thanks to all our avid supporters, *Stay Wet!*



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