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## **Pursuit Boats Holds Owners Rendezvous In Bahamas**

July 2007, Ft. Pierce, Florida – Pursuit Boats recently hosted Pursuit owners from around the country to a Rendezvous held at the beautiful Port Lucaya Marina and Westin Our Lucaya Resort in Freeport, Grand Bahama Island, June 11-15, 2008. Seventeen Pursuits from 25 feet to 37 feet in length made the trip across in flotillas departing from three Florida inlets – Sebastian, St. Lucie and Palm Beach. The first day featured a welcome reception poolside at the Westin Our Lucaya, where everyone mixed and mingled just feet from the white sand beaches and green water. On hand to welcome the owners was Tom Slikkers, Vice President of Pursuit, who had also brought his family over for their first Bahamas trip.

The second day was spent with those participating in the fishing tournament pre-fishing and getting ready and others enjoying the Bahamian marketplace, beaches and pools at the hotel or out on their boats. The threat of rain moved the Junkanoo Beach Barbeque indoors Thursday evening, but the steel drummer provided soothing island sounds, the barbeque dinner was delicious and everyone's mind was on the captain's meeting sponsored by Salty Marine from Titusville, Florida, held after dinner. Eager captains and crew listened attentively to the rules of the two-day fishing tournament set to begin on Friday morning given by Jerry Putteet of Salty Marine. Pursuit presented all captains with a customized 5-gallon bucket and custom fishing lures to really get things going.

There were approximately 14 boats participating in the two-day fishing tournament sponsored by Salty Marine and the anglers were anxious to see what they could catch as rumors of billfish runs, large dolphin, wahoo and tuna in the area swirled around. Fishing teams departed each morning by 7 a.m. and started returning around 3 p.m. to weigh in the day's catch. For those not fishing, there was a snorkel trip out to a nearby reef sponsored by Lentine Marine of Stuart and Palm Beach Gardens, which featured an unusual mode of transport – a double-decker snorkel boat with a water slide and rock climbing wall! Visibility was fantastic and everyone had a great time seeing all the varieties of fish and sea life.

On the final evening, everyone was treated to a sumptuous buffet dinner and the eagerly awaited awards presentation. The sponsor provided awards were presented first, with every boat team walking away with prizes ranging from Pursuit custom gaffs, rods and tag sticks to a Garmin handheld navigation system, gift certificates and lots of great fishing shirts and hats.

Jerry Putteet, from Salty Marine, presented the winners of the fun tournament with their beautiful trophies. Winners were:

Best Overall Angler: Bert Hoell, "Opa Express III



Senior Angler: Bert Hoell, "Opa Express III" – 9' Blue Marlin Release

Top Angler: Fred Kouhi, "Opa Express III" – 30.5 lb Dolphin  
Top Lady Angler: Denise Harding, "Miss Margaret" – 16.5 lb Dolphin  
Top Junior Angler: James Check, "Relentless" - 14 lb Dolphin

Catches of note also included a 13.5 lb Wahoo by Jessica on the "Captain Quack", a 9 lb Tuna by Jerry Putteet of the Salty Marine boat and many Dolphin weighing in over 20 lbs. Upon winning so many trophies, an enthusiastic Bert Hoell exclaimed, "Old guys rule!!"

According to Pursuit's Marketing Communications Manager, Michele VonGerichten, "This particular customer event is designed to thank our customers for their loyalty to our brand and gives us an opportunity to learn valuable information about our product direct from the end user. It also allows us to get to know our customers doing what they love best – enjoying their boats."

As the anchor sponsor of the event, Yamaha took the time to do personal on-boat seminars about the care and maintenance of the product. They also provided technical support for customers that wished to learn more about the mechanical characteristics of their Yamaha powered Pursuits. In addition to Yamaha Marine Group, major sponsors of the event included: Raymarine, Crowder Rods, Geiger Brothers, Marine Audio, Sport Fishing Magazine, Motorboating, Yachting, Saltwater Sportsman, Southern Boating and Boating Magazines.

Pursuit's next owners Rendezvous will be announced soon. A Rendezvous photo album will be placed on the Pursuit website shortly. For more information and to view the photos from the event, please go to [www.pursuitboats.com](http://www.pursuitboats.com) or call 800-947-8778.

Pursuit Boats is a division of Holland, Michigan-based S2 Yachts, Inc. For more than half a century, three-generations of this family-owned business have set an unsurpassed standard of quality in marine design and manufacturing. From their modern production facility in Ft. Pierce, Florida the Slikkers family continues to build distinctive fishing boats in center console, sport and offshore configurations in sizes from 23' to 37'.

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