



He was right about the numbers. By the end of fishing on Saturday, 196 sailfish had been released by the fleet. The team aboard the Mercury-powered *Fillmagilla* led the pro division with 1800 points, while *Fulunga* led the amateur ranks with 1200 points. With numbers like that, everyone was collectively wondering just how many releases it would take to bring home the Mayor's Cup.

On Sunday, the weather was much different as the wind slowed down considerably. Unfortunately, so did the fishing. Only about half the

fish were released on Sunday for a total of 292 total releases for the tournament. However, it's the mark of a true championship-caliber team to continue finding and catching sailfish even when the bite drops off. *Fillmagilla* kept picking away at fish all day to pad their lead, winding up with 800 more points for a total score of 2600 points. One of the most familiar names in all of South Florida sailfishing, the *Get Lit* team took second place with 2000 points, while Steve Cunningham captained the Mercury Verado-powered Contender *No Mercy* into third with 1800 points. The *Miss Britt* rounded out the top four pro teams with 1600 points.

On the amateur side, *Fulunga* didn't post a catch on Sunday and their lead slipped away. Meanwhile, the Mercury-powered Sea Vee *Hooked-Up* continued to post releases, ending up with 1600 points and first place. *Fulunga* managed second place with 1200 points, while the *O2* posted 1200 points for third place. The *Uptight* took fourth place with 1000 points.

Last year's top team hailed from Chicago, and therefore The Mayor's Cup trophy spent its first year of existence in the Windy City. South Florida fishing teams were

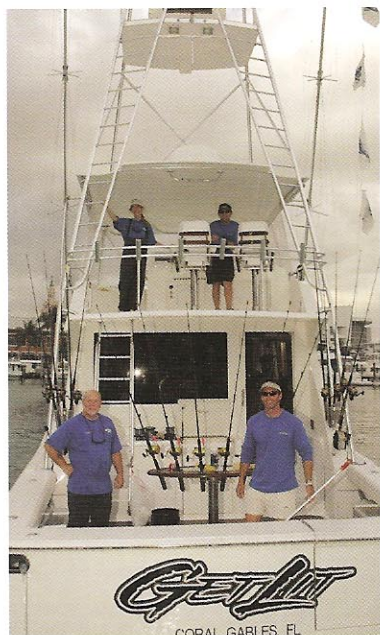
It's become a very familiar sight: the *Get Lit* backing into her slip with plenty of release flags flying from the riggers.

*Qualifier's* Jannene Claus won Top Lady Angler honors with 800 points in this year's event. Tournament director Tony Albelo makes the presentation during the awards.

redeemed as *Fillmagilla* was fishing for Miami and the Cup was returned to Miami's City Hall.

The Mayor's Cup tournament also marked the end of the Dewar's 12 Billfish Championship Series. This first-year series started last month with the South Florida Sailfish Kickoff. In the end, the *Get Lit* team took home the Dewar's 12 trophy, the championship rings and an additional \$15,500 in prize money. In total, the *Get Lit* walked away with \$58,000 in prize money. Other notable cash winnings were *Fillmagilla* with \$17,525, *No Mercy* with \$15,225 and *Jichi* with \$11,500 for a 32-pound tuna.

The 2006 Dewar's 12 Billfish Championship will add a third event to its Triple Crown series. For more information on any of these events, please check their respective websites: [www.mayorscuptournament.com](http://www.mayorscuptournament.com), [www.sailfishkickoff.com](http://www.sailfishkickoff.com), or [www.billfishchampionship.com](http://www.billfishchampionship.com).



## FINAL STANDINGS

### TOP PRO ANGLER

Patrick Morris, *Fillmagilla*  
2400 Points

### TOP AMATEUR ANGLER

Jorge Amores, *O2*  
1200 Points

### TOP FEMALE ANGLER

Jannene Claus, *Qualifier*  
800 Points

### TOP JUNIOR ANGLER

Jeff Fiorentino, *Uptight*  
800 Points

### DEWAR'S 12 SERIES

1. *Get Lit*—3600 Points
2. *Fillmagilla*—3000 Points
3. *Miss Britt*—3000 Points
4. *Money Shot*—2800 Points
5. *Thomas Flyer*—2600 Points