

Fish Tales wins something to talk about

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Capt. Steve Bowler and his team aboard *Fish Tales* were able to split nearly \$12,000 in cash after last week's Tarpon Tide Tournament in which the team reeled in the first of two 140-pound tarpon caught during the fourth Millers Marina event of the season.

"We hooked up with one fish about three minutes into the tourney, but it got off after about three or four more," said Bowler. "But we dropped our lines again right away and caught the winner. It was a good day. Everyone had fun."

Bowler said the action in the pass was furious. Altogether, he said, they hooked up with four fish during the three-hour event, boating and releasing one in addition to the one weighed.

Second place went to Capt. Ed Walker's team on *Poonwalker*, who claimed last week's prize. Walker was fishing with his regular crew of Scott

Tomlinson, Tiki Reynolds and Steve Koscis.

But probably the most interesting to watch during the tournament was the winner of the most releases prize, Capt. James Goodwin, who lost his forward gear during the fight for his second fish.

Goodwin, on his boat *Triple 7*, reportedly had to dart in and around the pack of 32 boats while traveling in reverse. Thought he was given the option by tournament officials for himself and the angler to take over another boat, Goodwin, who was fishing with Mike and India Daly and Ian Aslop, declined the offer and stayed with his own vessel.

In all, four fish were weighed during the event, including a 138-pounder by Capt. Art Price's *Ranger* team, and the *Double Trouble* team with a 111-pound silver king. More than 30 teams participated in the event, which reported 13 official releases.

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■ Capt. James Goodwin attempts to repair his boat's motor in Saturday's tournament.