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## In Billfish Tournament

# Michelle Spalding Hooks Record Ahi

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Kailua, Kona — Marlin finally moved to the fore in the 13th annual Hawaiian International Billfish tournament yesterday but the big news was still with the ahi division

in which a world record was set.

Sixteen marlin were boated yesterday bringing the total catch to 34, one more billfish than the yellow fin tuna (ahi).

The world record was set

by Michelle Spalding, who boated a 204-pound ahi on a 50-pound line, bettering by 39 pounds the present record set five years ago by Peggy McKay in Australian waters.

Michelle's catch gave the Spalding family a monopoly

on world ahi records on 50-pound line. Her husband, Rufus Spalding Jr., set the men's record of 240 pounds in the 1966 Hawaiian tournament.

IT WAS ONLY the third ahi Mrs. Spalding has caught and her second world mark in the category. Her first ahi was a record, the second was small ("We ate it") and then she regained the record yesterday. She also is a former marlin record holder, her record catch being made in the early 1950's.

Her husband's mounted fish is on display in the King Kam Hotel and owner Lyle Guslander wants to add yesterday's catch (probably on a His and Her display).

Two days ago, Freddy Rice, captain of the Kona Mauka Trollers Team II, predicted the marlin would run with the new moon. He

was a day late in his moon change calendar but he was right in his predictions. The marlin ran yesterday, and Freddy caught the third biggest catch, a 438-pounder.

"I sure messed up on the date," said Freddy, who added that this marlin gave him the toughest fight for an hour and 35 minutes of all the fish he has caught.

ERIC MCILLREE, who owns Dunk Island in Australia and the Avis car rental franchise for all Australia, now owns his biggest billfish, a 463-pounder. He also caught another weighing 192 pounds. Both catches were made on 80-pound line which gives the Aussie two-member team (his wife, Janice, is the other) 852 points, good for second place.

Steve Zuckerman, a Los Angeles lawyer, who vacations at his Kona home,

fought a 497-pounder for five hours and 10 minutes before landing it at 5:20 p.m.

Biggest fish of the day, weighed in at 9:25 p.m., was a 692-pounder boated by Paul Yaguchi, Leeward Trollers of Oahu. Yaguchi fought the giant marlin for two hours and 30 minutes.

Yaguchi's fish, worth 100 bonus points for biggest marlin of the day, put his team in third place with 792 points. Yesterday's catches:

### MARLIN

497—Steve Zuckerman, Mauka Trollers I.  
463—Eric McIlfree, Dunk Isle, Australia.  
438—Freddy Rice, Kona Mauka Trollers II.  
409—Ray Goltner, Cornhusker, Neb., Billfish Club.  
296—Marty Morrie, Los Angeles Billfish.  
192—Eric McIlfree, Dunk Island, Australia.  
162—Joseph Lee, Lake Alamanor, Calif., Country Club.  
155—Robert Moore, Panama Marlin Club.  
150—Clinton Gerlach, Calif. Sportsmen II.  
150—Robert Wampler, Hawaii Big Game III.  
142—Reuben Posa, Bay of Islands, N.Z.  
100—Frank Boyd, Panama Marlin Club.  
96—Douglas Kelly, Wailua Boat Club II.  
38—William Norwood, Hawaii Big Game II.

### AHI

204—Michelle Spalding, Heela Fishing Club (world record).  
161—John Kilgore, Kona Game Fishing II.  
160—Yuji Hayata, Fuji Casting Club, Japan.  
149—Jim Conway, City of Portland.  
103—Richie Kunichika, Wailua Boat Club.

### POINT STANDINGS

Marlin team: Saratoga Sportsmen's Association, 882; Dunk Isle, 852; Leeward Trollers, 792; Palao Valley, 741; California Yacht Club, 741; Kona Mauka Trollers I, 646.  
Ahi individual: Michelle Spalding, Heela Bay, 408; Stanley Kong, Wailua Trollers, 394; Haakon Nordaas, Minnesota, 334; Bill Matsumoto, Kona Trollers II, 306; George Edwards, Outrigger Canoe, 302.

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## Billfish Title to Cal Team

KAILUA, Kona—Jim Pastor, participating in his first sports fishing tournament, led the Saratoga Sportsmen Association from California to the championship of the 13th annual Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament with a two-fish catch that gave his team a record of 1,556 points.

Saratoga gained the lead on opening day when Pastor boated a 782-pound marlin that brought his team a 100-point bonus that day and an ultimate 100-point bonus for largest fish of the tournament.

In yesterday's closing action, Pastor, foreman for an electrical firm, came through with a 368-pounder which he fought for 55 minutes and his team captain, Bob Whitlow, contributed a 206-pounder to clinch the record.

SECOND PLACE in the marlin division, a team competition, went to Kawaihae Trolling Club, when Bernice Grant landed a 502-pounder on 80-pound line. That gave her team 150 bonus points, plus another 100 for biggest catch of the day. Her team had gone into the final day with 229 points and the final score of 982 bettered

Kona Mauka Trollers I which had 872, for the runner-up spot.

Michelle Spalding's world record catch of a 205-pound ahi on 50-pound line gave her the championship of that division with a score of 408 points, with a 100 per cent bonus for 50-pound line.

THE HARD-LUCK guy of the day was Charley Fisher of the Hawaii Big Game Fishing Club who lost a marlin estimated at between 800 and 1,000 pounds, after a four-hour fight.

Ed Neal, veteran fishing columnist for the San Francisco Examiner, broke the press boat famine when he brought in a 206-pound marlin. It was the first fish, either marlin or ahi, taken in the 13 years of tournament effort.

Yesterday's catches:

### MARLIN

302—Bernice Grant, Kawaihae Troller Club, 80-lb. line, 250 bonus points.  
368—James Pastor, Saratoga Sportsmen, Calif., no bonus.  
308—Les Wells, Wailua BC III, no bonus.  
253—Fred Neff, Kaneohe Yacht Club, 50-lb. line, 253 bonus points.  
206—Bob Whitlow, Saratoga Sportsmen, no bonus.  
185—Terry Caughlan, Port Hacking, Australia, 50-lb. line, 185 bonus points.  
180—Rick Rainwater, Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, 50-lb. line, 150 bonus points.  
146—Tad Fairbanks, Hawaii Big Game Fishing, 50-lb. line, 146 bonus points.  
143—Stan Crevello, Maalea II, 80-lb. line, 43 bonus points.  
113—Kid McCoy, Kona Mauka Trollers I, 50-lb. line, 113 bonus points.  
48—Ryuzo Nishikawa, Tokyo Trollers, no bonus.

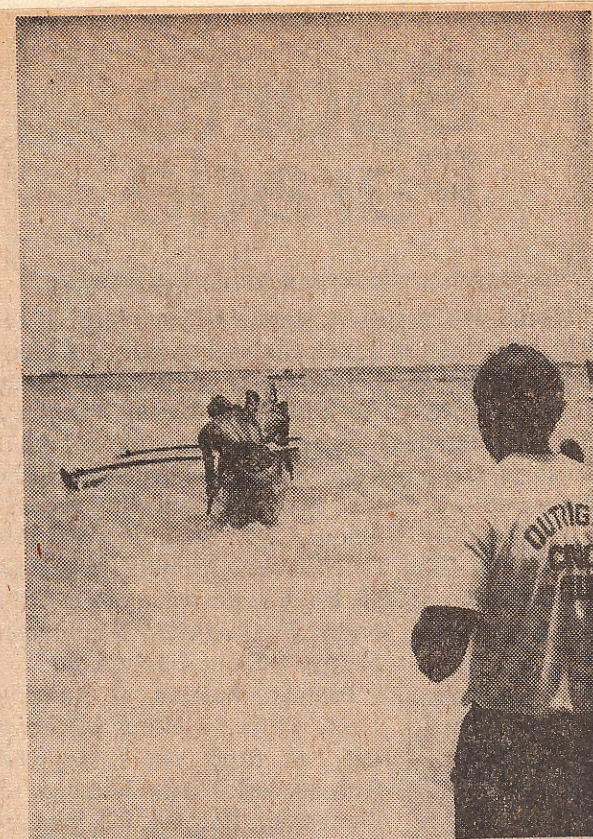
### AHI

209—Eric McIlfree, Dunk Isle, Australia, 80-lb. line, 63 bonus points.  
123—Eddie Wilson, Lahaina Yacht Club, no bonus.  
101—Jon Rickard, Honolulu Mosquito Trolling, no bonus.

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**PADDLE POWER** — Outrigger Canoe Club crew whips up a wake at Waikiki. OCC is defending champion in the Oahu championships, to be held this Sunday at Keehi Lagoon.

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## Healani Captures Outrigger Regatta

Healani Canoe Club won the Oahu Outrigger Canoe Racing Championships at Keehi Lagoon yesterday.

Outrigger was second, followed by Hui Nalu and Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club.

Healani won five of the 15 races and set new records in four events. Four other new records were also established.

Hui Nalu won the senior men's top race, the featured event.