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### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame Celebrity Dolphin Tournament Reports Results and Record Participation**

***More than \$10,000 in Cash and Prizes Awarded as 60 Former Hurricanes Athletes Team With UM Fans to Raise Money for Shake-a-Leg, Habitat for Humanity and Hall of Fame***

MIAMI, July 3, 2012 – The [2<sup>nd</sup> Annual University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame \(UMSHoF\) Celebrity Dolphin Tournament](#) today reported the results from last Saturday's event along with the record participation of nearly 60 boats and more than 60 former Hurricanes athletes, double the numbers from the inaugural tournament in 2011. More than \$10,000 in cash and prizes were awarded to anglers in multiple categories, while the tournament raised funds for three non-profit organizations.

Winners of the tournament and their catches were:

1st Place: Michael Johnson - 26.2 lbs.

2nd Place: Jake Byrne - 26.2 lbs.

3rd Place: David Gil - 24.6 lbs.

4th Place: Maureen Furshman - 22.2 lbs.

5th Place: Phil Hess - 21.3 lbs.

Top Female: Maureen Furshman - 22.2 lbs.

Top Junior: Philip Hess III - 20.1 lbs.

King of Fishes: Michael Wood - Wahoo - 38.2 lbs.

Bucket of Bucks (a pool involving the heaviest of the combined weight of any three dolphin)

1st Place - Contagious - 62.5 lbs.

2nd Place - U Boat Yellowfin - 59.8 lbs.

3rd Place - Vicious Fishes - 59.1 lbs.

The tournament was hosted by former Hurricanes defensive lineman and UMSHoF member [Warren Sapp](#), who spent 13 years in the NFL with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Oakland Raiders. The tournament's total attendance surpassed 350, with former UM athletes and supporters participating in the fishing activities and awards dinner, which featured a live auction led by [Jay Rokeach](#), the longtime public address announcer for University of Miami athletic events.

“The winners were not just those who reeled in the biggest fish, they were [Shake-a-Leg Miami](#), [Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys](#) and the UMSHoF,” said [K.C. Jones](#), president-elect of the UMSHoF and a 2008 hall inductee. “We raised money for important causes and brought together a group of elite sports celebrities and UM fans in the Florida Keys, an area that has always supported UM athletics. Plans for next year’s tournament are already underway. Before then, we will offer many opportunities for fans to participate in a full slate of UMSHoF activities.”

### **[Tournament Information](#)**

For information about future tournament participation, including boat entry or sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.canefish.com](http://www.canefish.com), send an email to [info@canefish.com](mailto:info@canefish.com) or contact K.C. Jones directly at (305) 925-3660.

### **[About the University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame \(UMSHoF\)](#)**

Nestled on the Coral Gables campus of the University of Miami, the UMSHoF is a 501(c)(3) corporation whose sole purpose is to recognize those student athletes, coaches and administrators who have contributed the most to Hurricanes Athletics over the years. The showcase for the UMSHoF and repository of the great sports traditions of the University of Miami is the Tom Kearns Sports Hall of Fame Building, next door to the Hecht Athletic Center on San Amaro Drive. On display are photos of each of the inductees, the National Championship Trophies for University of Miami football and baseball, as well as the Heisman Trophies of [Vinny Testaverde](#) and [Gino Torretta](#). The UMSHoF display includes basketball memorabilia from the [Rick Barry](#) years along with items from all of the university sports programs. For information about planning a visit, participating in one of the annual fundraising event or contributing to the UMSHoF, visit [www.umsportshalloffame.com](http://www.umsportshalloffame.com), send an email to [umsportshalloffame@aol.com](mailto:umsportshalloffame@aol.com) or contact John Routh directly at (305) 284-2775.

Editor’s Note: Tournament photographs are included.