

Olle Antheunis bounces back!

The sixth round of 'The 2010 Angler of the Year PDO Recreation Club' competition was held last Thursday, 17th June. This competition was generously sponsored by Steinweg (Stevedore and Terminal Operator Port Sohar) (www.steinwegoman.com/) which was represented by the commercial manager Olle Antheunis who also was a key fishing contender.

This event was special as the nominated new captain Suleiman Al Hajri took over the fishing captaincy from Pascal Richard who left Oman on Sunday 14th June to Holland for another assignment.

It was a fabulous day for the fisherman after the cyclone Phet! Eager fisherman could be seen a day before the fishing event sharpening their hooks, defining tactical strategy on where to go, what to fish and which depths should be aimed at. The intensity of the preparation was so strong that even fish felt the signals on what to come in the next day!

As dawn broke on 17th of June, with a beautiful clear day, 9 fishing boats set out to sea with a total of 18 keen fishermen. Not far from the horizon Olle could be seen fighting a game fish. In the deep sea area, local fisherman and competitors were seen to be floating in an amazingly straight line at 130 meters reef! This reef, proved to be active with many snappers.

Although it was a hot day at sea, it was a proving day for Olle. He emerged from the event as a bottom fishing conqueror, he and his partner Raphael Gonguet managed to catch a total weight of 25.05 kg. The nearest team that came close to challenging Olle was Suleiman Hajri and Salim Khatri team with a total bottom catch of 6.4 kg!



On the game fishing frontier, Frans Kohler and Georg Warrlich on Farasha yet again proved to be the masters of the game. Together they managed to catch a total impressive weight of 14.5 kg. The catch was mainly Al dorado (Mahi Mahi). Frans and Georg were adamant that this is their season and nothing will stop them (or they so think), to become the game fishing beacons of 2010!



Dr Hakeem and his partner Suleiman Al Harthy are so far proving to be the most serious contenders of the season, although they emerged unsatisfied with their performance, but compared to others, their results were very impressive. Together, they had a catch of 5.75kg bottom, and 6.1kg game fishing respectively.



A lunch was served to the hungry fishermen and women together with their families and friends at the boat club following the announcement of the winners of the day. The overall winners and prizes went to Olle Anthenius and Dr Hakeem with 14 and 13 points respectively. For the game fishing Frans and Georg scored 10 and 9 points respectively, and the bottom fishing the winners and the prizes went to Ralf and Suleiman Al Hajri with 9 and 8 points respectively. The winner for the biggest fish of the day went to Olle Anthenius for his 4.6 kg "big mama" grouper.

