

## Musings from a Marlin Fisherman's Wife

I have been to many marlin catching seminars over the past 20+ years. I have enjoyed hearing Mike 'The Beak' Hurt, Jimmie Kingsmill, Steve Lassley, Pete Groesbeck to name a few. When MBMC got Kenny Schilling to come and speak on marlin fishing, I knew I had to come and add to my 'collection' of famous marlin hunters.

We had a delightful pizza, sandwich, and salad luncheon at Sardina's Italian restaurant on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. The food was excellent, and the service was great, I must go there for dinner sometime! Kenny regaled us with many stories of his exploits over the years. He has been catching marlin since he was 8 years old. Kenny shared many different techniques he has used over the years.

He focused on what he believes is the most productive trolling method using ballyhoos! There are many ways to rig these little buggers, and he recommends 'You Tube' and your own choice. He also discussed how to use them as drop backs and he had insights into better lure/jig fishing. He showed us several of his own personal jig rigs and said he would be happy to share knowledge if we wanted to look him up. Lastly, he discussed his preferred ways of live baiting sleepers, feeders and tailers with hints of how to drop down in areas with good signs. All in all, everyone enjoyed him and his stories, and we all agreed it would be great to have more time together.

Following Kenny's illustrious remarks, our very own Larry Oberti expertly rigged the new lures of some of our lucky raffle prize winners and assisted others with the rigging of their tackle for the marlin bite! Thanks Larry, we all appreciate your expertise!

One final thought, my husband Dan went out on Sunday with Ken Yasuda and crew, put the info into practice and released two marlins and had two other strikes! Kenny knows his stuff!

Fair winds and happy hunting, Ann