

MAINLAND MEXICO FISHING REPORT: 500-pound black marlin caught by Mazatlan locals as tourist continue to be a 'no show'

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MAZATLAN—Tourism continues to be an endangered species throughout Mexico and while they are trickling back into Baja, the economically strapped mainland continues its "waiting and wondering" - when will they return. There's no more flu, the crime rate is down along the coastal cities and the fall fishing season is picking up, at least for the locals who are just about the only ones fishing these days.

Reporting for the Aries Sportfishing Fleet, Larry Edwards said Mazatlan appears to be gaining momentum as the fall fishing season approaches. High boat for the week was the Aries V, with a single day's catch including 1 blue marlin, 3 sailfish, and 2 dorado.

"Angler activity was very slow this past week and there were only four offshore fishing trips for the fleet that accounted for a total of 1 blue marlin, 5 sailfish, 16 dorado, and 1 red shark. Inshore, the super pangas also fished four days and reported 12 dorado, and 16 sierra for their efforts," Edwards said.

The big excitement this past week was what a black marlin was caught by one of the local boats here at la Marina called Amamos la Pesca as it will feed a lot of hungry people. "I got a report today (Sunday) that Canano, with help from one of our captains, Victor Togo from the Aries II, fought with it for nearly five hours. It weighted 500 pounds," Edwards said. The big black was caught on a bonita as bait.

Sea conditions continue to be excellent with surface water temperatures hovering between 87 and 88 degrees throughout the area. "The seas are mostly calm with very little swell" he said. The best fishing was found 22 to 28 miles southwest of the Marina El Cid. Except for the bonita the black took, rigged mullet was the better bait this past week."



500-POUND MARLIN FOR THE LOCAL BOYS—Local anglers had all the fun in Mazatlan, as few tourist were around they decided to fish for themselves, finding this nice black marlin that fed a lot of hungry mouths.