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Bimini Big Game Club Launches Sportfishing Charter Boat Operations

ALICE TOWN, BIMINI—DECEMBER 29, 2010— Guy Harvey announced today the start of sportfishing charterboat operations at the legendary Bimini Big Game Club, operating as a Guy Harvey Outpost.

Noted North Carolina sportfishing captain Skipper Gentry will be arriving February 1st with Carolina *Gentleman*, a tournament equipped 38' Hatteras, which will operate out of the Big Game Club.

“We’re committed to reestablishing The Big Game Club as a go-to destination for top-of-class offshore anglers,” commented Guy Harvey, Chairman of Guy Harvey Outpost. “Getting our charter operation running will be a great amenity for both accomplished and recreational anglers who don’t have the time or desire to get their boat across the stream.”

Adds Mark Ellert, president of Guy Harvey Outpost, “It’s a Hatteras with all the gear it takes to get fish to the boat; the rest will be up to our Club anglers!” The Carolina Gentleman, according to Gentry, is equipped with all tournament quality rods and reels by Penn International and Shimano Tiagra and a large Unlimited Class Pompanette International all-teak fighting chair.

Son of Butch Gentry, a prominent Carolina marina owner and yacht broker, Skipper spent his childhood at the Club where his father was a member and frequent tournament participant. “I guess you could say The Big Game Club is in my DNA,” said Gentry, who began fishing the local offshore tournaments in North Carolina in 2003 in a 23’ Mako. “I’m extremely happy to join the Big Game Club as it’s at the epicenter of one of the world’s finest sportfishing experiences.”

While at the Big Game Club, Gentry will be filming segments for a documentary style series entitled “Bones to Bills”, in which the Carolina Gentleman will explore all aspects of the sportfishing lifestyle.

“Throughout the series many different people from high profile, experienced anglers to first timers will be experiencing everything from light tackle on the flats to the blue marlin in the deep,” Gentry commented.

Bimini’s location along the legendary Gulfstream (a “river” of warm water)

location is at the apex of a superhighway for migrating fish and acts as a kind of sushi conveyor belt carrying abundant food to the local fish. Deepwater game fish include marlin, tuna, sailfish, wahoo and swordfish, while big grouper, barracuda and schools of snapper can be found on the reefs. Bimini's flats are home the fishermen's favorite prey, bonefish and permit. With more than 50-record-setting catches in the waters around the island, Bimini has earned its title of Sport Fishing Capital of the World.

The Bimini Big Game Club, a Guy Harvey Outpost, recently hosted Leg 1 of the Bahamas Wahoo Challenge, which marked the return of this legendary sportfishing outpost to tournament fishing, according to Big Game Club officials. Upping the ante this spring, Guy Harvey and his Outpost crew, in partnership with the IGFA, will host their inaugural Bimini Billfish Tournament at the Big Game Club on May 18th, the first in a series of Outpost tournaments to be held at the club throughout the year.

The Bimini Big Game Club has played host to numerous major sportfishing tournaments for more than half a century. Closed for two years, the Club re-opened this summer as a Guy Harvey Outpost Resort & Marina following completion of a multi-million dollar renovation that included all guest rooms, opening of the new Bimini Big Game Bar & Grill and launch of the Outpost Outfitter, a retail experience featuring Guy Harvey sportswear, fishing supplies and gifts.

For charter information, please call 1-800-867-4764 or go to www.biggameclubbimini.com.

About Bimini Big Game Club, a Guy Harvey Outpost Resort and Marina

Founded as a dinner club in 1936 in Alice Town, the island's cultural hub, by Nassau entrepreneur and bon-vivant, Neville Stuart, the Big Game Club has over the last 74 years hosted world-class fishermen, major tournaments, international celebrities and tens of thousands guests looking to bask in the unique "Islands in the Stream" mantra made famous by author Ernest Hemingway who lived and fished in Bimini in the mid 1930s.

Today, the Big Game Club's Outpost concept is designed to take the resort beyond that of a "fishing lodge (though admittedly a majority of visitors will be there for the world class fishing) to create an eco-destination attracting both fishing and diving enthusiasts while focusing on adventure travel, sustainable tourism and marine conservation.

Celebrated artist and conservationist Guy Harvey along with his Guy Harvey Outpost organization has teamed with renowned dive authority Neal Watson to offer "top of class" dive centers at Guy Harvey Outpost resort properties. Their first dive center opened December 1st at the Big Game Club, a Guy Harvey Resort & Marina.

Bonefish Pursuits Bimini headed by artist, conservationist and fly fishing personality, Vaughn Cochran, is also underway with the help of the island's legendary bonefishing guides.

The Big Game Club, which is located on the main navigation channel in Bimini Bay, currently features a 51-room resort and a 75-slip marina capable of accommodating boats up to 145 linear feet in length. A full service fuel dock will be operational by Spring 2011.

There are Phase II plans that will include a Guy Harvey Theater, guest lecture series and interactive sessions with Dr. Harvey and the Guy Harvey Research Institute at NOVA Southeastern Oceanographic Center and day trips to the Bimini Biological Field Station's world-famous shark lab.

Location:	Alice Town (North Bimini's Southern Tip)
Marina	
Facilities:	75 Slips
Regular Rooms:	35
Penthouse Suites:	4
Cottage Rooms:	12
Restaurants:	Bimini Big Game Bar & Grill
Pools:	Freshwater
Other	
Activities:	Outpost Outfitter Shop, Deepsea Fishing, Flats Fishing, Diving, Snorkeling, Shopping, Sightseeing, Sunset Cruises, Picnics
Reservation:	1-800-867-4764
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