



Club History



The Sea Horse Anglers Club was first thought of in or about 1967 – 1968.

The following historical background on the creation of the Sea Horse Anglers Club has been compiled from information submitted by founding members Tom Smith and Dave Garland

The year 1968 saw a vast improvement in the sport of game fishing, both in numbers and skills in Bermuda. At this time there were only two fishing Clubs in Bermuda. The Bermuda Anglers Club had established a light tackle tournament in order to promote game fishing as a tourist sport and the Blue Waters Anglers Club was promoting the sport by acquiring water front property on East Broadway which became that club's headquarters.

On 1st September 1968 a small group of skilled local anglers, primarily expatriate contract workers, met and formed the third International Game Fishing Association affiliated Club in Bermuda, a Club more socially and racially integrated to the sport that had largely been for the affluent. As Dave Garland recalls the name Sea Horse was adopted as the Club's name from the fact he was renting Sea Horse Cottage in Paget. People present at the inaugural meeting included Tom Smith, David Garland, Derek Jenkins, Bill Parris, Jack Leslie, Howard Marirea, Hilton Smith, Keith Dunsmore David Horseman, and Robin Henegulph to name a few. The design of a constitution, rules for year round fishing competition and regular monthly meetings offering members entertainment, instruction via talks, demonstrations were adopted.

In later years more ambitious projects evolved including the adoption of a factor system of accumulating points, organizing an island wide tournament for local anglers, in conjunction with Bacardi International and in 1974 organizing Bermuda's first open Billfish Tournament.

The President's report of that year commended the enthusiasm and hard work of its members since the Club's inception. He noted the 1974 activities changed the Sea Horse Anglers Club from a young inexperienced group to a mature game fishing association.