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22 Join Rota Cliff Fishing Derby

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Not that they needed one, but anglers in Rota found one more excuse to go fishing—the Rota Cliff Fishing Derby on Sept. 9-11.

A once-popular tournament revived by the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) and co-sponsors last year, the event aimed to attract visitors to the tropical island for competition at three well-known fishing sites, As Matmos, Malilok, and Pona Point. The 2011 derby of the event attracted 22 anglers from Saipan, Rota, and Guam.

“This month’s derby was another opportunity to draw visitors to Rota,” said MVA Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas. “Rota is a jewel in the string of the Marianas, and this year’s event sponsors worked diligently to prepare for the weekend—the Rota Mayor’s Office, Rota Municipal Council, the Rota Legislative Delegation, and Guam Ambros, Inc.”

Taking top place in the “Biggest” Category were Andrei Mendiola with a 6.95 lbs. Titan trigger fish, followed by Isidro Pabeda with a 6.6 lb. Keeled-needle fish, Redentor Devilla with a 6.56 red snapper, and Mel Balaan with a 6.07 red snapper.

Mansueto Nava reeled in the “Most Weight” with 49.45 lbs, followed by Rio Cayetano with 33.66 lbs., Brian Richards with 15.04 lbs, and Olen Jacob with 14.82 lbs.

Cayetano also topped the “Most Variety” category with 30 species, followed by Nava

with 25 species, Jacob with 16 species, and Pabeda with 14 species.

An awards dinner was held and cash prizes awarded to the winners.

The Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are a chain of low coral and volcanic islands in the West Pacific, offering a friendly, fun and fantastic vacation in paradise. They are an excellent destination for families, adventure and sports-minded travelers, as well as business people looking for a tropical stopover when traveling between Asia and North America, and adventurous travelers looking for new travel discoveries. The Mariana Islands, three hours travel from most cities in Japan, are served from Japan by Northwest Airlines. From Korea, Asiana Airlines provides daily direct flights from Seoul and four times a week from Busan. For more information visit www.mymarianas.com.

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