



TOP ANGLERS — Top Three anglers pictured with Ministry of Tourism Representatives, Baleria Representatives and Joe Hector, CEO, Extreme Kayak Fishing.

Kayak event heightens GB Tourism profile

Over four days, April 20-23, 61 plus anglers gathered at the Taino Beach Resort for the 4th Annual Extreme Kayak Fishing Tournament on Grand Bahama Island.

With early mornings and extreme conditions, anglers sailed the high seas with anticipation of catching the largest fish possible for a \$10,000 cash prize.

Joe Hector, CEO, Extreme Kayak Fishing, said that "The goal is to build

this to the same thing we have in Florida and it's really growing fast... People love it, they win big money...we just try to make it as fun as possible."

With anglers from the United States, South Africa, and Canada, the tournament served as a major economic boost for Grand Bahama Island.

Many of the visiting competitors were excited to visit the island and experience the accommodations and amenities

at the Taino Beach Resort and Flamingo Bay host properties.

Special tournament packages included a 7-day visit, 5-day visit, or a 3-day visit where anglers would get a chance to not only participate in the tournament but explore Grand Bahama Island as well.

Jay Philippe, Assistant Manager for Sports Tourism, said that "We want people to come here for the purpose of sporting events to stimulate the econo-

my here on Grand Bahama Island."

According to Phillippe, "The fishing event is something that is going to be very huge...this is one unique kayaking tournament and this is something that we really support."

After four years of supporting the Extreme Kayak Tournament to Grand Bahama Island, Richard Treco, Sr. Manager, Vertical Markets, said that "There's a lot of people doing a lot to

make this happen, and we are hoping that they come back next year, this tournament is something we really look forward to."

The winner of the Extreme Kayak Fishing Tournament was Jon Venarchick from Naples, Florida. His haul totaled 37 pounds after he caught a black fin tuna and two mackerel. Venarchick has been competing in the tournament for three years.



Kayak competition

Urban renewal Marching Band pays courtesy call on CG Treco

Members of the Bahamas Urban Renewal Music Masters Youth Marching Band paid a courtesy call on the Hon. H. Ricardo Treco, Bahamas Consul General to Miami, at The Consulate General in Miami on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. They were welcomed by Consul General Treco and Deputy Consul General Sandra Carey.

During brief remarks, Deputy Consul General Carey gave highlights about the Consulate's role and its history and described members of the band as Ambassadors of The Bahamas, noting that they should stand tall and proud to be able to put their talents and culture on display for The Bahamas.

Band members arrived in Miami on Tuesday, accompanied by Police Inspector Theodore Campbell, Band Director and Coordinator, and police assistants Sergeant Oscar Dames, Corporal Rudolph Pratt, Corporal Demetrius Rolle, Corporal Perise Simon, Corporal Sharon Davis, WPC Areba Ambrose and PC Anthony Capron as well as several parents and chaperones.

While in Miami the band visited Florida Memorial University in Miami Gardens, where they gave an outstanding performance of Bahamian Music.

The band is instrumental in helping students to improve their academic and musical skills and overall behavioral

disposition. It includes students from the Bain Town, Centreville, Englerston East/West, Fort Charlotte, Fox Hill, Kemp Road, Nassau Village and Pinewood communities. Members range in ages from 7 to 18 and play an assortment of instruments, including trumpets, flutes, trombones, alto and tenor saxophones, sousaphones, clarinets, snare and tenor drums, hand bells and steel pans.

COURTESY CALL — The Hon. H. Ricardo Treco (centre), Bahamas Consul General to Miami, is pictured with Police Inspector Theodore Campbell (left), Band Director, and WPC Areba Ambrose following the band's performance at the Historic Ingraham Building.

