

# SW FLORIDA FISHING



BY BILLY CALDWELL

Monday March 28, we left Boca Grande at 6:30 a.m. on Toby Wiener's 50' Viking the Spellbound. The crew was Charles and Paul Devlin, Mike Brown, Toby, and I. We ran out 50 miles and started trolling West. We picked up two blackfin tuna, lost another one, and stopped long enough to catch a couple of mangrove snapper for Paul to make his famous Ceviche. We kept trolling West. At 110 miles in 100 fathoms of water, we all of a sudden had a tremendous bite.

Moments later a magnificent blue marlin was tail walking off the transom of the boat for at least 50 yards! We shared the rod and after 30 minutes we proceeded to catch and release the beautiful fish unharmed. We estimated him at 200 to 225 pounds.

We quit fishing for the day after that and enjoyed a slick calm evening. Right off Boca Grande! Photos courtesy of the crew



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