



Jim Sculley
Virginia Beach, VA

Tournament Competition:

Jim started tournament fishing in 1997 and has competed in more than a dozen competitions since then. "I started billfishing with my father when I was a little kid," he said.

Personal Records:

In his first year of offshore fishing, Jim caught and released his first blue marlin, first sailfish and first white marlin within the mid-Atlantic season. Sculley also caught a 700-pound blue marlin off Rudee Inlet in 2000.

Tournament Preparation:

Jim always fishes with the same group of people two weeks prior to the start of each tournament, and tries to prepare his mind for the chess match that is landing a billfish. This tightens his crew to the point where, once a fish is hooked up, everyone knows what to do without speaking a word.

Tournament Awards:

2002:

Daily Boat Winner, Mike Schmidt Winners Offshore International, Bahamas

2000:

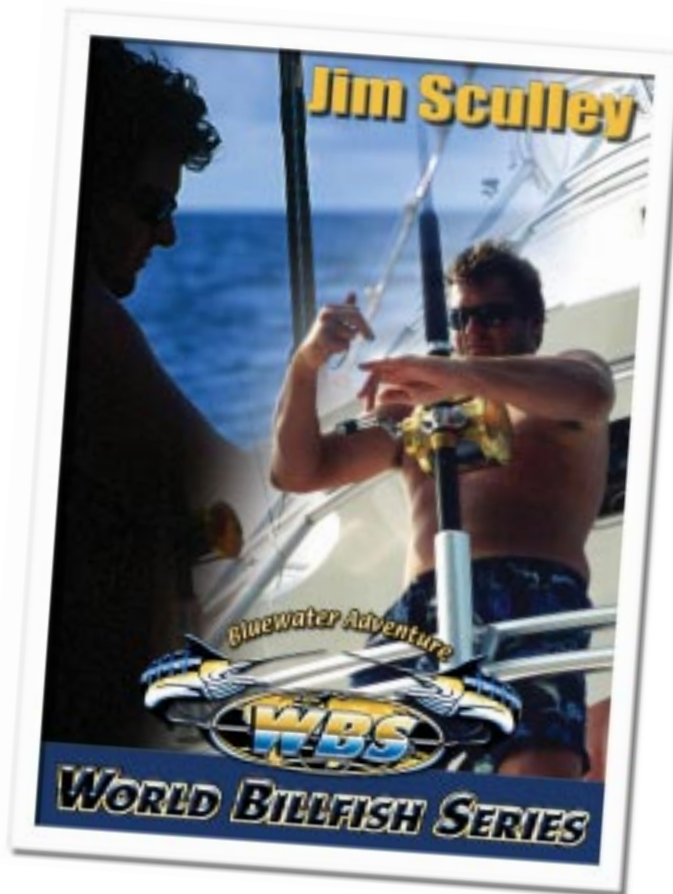
Top Boat Winner, Red White and Blue Ladies Tournament, VA

Top Angler/Blue Marlin Releases, Virginia Salt Water Tournament, VA

1999:

Top Angler/Blue Marlin Releases, Virginia Salt Water Tournament, VA

Top Boat Award Billfish Series, Ducks Unlimited Tournament, NC



Top Boat Billfish Series, Fisherman's Wharf Tournament Series, VA

Favorite Billfishing Location:

Definitely off of the North Carolina and Virginia coasts. Jim's passion is white marlin, and he finds the combination of many white marlin with the occasional blue marlin in that area irresistible.

Favorite "Fun Fishing" Location:

"I would have to say *Nippers* on Green Turtle Cay or *The Swing Bar* in Cancun, Mexico," Jim said with a laugh. "Seriously though, anyplace offshore because any fishing is fun."

Other

Interests:

The boat building industry and his company

Sculley Boatbuilders. "That has encompassed all of my free time besides fishing, and I can truly say it's a 50-50 split of my life."

Occupation When Not Fishing:

Director of sales and marketing for Sculley Boatbuilders

Thoughts on the Future of Sportfishing:

"I think we need to get more kids interested in fishing at a younger age. One thing I see is that a lot of charter boats are having a hard time finding mates because there aren't as many kids interested in fishing anymore, and kids are the true future of sportfishing."

Favorite Fish Story:

"We had a maiden captain's trip in 1998 out of Rudee Inlet aboard the *Sculley 58 Sportfisherman*. During the course of the day, we saw about 25 fish, releasing nine white marlin, one blue marlin and one spearfish. It was just an awesome day."



Jim, center, with his Sculley 58 teammates, proudly displaying their white marlin release flags.