



Who's Making

IGFA CAPTAIN'S CORNER: Captain Derek Biel



CAPTAIN DEREK BIEL: Born in Lima, Peru of German parents, Captain Derek Biels's family moved to Antigua in 1976 into a house not 10 yards from the ocean.

The ocean has always been a passion for him. He first became involved in the fishing industry working for a dive company, but soon became more interested in fishing and was hired on as a captain on a 36' Hatteras. Derek finished college in 1989 and moved to St. Thomas to fish two seasons with legendary Capt. Red Bailey. In early 1991 he finally got a 45' Hatteras Convertible, and after six months of hard work to make *Obsession* the perfect charter boat he started

fishing charters in late 1991. It has been a steady rise from the first few charters to an extremely successful business and he is in the process of looking for a second boat for special trips in the Caribbean. During the last 15 years Derek has fished not only in Antigua, but all in the Caribbean. In Antigua, the fishing is always exciting, with wahoo, dolphin-fish, tuna and kingfish around most of the year and blue and white marlin during the summer months. In 2006 *Obsession* made Champion Boat in the Marlin Division during the 40th Annual Antigua Sportfishing Tournament against a field of 31 boats from all over the Caribbean. Derek and his crew continue to promote more tag-and-release fishing on the island. You can find more information about Captain Derek Biel at charternet.com/charters/obsession or e-mail: obsession@itadmin.com

