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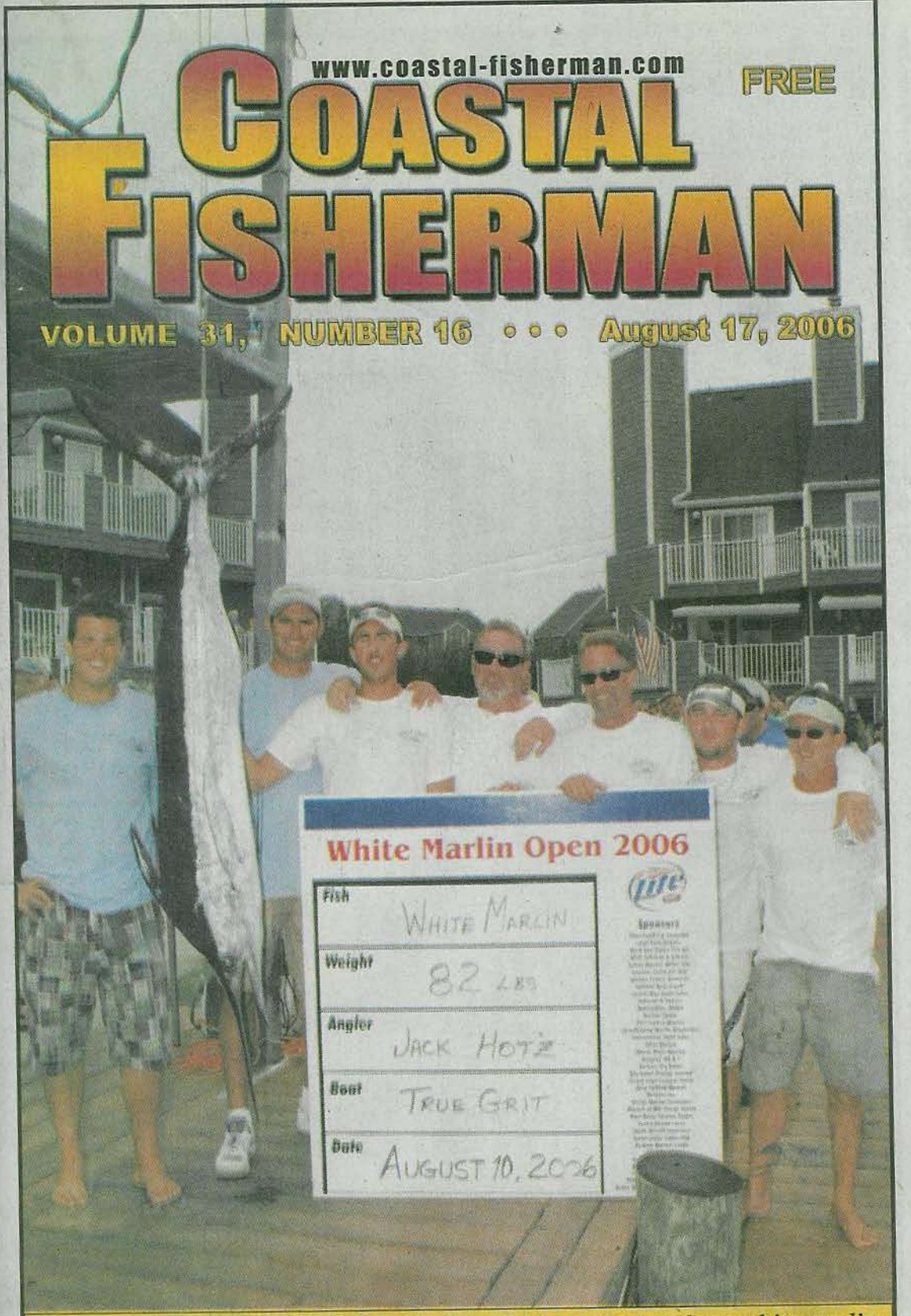

For the first time in White Marlin Open history, the top three white marlin tipped the scales at 80 lbs. and over, with Jack Hotz III of Shamong, NJ leading the pack with this 82 pounder caught while trolling ballyhoo on the "True Grit". Jack was fishing with Steve Hotz of Medford, NJ, Chuck Hotz of Voorhees, NJ, Bill Smith of Pine Hill, NJ, Jack Hotz, Jr. of Shamong, NJ, Capt. Bill Dever and Mate Tom Gresh. The big white marlin measured 70 inches and took an hour to bring to the boat. Jack won a tournament record $1,552,735 in prize money for his 1st place finish. Pictured at Harbour Island.