

## It was the “Right” thing to do!

Just after wrapping up the Awards Ceremony for our Memorial Day Derby, Shawn Dickinson, the Captain of the “Tuna Time” crew, brought his phone out of his pocket and said ... “Hey George, You’re not gonna believe this!”

He began his story: “This morning ... We were in a 110 feet of water down below the Bares and above the Dead Spot when we saw something in the water. The fishing had tailed off a bit and we were looking for fish and saw something moving through the water. We decided to troll over that way and see what it was ..... and it was crazy .... It was a young buck struggling in the water.



It looked like he had been in the water a long time and he was clearly wearing down. The crew decided to see if we could help him out and steer him back toward shore a bit .... after awhile it became clear though that he was just plumb worn out and every time we got close to him .... He struggled a bit more. We didn't want to make things worse ..... so we decided that if we were going to help him get back to shore ..... we were going to need to grab him and get him on board and transport him back to the beach. Wow .... That was a bit of a circus .... But Ed Bailey and Jim Olds finally grabbed him and got him on board. He was so exhausted he just laid there and we throttled up and headed to shore.



When we got in close .... I didn't want to run the boat aground as we went over the last sand bar and one of the guys grabbed the deer and jumped in the water. It was funny but it was a bit scary too .... Since after we got over the top of the last sand bar it got deep again and it was over the crew's head! Wow .... That was a wake-up call! After a bit of thrashing they found their footing and struggled to shore. Little Bucky was on high ground safe and sound! After getting everybody

back on board, we headed out to deeper water .... .but fishing was over for the morning. We had a wet crew member and a cooler of fish to clean ..... to bad we didn't get a fish to move up on the board though. That would have been the Topper ..... weigh a fish to move up the board and rescue a deer on the same trip!"

I had to laugh as I looked at the pictures, "That's nutso Shawn ..... I'm not sure I've ever seen that one before.... 110 ft. of water and a young Whitetail Buck swimming around. You did the right thing by that little buck though ..... Too Cool!"

Shawn and his crew are regulars at the Memorial Day Derby. They always fish hard and find a solid spot on the Board. Shawn and the guys are deer hunters too! The object is to HUNT DEER not watch them drown.

**GREAT JOB GUYS!!! ..... THAT'S BETTER THAN REALITY TV ANY DAY OF THE WEEK.** That's the best wildlife on the water story we've heard since Jerry Chesness and Dewey Cameron said they saw a coyote swimming in the channel early one morning on their way out to fish!

**OUR HATS ARE OFF TO THE "TUNA TIME' CAPTAIN AND CREW.**

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