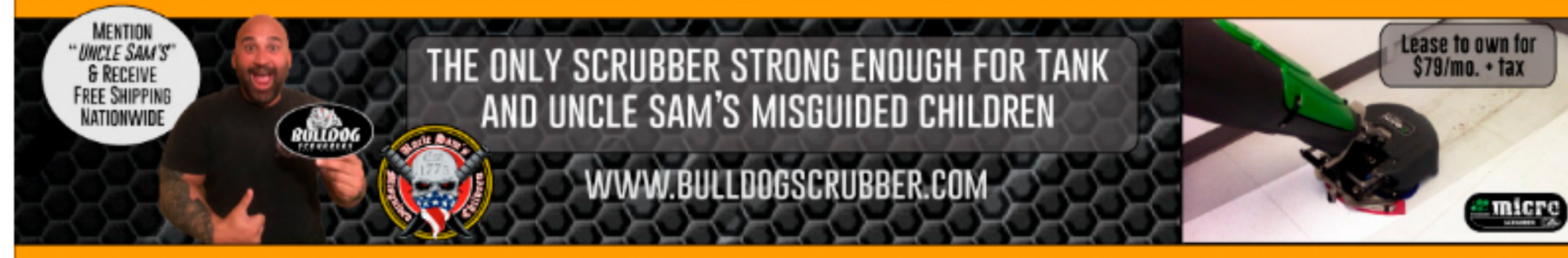


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This last Tuesday and Wednesday, famous fisherman Mark the Shark (Mark Quartano) took some of our Uncle Sam's Misguided Children on a fishing adventure out of Miami. Everyone of them enjoyed themselves, so this Memorial Day weekend, he is offering a 50% discount for any veterans who'd like to go "big game" fishing! To go on the adventure, you can call Phone: 305-759-JAWS (5297) or 305-542-FISH (3474).

The Uncle Sam's followers who joined the party besides Tank were: Wade, Will, Tommy, Damian, and JC, many of whom had no previous connection with other veterans in that area.

Mark the Shark is the owner of Monster Fish, Inc and is world famous for the most sharks caught. He values our veterans, as his Dad retired from the Navy. Mark has been fishing since he was a little over 10 years old, and his son Maverick has been following in his father's footsteps, even to taking kids fishing out on his own boat.

Mark came to Florida from Coney Island, New York, and has been fishing the last 40 years. He just wants his customers to have a good time. And they certainly do that...especially the Uncle Sam's followers who went with him this last week. They only go about a mile away from shore, so can make more than one trip per day to catch "the big ones."

Mark and his crew always show the newbies how to catch the fish, so inexperience is not an issue.



We caught up with the veterans who joined the fishing party.

### JC- Juan Carlos Fernandez

JC is a US Navy veteran who spent 4.5 years aboard the SS George H.W. Bush. He is currently in the Naval Reserves. When his best friend posted the information for the fishing trip, he couldn't resist joining up. JC had never been big game fishing, and loved it. His favorite part was the conversations with other veterans.

"It was cool to click with people you've never met before. The people, the event, it is all awesome." JC

### Tommy Fahy

Tommy is a Marine, and a purple heart recipient. He served from 2002-2006 with the 2nd Military Police battalion out of Camp Lejeune. He was deployed in Fallujah running convoy security during his service. He was wounded from shrapnel in 2005, and fortunately survived.

He enjoyed the trip as well, as they caught a big Sailfin, and a Hammerhead shark. He was excited to connect with the other veterans as well, and they exchanged numbers to keep in touch.

### Damian

Damian is a US Army veteran who served from September 2004 to January 2011. He was with the 300th Military Police Company from Fort Riley. He also served in Fallujah during his service. He serves now as a police officer.

Damian is from Michigan, and told us that "words can't describe" how much he loves the outdoors. The fishing trip was his first time catching big game fish. But he found that meeting the other local veterans was his favorite part and "pleasurable." He told us that Mark and his two deck hands were "awesome."

### Will Camacho

Will is a Marine Corps veteran, who spent most of his 4.5 years of service on aircraft carriers as an 0431, Logistics Embarkation Specialist out of South Carolina. His service entailed dealing with Somali pirates, among other things.

There were no pirates this last week, but having just moved to Florida from Connecticut, he thoroughly enjoyed meeting the other veterans on the fishing trip.

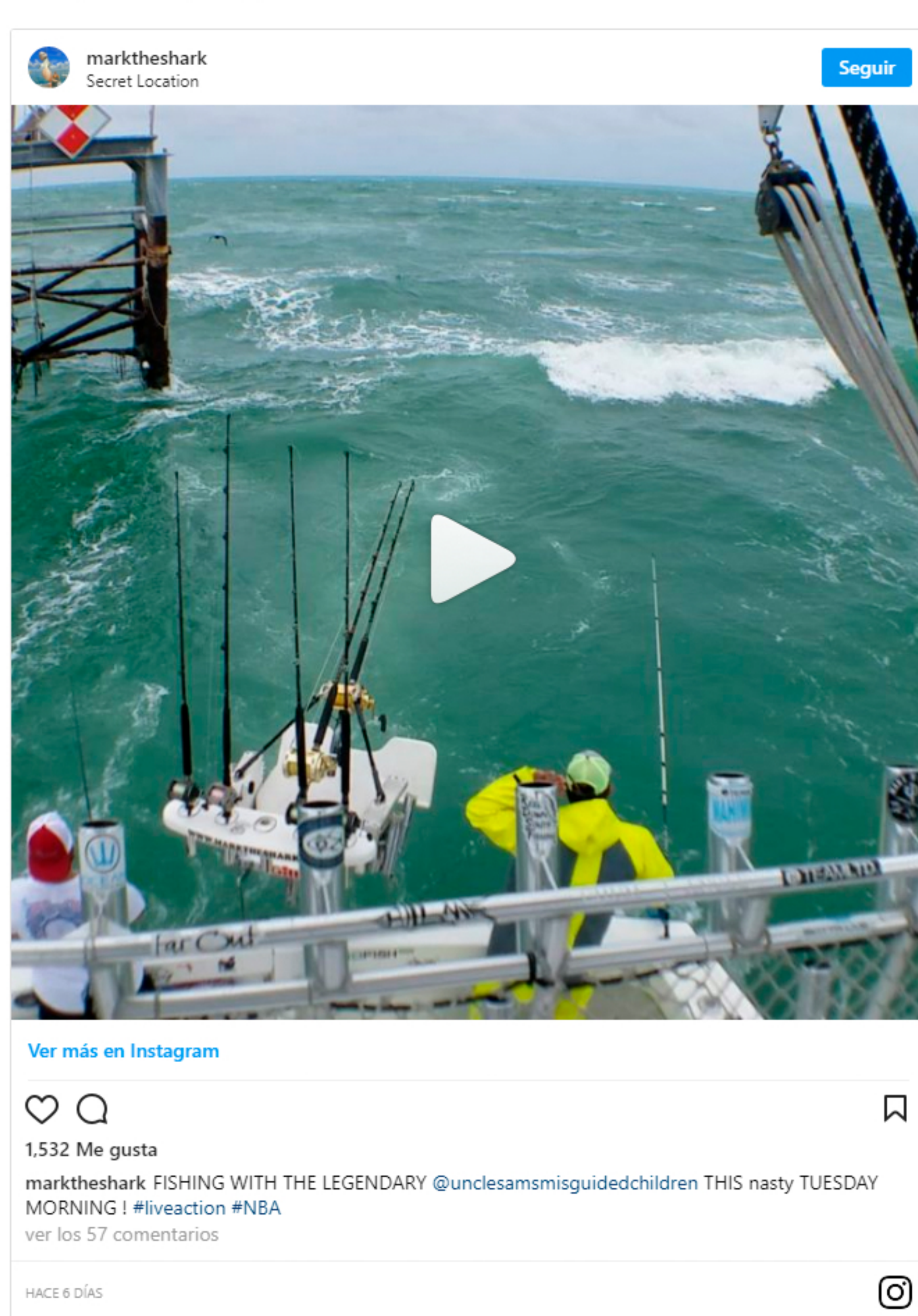
"It was fantastic getting to hang out with Mark and picking up with veterans."

### Wade Risha

Wade is a K-9 handler who earned his K-9 certification during his 4.5 years in the Marine Corps. With 1st Marine Division, they deployed to Afghanistan, among other places. He is originally from Sarasota, but moved to New York, and came back to Florida only recently. He now handles explosive detection dogs for a major national security company.

"It was awesome to meet members of the veteran community on the trip."

Tuesday was fairly rough out on the ocean.



Uncle Sam's has a highly varied group of followers. Join us! Mark Quartano's Monster Fish, Inc is rated the number 1 Charter Fishing destination in the region. He is offering the 50% discount for our "heroes" this weekend. To make your reservations, call Phone: 305-759-JAWS (5297) Or 305-542-FISH (3474). Follow Mark on Instagram @marktheshark.

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