

No cobia yet

The signs are right for cobia — however, nothing yet.

Capt. Cathi Wagner and the crew aboard the Full Pull have been out three times in the last week looking for cobia and haven't spotted one.

"Everything is perfect," she said — just no cobia.

The drop in temperature the last few days, however, could slow things up, she said.

"A couple of degrees in water temperature can make all the difference in the world," she said.

The water temperature Friday was 63 degrees. Cobia like it 65 or better.

Plus they had an east wind and they saw big turtles, which are all signs that cobia are on the way.

"Everything was there, but the cobia," Wagner said.

Last year, the first cobia was brought in on March 8 by Victor Wright — kicking off the HarborWalk Marina Destin Cobia Tournament.

This tournament begins each year when the first cobia is brought to the scales at the marina by a boat that is of-



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ficially registered in the tournament.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$425 up to March 14 and \$450 thereafter.

Proceeds from the event will go towards the Miss Destin Scholarship Fund.

This year, the tournament divisions include: Overall, first place prize of \$10,000; second, \$7,000; third, \$5,000;

and fourth, \$3,000.

The 30-foot-and-under division first place is \$3,000; second, \$2,000; third, \$1,000; and fourth, \$500.

The Martha Glawson Ladies Division will award first place of \$1,000; second, \$750; and third, \$500.

The Senior Division will award \$500 to the first place winner.

The Junior Division will award first place of \$300; second, \$200; third, \$100; and a Pee Wee Division first place winner will receive \$300.

There is more than

\$37,000 in guaranteed cash and prizes being awarded during this year's May 9 tournament awards party at Emerald Grande.

The HarborWalk Destin Cobia Tournament weigh-in stations will include two locations: HarborWalk Marina in Destin and Outcast Bait & Tackle in Pensacola.

For more information on the 2008 Destin Cobia Tournament or to register a boat contact HarborWalk Marina at (850) 337-8250 or visit www.destincobiatournament.com.