

Fee(s):
Entry-\$500

Points

\$2,000- Daily 70/30 Split
\$2,000-50/30/20 Overall Total
\$1,000-Winner Take All

Big Fish

\$1,000- Tuna
\$1,000- Wahoo
\$1,000- Dolphin

Tournament Rules

- All billfish will be released for points. No points will be rewarded for dead or mutilated billfish. Points are as follows: Blue Marlin, White Marlin, Sailfish, and Spearfish will be awarded **100** points each. Points are given for Billfish **ONLY**.
- Dolphin, Tuna, and Wahoo will be weighed, therefore no points will be associated with these fish weighed.
- Fishing hours are from **8:00AM** to **3:00PM** each day. Boats must return past the St. Augustine Sea Buoy no later than **6:00PM**. Boats acknowledged by the Committee Boat that they are "hooked up" prior to lines out at **3PM** may continue to fight the fish after lines out, but the boat must pass the Sea Buoy by the **6PM** deadline.
- Boats may fish no more than 6 rods at a time. Teasers are unlimited in size and number. Dead bait **only**, no live bait. No Planers.
- IGFA rules apply except as follows: leaders shall be limited to 15' (fifteen) feet, combined length of double line and leader shall not exceed 20' (twenty) feet, all line and leader subject to inspection. Any member of the crew may set the hook and pass the rod off only once. From the time the rod is handed off, the angler must fight the fish unassisted until released or lost. Only non-offset circle hooks are to be used with natural baits or combinations.
- Boats are required to comply with all State and Federal regulation pursuant to boat safety and licensing requirements.
- To qualify as a "released fish", the leader must be grasped by a crew member or touch the tip of the rod. A Billfish Release Affidavit must be completed and turned in each day with a release time/date stamped digital image (still or video) that clearly shows the fish and Daily Control Object, A billfish must be clearly recognizable.
- All boats must call in releases to the Committee Boat, at which time an official release time will be provided. In case of ties, the team that accumulates the highest point total first based on release times determines the winner. Committee Boat times, not camera times, will be the official release time. The Captain must sign daily catch affidavits. If you cannot raise a Committee Boat, take a digital picture image of your fish and immediately after, a picture of your GPS time. Assistance relaying between boats is appreciated.
- There is no "check-out" time. All entrants are allowed to leave the dock at any time after **12:00AM** midnight on the day of fishing. Fishing area is limited to 75 miles from the St. Augustine Sea Buoy. **Tournament Channel is VHF Channel 72.**
- All Protests must be settled the day they are officially logged with the Committee and Captains from subject boats must be present for a review. Protests must be field in writing and specific as to which rules violation and submitted to the Committee along with any evidence before **8:00PM** on the day the alleged infraction occurred. Protests must be accompanied by a \$200.00 deposit, refundable only if the protest is upheld.
- Any crew or team member of a boat eligible for prize money may be subjected to a polygraph test at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. By entering this even, the owner, Captain and/or Agent agrees that his/her crew, guests and participants agree to the rules set herein and to the final decision of the Tournament Committee. Refusal to submit to a polygraph test will result in automatic disqualification from the tournament. Tournament Committee may alter, change, or amend any rule at any time if they feel it is in the best interest of the tournament. Any decision-made by the Tournament Committee is final.
- There are **NO** refunds! In the case of mechanical breakdowns, a team may not request a transfer of their entry to a substitute boat to be approved by the Tournament Committee. Hardship cases will be reviewed individually.
- **WEATHER:** The tournament Committee may cancel fishing at any time it considers weather conditions to be unsafe. However, it is the Captain of each vessel that has the ultimate responsibility of determining if the conditions are safe or unsafe for his/her vessel. One day of fishing will constitute a complete Tournament and awards will be presented accordingly. As a last resort, if fishing is cancelled on the scheduled days (Friday and Saturday), Sunday will be used as a fishing day with awards to follow that evening. The Tournament Committee, at its sole discretion, may choose to hold the tournament on the first day weather permits if no scheduled days are fished.