

# CAYMAN FIRST INSURANCE ALL TACKLE TOURNAMENT

January 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017

## **The Tournament:**

**The Cayman First Insurance All Tackle Tournament** is a two-day multi-species event with prizes awarded for first, second and third heaviest Wahoo, Yellowfin Tuna and Dolphin. There will also be awards for the heaviest & 2<sup>nd</sup> heaviest eligible fish caught by a registered Junior angler, heaviest eligible fish caught by a Female angler, angler most Blue Marlin releases and boat Heaviest Grand Slam. For the purpose of this Tournament, a Junior Angler will be defined as a participant who has not attained the age of 17 prior to the start date of the Tournament.

All boats wishing to compete in the Blue Marlin release category must carry with them a digital video camera to record releases.

## **Eligible Species:**

Eligible species for the tournament include Wahoo, Dolphin, Yellowfin Tuna and Blue Marlin. Minimum weights for each species are as follows: Wahoo 15lbs, Dolphin 10lbs, Yellowfin Tuna 15lbs, all Blue Marlin must be released.

**Release Rules:** Blue Marlin are only eligible for the release category. All teams must provide their own video camera to verify releases. To score an official release, the fish must be at the leader, and an identifiable video must be taken of the fish. The video must identify the species and must also show the fish swimming away freely after release. At the end of the day's fishing, the camera and all video footage taken must be brought to the Release Recording Center, during designated hours, for verification of official release points. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of that day's catch. Please note that the verification must take place during weigh station hours on the day the fish is released. Do not delete any video footage taken during tournament hours.

## **Scoring:**

A boated fish or fish brought to the boat dead will not qualify as a release. This is a release category of the tournament. In the event of a tie, the prize shall be awarded to the angler, captain, boat or team first reaching the most releases. The time used in determining all such awards will be Tournament Control radio log time.

1. Any Blue Marlin being landed may result in a disqualification or some other penalty at the discretion of the Rules Committee.
2. **A fish is considered released when the swivel has made contact with the rod tip in an area of the covering board or above.** The hook may then be removed or the leader cut.

## **Entry Fees:**

The fee is CI\$250 per boat (up to four registered anglers), additional anglers may be registered at a cost of CI\$100 per additional angler. Junior anglers are eligible only for Junior prizes.

A meatfish Jackpot will also be run in this tournament. Entry fee is CI\$ 100 per species. Each species pot will be divided over the two fishing days and paid to the heaviest and second heaviest each day. The heaviest will receive 2/3 of the daily species pot and second heaviest will receive 1/3.

Registration, captains meeting and kickoff party will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., January 20<sup>th</sup>, at Grand Harbour.

## **Schedule of Events**

Event location: Weigh Station is located at Grand Harbour in Grand Cayman and Carib Sands in Cayman Brac.

- January 20<sup>th</sup> — Registration, captains meeting and kickoff party from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Grand Harbour.
- January 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> — Fishing day: 6 a.m. start, 4.00 p.m. lines out. Weigh Stations open 4.00pm to 6.00pm at Grand Harbour.
- January 22<sup>nd</sup> — Awards Ceremony 6:30pm at Grand Harbour.

## **Rules:**

The governing rules for this Tournament will be IGFA rules with the exception, that Wire Line IS permitted and fish hooked on Wire Line can be fought in the rod holder.

## **Daily Fishing Hours:**

Fishing will commence at 6.00 a.m. and end at 4.00 p.m. on January 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. The tournament control's time will act as the official time for the start, catch and release and end of fishing each day. The tournament committee reserves the privilege of changing starting and finishing times for any reason it deems necessary. A radio start will take place each morning at 6a.m.

## **Weigh-in:**

Weigh stations are located at Grand Harbour and Carib Sands dock. All fish for Tournament awards must be weighed on the same day caught. Weigh station hours are 4.00pm – 6.00pm on each Tournament day. The angler must be present when his/her fish is weighed.

## **Radio/Communications:**

All participating boats must have a working VHF radio on board at all times. VHF channel 28 in Grand Cayman will be the frequency which will be used for all Tournament communications. The telephone number for Tournament Control in Grand Cayman is 916-0179 or 945-3131. Boats fishing in the Sister Islands are required to call Tournament Control in Grand Cayman with all details of hook-up's and fish landed, lost or released. The use of cellular phones or satellite phones is an acceptable means of contact with Tournament Control. All hook-up's must be called in, and after landing or releasing all fish, the Captain shall as soon as possible report the species, line class, anglers name and the location. Lost fish should also be reported to Control.

Tournament Control radio hours are 6.00am – 6.00pm on all Tournament days. The tournament control's time will act as the official time for the start, catch and release and end of fishing each day without exception. The Captain of each boat **MUST** check in and out with Tournament Control each day. The Captain of any boat planning to fish out of VHF radio range (whether or not it has a satellite phone) must complete and deliver the appropriate form to a Tournament Official before 6.00pm on the day prior to fishing offshore. Any boat fishing offshore is not permitted to leave their dock before 10pm the night before fishing. All boats fishing out of VHF range and without satellite phone capability must maintain VHF contact with a participating boat which has such capability or which is in VHF contact with Tournament Control. Failure to comply with the foregoing will disqualify any fish caught that day.

## **Boats**

Any type of boat may be used in the Tournament. All participating boats shall have adequate safety equipment on board and must comply with the Port Regulations (2007 Revision), or any amendments thereto. For safety reasons, all boats must have a minimum of two people on board for the duration of all fishing hours.

**Weather:**

There is no weather committee. The tournament is conducted on a fish-at-your-own-risk basis. If any portion of the tournament is fished and a team or teams land fish that match the tournament's eligible species, then prizes will be awarded.

**Indemnity:**

It is expressly understood that all those participating in the Tournament do so at their own risk. By registering as an angler in the Tournament, the angler holds harmless The Cayman Islands Angling Club, all participating Sponsors, the Tournament Committee, the Rules Committee, Tournament Judges, the organizers, its sponsors and donors and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the Tournament from any liability for libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm injury or death suffered by any participant, entrant, sports-fisherman, their companions, boat captains, crew members, family, vessels and equipment which may occur during the Tournament. All registered anglers chartering boats do so entirely at their own risk. By registering as an angler in the Tournament, the angler consents to the use by the Tournament organizers, without payment or restrictions, any photographs in which he or she appears for any purpose whatsoever, including, but not limited to resale, advertising, commercial or promotional material. The angler further releases the Tournament organizers from any injury, loss or damage which may result from the use of said pictures.

**Protests:**

All protests must be stated in writing. All protests will be settled the day of the incident. All protests must be in the hands of the tournament's designated weigh master by 6.00 p.m. on the day of the alleged incident. The protesting party, as well as the accused team members, captain and crew, must be present in any official protest hearing. If the accused or protesting teams fail to show up for the protest hearing, they forfeit their right to be heard and will abide by the decision of the official tournament judges. All decisions of the official tournament judges are final.

**Special Regulations**

The Tournament Committee wishes to stress the conservation of our marine resources.

It is expected of all participants that only those fish weighed for Tournament awards or used for food purposes are kept. Other fish of all species should be carefully released.