



2023 Driff N Dragg Shootout

The Tournament: The Driff N Dragg Shootout is a two-day two species event with prizes awarded for first and second heaviest Wahoo & Yellowfin Tuna. There will also be an award for the Junior angler catching the heaviest eligible fish, Lady Angler catching the heaviest eligible fish and the boat catching the most weight of eligible fish.

Eligible Species:

Eligible species for the tournament are Wahoo & Yellowfin Tuna. Minimum weights are as follows: Wahoo 15lbs & Yellowfin Tuna 20lbs.

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 receive free entry.

Meatpots are optional for Wahoo and Yellowfin Tuna, entry fee for each species is CI\$100.

An optional Break The Weight Challenge will also be run in this tournament. Entry fee is CI\$100 per species.

Schedule of Events Event location: Weigh Stations are located at The Barcadere Marina in Grand Cayman and the Channel Wharf in Cayman Brac.

November 24th — Registration, Captains meeting and kickoff party from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at George Town Yacht Club & Captains Table.

November 25th & 26th — Fishing: 6 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. Weigh Station open 4.00pm to 6.00pm.

November 26th — Prize Giving: 6.30pm at George Town Yacht Club.

Fishing Hours: Fishing will commence at 6.00 a.m. and end at 4.00 p.m. on November 25th & 26th. Tournament control's time will act as the official time for the start, catch and end of fishing. The tournament committee reserves the privilege of changing starting and finishing times for any reason it deems necessary. A radio start will take place at 6a.m. each fishing day.

Weigh-in: The weigh station is located at The Barcadere Marina in Grand Cayman and the Channel Wharf in Cayman Brac. All fish for Tournament awards must be weighed on the same day caught. Weigh station hours are 4.00pm – 6.00pm each fishing day. An angler from the boat must be present when a fish is weighed.

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.

Rules:

1. IGFA - International Game Fish Association, Saltwater Angling Rules (www.igfa.org) **will not** apply throughout this Tournament. Wires lines are permitted. All fish caught in this tournament must be caught on manual rod & reel combos. Electric or hydraulic reels are not permitted. Fishing is restricted to within 12 miles of each island (Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac & Little Cayman), fishing offshore banks or the FAD is prohibited. Fighting any fish from the rod holder is prohibited. It is the responsibility of each registered angler and crew member to know, understand and abide by these Tournament rules during this competition.
2. All fish entered in the Tournament must be caught by registered anglers.
3. For the purposes of record fish, the relevant records are those current records in effect the day prior to the start of the Tournament. In line with IGFA regulations, in order to qualify as a new record, the weight must exceed the existing record by at least half of one percent.
4. All fish qualifying for any prize shall be subject to verification as to having been caught in compliance with all rules and regulations of this Tournament. The Rules Committee reserves the right to employ verification procedures at its own discretion including but not limited to the use of polygraph tests and consultation with any local or visiting marine biologist.
5. All cash prizes are in Cayman Islands dollars.
6. Fishing with live bait, as well as the use of kites is permitted.
7. There is no limit as to the number of lines which may be fished by each angler or from each boat.
8. 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, 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.

9. All fish for Tournament awards must be weighed on the same day it is caught prior to weigh station closing. The angler must be present when his/her fish is weighed.

10. 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, the Barcadere Marina, the George Town Yacht Club, the Tournament Committee, the Rules Committee 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.

11. 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.

Communications

12. 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 is 916-0179. 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 to tournament control and the angler fighting the fish must be identified at this time. After landing, or releasing, all fish, the Captain shall as soon as possible report the species, line class, short length of the fish and the location. Lost fish must also be reported. Please note that the requirement for calling in hook-up's and landed fish will be strictly enforced, if there is no record of the fish on the official Control Log, the fish will not be weighed, and will not be eligible for prizes.

13. Tournament Control radio hours are 6:00am – 6:00pm on all Tournament days. The Captain of each boat **MUST** check in and out with Tournament Control each day. Failure to comply with the foregoing will disqualify any fish caught that day. This rule will be strictly enforced. Travel between islands is not permitted on fishing days.

Anglers/Junior Anglers fees.

14. The entry fee for the Tournament is CI\$250 per boat of up to 4 anglers. The entry fee entitles the anglers to enter fish caught by him/her during fishing hours on all Tournament days. No refunds of entry fees will be made for any cause after the first day of the Tournament. Each boat and anglers must

register online and be registered by 7:30pm the day prior to fishing. Save in exceptional circumstances, anglers are not permitted to change boats for the duration of the tournament. If an exceptional event occurs, such as engine failure, permission to change boats must be received from the Tournament Committee prior to fishing. The composition of a team must remain the same for the duration of the tournament.

15. A registered junior angler is a boy or girl who has not attained age 17 on the day of the start of the Tournament. Juniors must be registered but are allowed free entry to the tournament and do not count toward the 4 members that comprise a team. Junior Anglers are only eligible for Junior Angler prizes. For the avoidance of doubt, fish caught by Junior anglers are eligible for jackpots and all boat prizes. A team may register an angler under age 17 as an adult angler/team member by paying all fees, this angler will not be eligible for Junior prizes but will be eligible for all angler/team prizes.

16. Sanctioned tournaments during the Driff N Dragg Shootout (Meatpots and Break the Weight Challenge) have their own prize lists and separate entry fees for those who choose to participate. In order to participate in the sanctioned tournaments anglers must first be registered with the Driff N Dragg Shootout.

17. In the event of a tie, the prize shall be awarded to the angler, boat or team first landing the winning fish or first reaching the winning points total as the case may be. The time used in determining all such awards will be Tournament Control radio log time.

18. A registered angler may not qualify as both angler and boat captain in catching any fish.

19. The Cayman Islands Angling Club, reserves the right to refuse entry to any angler and/or boat.

Protests

20. All protests must be filed in writing or electronically (email, text message, etc) with Tournament Control before closure of the weigh station on the day of the alleged offence. Any pictures/videos or supporting evidence must be submitted with the protest. The Rules Committee will consult with both the protesting and protested party to make a ruling on the protest. If either party refuses to consult with the Rules Committee they forfeit their rights of representation in the protest process. All fish caught on the protested boat on the day that a protest has been upheld by the Rules Committee, will be automatically disqualified, unless, the Rules Committee in their sole discretion decide otherwise.

21. The Rules Committee will decide on appropriate penalties based on the rules that have been broken. These penalties may include the boat and or anglers being banned from participating in future events. All decisions of the Rules Committee shall be final.

22. "Spirit of the Tournament" – All fishing, conduct, protests and rulings are to be within the intentions and spirit of the Tournament. It is intended to be enjoyable, in good fellowship, and for everyone to have a good time. Unacceptable conduct (ashore or at sea), unfounded protests, etc. will be strongly considered as grounds for exclusion from the tournament in future years.

Special Regulations

23. 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.