

2018 Dust 'Em Off Sailfish

Warm up – Rules & Regulations

Dates

November 7- 11 2018

Venue

**Historic Maxwell Room
10 S. New River Drive East
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301**

Entry Fee & Prize Structure - \$500 + 7% tax (\$400+ 7% tax Early Entry)

Early entry ends Oct 30. A percentage of entry fees will be retained by the tournament.

Overall

1st Place boat - 40% & Trophy
2nd Place boat - 30% & Trophy
3rd Place boat - 20% & Trophy
4th Place boat - 10% & Trophy

Charter boat Division

1st Place boat- Trophy
2nd Place boat- Trophy
3rd Place boat- Trophy

Professional Division

1st Place boat- Trophy
2nd Place boat - Trophy
3rd Place boat - Trophy

Semi-Professional Division

1st Place boat- Trophy
2nd Place boat - Trophy
3rd Place boat - Trophy

Junior Angler

Trophy

Lady Angler

Trophy

Top Angler

Trophy

Top Captain

Trophy

Additional Prize Options

Spice it up: \$250 – 80/20

Still Got it: \$500 – 70/20/10

Dusted off: \$1000- 50/30/20

Captain's Purse: \$2000- 50/30/20

Charter boat special: \$250 80/20 (**Charter boats only**)

Heaviest Single Fun Fish Minimum weight 10 lbs (Dolphin, Kingfish, Tuna (Blackfin or Yellowfin), Wahoo): \$250 – 100%

Fish will be weighed to the (.00 lb), must be in edible condition and caught that tournament day. No mutilated fish (based on tournament committee's opinion) will be accepted. In the event of a tie, time will determine the winner

Mahogany Challenge

Entry: \$400 (All proceeds go to charity)

Charity Cut: \$500 (50/30/20)

Criteria for Charter Boat

Licensed Charter vessel with paying customers.

Criteria for Professional Boat- More than 2 paid personnel including captains, mates and anglers.

Criteria for Semi-Professional Boat- Less than 2 paid personnel including captains, mates and anglers.

(Decision to enter divisions lays solely on the team within criteria)

Junior Angler – 16 years of age or younger.

Captain's Meeting

Nov 07, 2018 at the Historic Maxwell Room at 10 S. New River Drive East Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 at 6:00PM

Awards Ceremony

Nov 11, 2018 at the Historic Maxwell Room at 10 S. New River Drive East Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 at 11:00AM

Boundaries – None

Check out - This is not an inlet specific tournament. There will be no visual checkout however, **an image of the release card provided at the Captain's Meeting along with a timepiece showing any time between 7:00 and 7:30 am will be considered checkout.**

Lines in – Saturday, Nov 10, 2018 at 7:30AM

Lines out - 3:30PM

Comms – This will be a phone in tournament. Phone numbers for the committee office will be provided at the captain's meeting.

Cameras and Procedure - Cameras must start with an image of the release card provided at the Captain's Meeting along with a timepiece between the times of 7:00AM and 7:30AM (This will be considered checkout). Accepted timepieces are GPS, VHF or Cellular devices. **Billfish must be identified via video only.** The Fish must be leaedered/released safely, then video of the angler holding up the catch card and stating the release number must be provided before next fish is submitted. In the case of a multiple hookup, releasing all fish before stating the release number is permitted. There must be no break from identifying to release of billfish. Camera footage must be dropped off **no later than 5:30PM** at any of our designated weight stations. Camera footage becomes property of the tournament. Approved cameras are any with a mini or micro USB card. A cell phone may be used in the case of an emergency. Contact the committee office to notify if a change is being made.

Hooking Fish - Each eligible fish entered in this tournament must be hooked and caught by a single angler. No person may hook a fish, or assist in hooking a fish then pass a rod to another angler. If multiple strikes occur on separate lines, and if a single angler is capable of hooking and catching more than one of the fish without the assistance of any other person, then each fish may be eligible for entry by such angler subject to the other rules of this tournament. The use of a rod holder to hook a

fish is permitted provided that no person other than the angler who ultimately enters the fish touches the rod or reel once the fish is hooked. If the main line or double line is touched by anyone other than the angler the fish is considered disqualified. Mate can "pop the ring out of the clip" and shake weeds off the main line.

Release – A "Release" is official once the mate touches the "Leader" material and cuts the leader. **Tipping is not considered a release.** In the event a fish is completely wrapped in the leader, the fish will count as a release if it is within touching range of the handle end of a gaff, tagging stick or extendable brush handle. **DO NOT GAFF THE FISH!!**

Final 15 mins - The final 15 minutes of the tournament ALL billfish hookups must be called in. In addition all video in the final 15 mins must start with a time stamp at hookup to insure the fish was hooked before lines out.

Catch Cards – Cards must be filled out to match with the confirmation number and time provided by the Release Committee. Incomplete or improperly completed cards may be rejected by the tournament committee. Release cards must be dropped off no later than 5:30PM at any of our designated weight stations. **Any cards dropped off after 5:30PM (1730) will be disqualified.**

Scoring
All billfish count as 100 points. Time will determine the winner in the event of a tie.

General Information

Time Frame – 7:30AM – 3:30PM

Lines – 8

Leaders – Max length 15' (ft.)

Hooks - Circle hooks Only

Anglers – No Limit

Bait – Live or Dead accepted. Chumming prohibited.

Mahogany Challenge

November 9th \$400 entry.

Lines in- 8am

Lines out 2:30pm

Honor System

No Fun fish

Catch cards collected on Nov 10th(Saturday)

Added Prize Option

Charity Cut: \$500 (50/30/20)

Weigh Station – There will be 3 check in/ weigh stations. Once a team reports to one of the stations with a weighable fish the team is considered checked in and may turn in catch cards and media. Those reporting to Miami Beach Marina, turn catch cards in at the fuel dock and weigh fish at the beginning of the pier adjacent to Montys. Those reporting to LHP Marina, turn in on the NORTH side of the fuel dock. Those reporting to Sailfish Marina, turn in to the fuel dock on the middle pier.

Miami Beach Marina

300 Alton Rd
Miami Beach, FL 33139

Light House Point Marina

2831 Marina Circle
Lighthouse Point, FL 33064

Sailfish Marina

98 Lake Drive
West Palm Beach, FL 33404

Weather - Tournament officials may cancel the tournament day if in their best judgment unsafe conditions exist at sea for the average boat entered. No refunds of any sort will be made for any cause in the event of such cancellation. If the day (or any portion thereof) is "weathered out", the tournament results will be final based on the results of the official fishing time that can be completed. Notice of cancellation and/or resumption of fishing will be provided via Committee Phone. A determination permitting fishing by tournament officials should not be interpreted to mean that the tournament ensures the safety of any registered angler or occupant of any boat. Anglers must make their own judgments whether to fish under the prevailing weather conditions based on the size and seaworthiness of

their boat, their seamanship skills, and any other relevant factors.

Protests - Any protests concerning the conduct of an angler or rules violations must be filed in writing with the tournament committee no later than the close of the weigh station on the day of the alleged violation. Protests will be handled by the rules committee. The decisions of the rules committee are final.

Refunds - No refunds will be given for any reason including, but not limited to acts of nature, war, national security, or travel restrictions.

Ties - All ties will be broken based on time. The earlier billfish release or earlier fun fish weigh-in will win the tie.

Committee Office Phone Numbers –

Hold Harmless - All registered anglers and non-registered occupants of their boats enter and participate in this tournament voluntarily at their own risk. In consideration for the tournament's acceptance of his or her entry, each angler, for his or her heirs, executors, and administrators, agrees to release, hold harmless and indemnify the Tournament (Ben Sharpe), its officers, managers, directors, agents, sponsors, donors, the city and county where the event is held, and all other persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the tournament, from and against any and all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs, fees or expenses which he or she may have against any above-described party, or which his or her captains, crew members, family members, companions or nonregistered occupants of their boat may have, arising out of or in any way connected with his or her participation in this tournament, including any injury or death suffered by any registered angler, boat captains, crew members, family members, companions or other occupants of any boat, and including any damage to vessels and equipment, which occurs during or in conjunction with the event. Each Angler understands and agrees that this release specifically includes and waives any claims based

on libel, slander, negligence, action or inaction of any above-named party.

Signing of the Entry Sheet - By signing the entry form, the Boat Owner/Team Representative agrees to follow the above tournament rules. All Boat Owners/Team Representatives are required to sign the entry form as certification that they have read and agreed to abide by all guidelines and the above liability release.

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