

# 2021 Dust 'Em Off Sailfish Warm Up – Rules & Regulations

## Dates

December 1-5, 2021

## Prize Structure:

Note: A percentage of all fees will be retained by the tournament for event cost.

## Overall

1<sup>st</sup> Place boat - 40% & Trophy

2<sup>nd</sup> Place boat - 30% & Trophy

3<sup>rd</sup> Place boat - 20% & Trophy

4<sup>th</sup> Place boat – 10% & Trophy

Charter boat Division 1<sup>st</sup> Place boat - Trophy (\*Min of 3 teams required to be awarded)

## Professional Division

1<sup>st</sup> Place boat - Trophy

2<sup>nd</sup> Place boat - Trophy

3<sup>rd</sup> Place boat - Trophy

## Semi-Professional Division (Includes Amateur teams)

1<sup>st</sup> Place boat - Trophy

2<sup>nd</sup> Place boat - Trophy

3<sup>rd</sup> Place boat - Trophy

## Junior Angler

Custom Award

## Lady Angler

Custom Award

## Top Angler

Custom Award

## Top Captain

Custom Award

## Additional Prize Options

(\*can be subject to change until Capt. Meeting)

**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**)

**Mahogany Challenge:** \$500 (Free entry for 2021 awarded to category winner – funds donated to 501c3 Mahogany Youth Corp.)

## Criteria for Charter Boat

Licensed Charter vessel with paying customers.

## Criteria for Professional Boat

None.

## Criteria for Semi-Professional Boat

Less than 3 paid personnel including captains, mates and anglers.

(Decision to enter divisions lay solely on the team within criteria. Note: a service fee via square app will be applied to all transactions.)

## Junior Angler

16 years of age or younger.

## Awards Ceremony

Dec. 5, 2021 (11:30AM-1:00PM) at the historic Maxwell Room at 10 S New River Dr E, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

Videos streamed on social media. (Instagram/ FB)

## Boundaries

Offshore of Florida Atlantic Coast - None

## Angler Substitutions

Angler substitutions must be completed before lines in via the Dust'em Off app.

## 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 7:30 and 8:00 am will be considered checkout.**

### Lines in

Saturday, Dec. 04, 2021 at 8:00AM

### Lines out

Saturday, Dec. 04, 2021 at 4:00PM

### Communication:

This will be a phone in tournament. Phone numbers for the committee office will be provided at the captain's meeting. **All tournament comms between tournament boats will be on channel 74.** (\*Subject to changes)

### 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 7:30AM and 8:00AM (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 stating the time & committee issued release number. 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 uploaded via the tournament App (by Reel Time Apps) **no later than 8PM.** Camera footage becomes property of the tournament. A cell phone may be used as long as video is consistent with all other rules requirements. Contact the committee office to notify if a change is being made. In the event video is unable to be uploaded team may contact, Director- Courtney to send video files electronically or provide SD card footage. No Video = No Fish.

### 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/Text 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. A photo of the release cards must be uploaded to the Tournament App with release videos no later than 8PM. **Any cards uploaded after 8PM 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 – 8:00AM – 4:00PM

Lines – 8

Leaders – Max length 15' (ft.)

Hooks - Circle hooks Only

Anglers – No Limit

Bait – Live or Dead accepted. Chumming prohibited.

### 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 fishing day on the day of the alleged violation. Along with a non-refundable \$500. Protests will be handled by the rules committee. The decisions of the rules committee are final.

### **Refunds**

No refunds for entry fees will be given for any reason including, but not limited to acts of nature, war, national security, Covid-19, vessel malfunctions 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.

### **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 (Courtney Bowden, Contact Courtney Consulting, LLC), 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.

### **Committee Phone CALL-IN Numbers:**

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