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TOBAGO INTERNATIONAL GAME FISHING TOURNAMENT

2009

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March

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TOURNAMENT Information

Location:

This Tournament is held at Charlotteville, Tobago, located at the north eastern tip of the island and is just three miles from some of the best big game fishing grounds around Tobago. Co-ordinates: N11.19, W060.34.

Registration:

Registration will take place at the TIGFT Base located at Charlotteville on Wednesday 18th March, 2009 from 2:00pm to 5:30pm. Pre Registration is available. Please contact Ramona Pazos (monz@tstt.net.tt) for assistance. Pre Registration ends on Friday 13th March, 2009 at 5:30pm.

Entrance Fee:

The entrance fee for this tournament is US\$200.00 per angler. Minimum of four (4) anglers per team. Note, those who wish to compete in the Junior Angler category must be born on or after 1st January 1993 to qualify. All Junior Anglers will receive a \$300 voucher courtesy D. Mankee & Co. Ltd. **(NO CREDIT CARD FACILITIES AVAILABLE).**

Tournament Headquarters:

Charlotteville will be the official headquarters of the TIGFT.

Communications:

All participating boats must have a working "ship to shore" VHF radio on board at all times. Channel 62 is the frequency which will be used for all tournament communications. All strikes, hook ups, catches and releases must be reported to Tournament Control as they occur. Tournament Control will operate from 6:00am to 6:00pm each fishing day and from 8:00am to 6:00pm on Lay Day.

Digital Cameras:

All participating boats must have a DIGITAL CAMERA with Memory Card onboard to be used for Tag & Release photos. TIGFT will not provide cameras. It is recommended that you have more than one camera onboard and back-up batteries or chargers. The camera should have a minimum resolution of 3.2 megapixels. You are required to bring your Digital Camera and Memory Card to the scale for processing each day. All

Digital Cameras and Memory Cards are to be brought to Registration for recording of serial numbers and clearing of Memory Cards. TIGFT is not responsible for photos lost. Only registered Cameras and Cards will be accepted at the scale.

Captain's Briefing:

The Captain's Briefing will be held at Sharon and Pheb's Restaurant on Wednesday 18th March, 2009 at 6:30pm.

Bimini Start:

On Thursday 19th March, 2009 (Day 1), at 7:00am. All participating boats will receive 200 points. Communicate with Tournament Control to inform of participation.

Protest Rule:

A radio report of any protest must be made to Tournament Control within three hours of the alleged offence. Written confirmation of the protest must be lodged with the Tournament Protest Committee no later than 24 hours after the alleged offence has taken place. The Protest Committee will comprise the Tournament Judge and three visiting anglers. Note that no members of the Tournament Organizing Committee will be on the Protest Committee.

Boat Pool:

Boats may participate in an optional boat pool at a cost of US\$200.00 per boat, payable at the time of registration. The pool will be determined on the aggregate weight of all species accepted at the scale. Underweight fish will NOT qualify or count to aggregate. The pool will be divided as follows: 1st Boat 50%, 2nd Boat 30%, 3rd Boat 20%. **(NO CREDIT CARD FACILITIES AVAILABLE).**

Circle Hooks:

Twenty-five (25) additional points will be awarded to anglers and teams catching Billfish using Circle Hooks. The Release photo must clearly show the use of a Circle Hook.

Awards Ceremony:

The awards ceremony will take place at 8:30pm on Sunday 22nd March, 2009. The location will be announced. Dinner tickets are provided to registered

anglers. Additional tickets for this event can be purchased.

Anglers Party:

Anglers Party will be held at Charlotteville on Friday 20th at 7:00pm. Food will be provided. Bring your cooler.

Lay Day Activities:

On Saturday 21st March, 2009 there will be a cook-up lime for all anglers at 1:00pm.

Fuel:

Fuel will be available at Charlotteville. Captains are advised to contact the Tournament Committee regarding fuel arrangements.

Bait:

Bait can be obtained at Charlotteville, subject to availability.

Ice:

Ice can be purchased at the Bay View Supermarket located at the base of the Charlotteville jetty.

Water:

Water will be provided at the Charlotteville jetty.

Customs & Immigration:

Customs and Immigration will be available at Charlotteville for all participating foreign boats.

Meals:

Breakfast will be provided for all registered anglers on every fishing day from 4:30am to 5:30am. A meal will also be provided on the first day of fishing.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Momoi's PROMOTION

All boats participating in the TIGFT 2009 will receive one free re-load of 50 lb. Momoi's Hi-Catch Line. The TIGFT will facilitate the loading of this line on any brand reel free of charge during registration.



RULES & REGULATIONS

The rules laid down by the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) will be followed in this Tournament and, whilst there are no judges on each boat, a very high standard of sportsmanship is expected. In case of any disputes, the decision of the Tournament Protest Committee is final.

FISHING HOURS

Thursday 19th March, 2009
(Bimini Start) - 7:00am to 4:30pm
Friday 20th March, 2009 - 6:00am to 4:00pm
Sunday 22nd March, 2009 - 6:00am to 3:00pm

No boat will be allowed to leave the bay before 5:30 am on any fishing day.

Fish hooked and reported to Tournament Control before "lines up" each day will be accepted at the Weigh Station, with the exception of the final day (Sunday 22nd March, 2009) where all fish, cameras, and tag reports must be brought to the Weigh Station by 4:00pm.

Please note that only trolling is allowed in this tournament.

ELIGIBLE SPECIES

Blue Marlin, White Marlin, Sailfish, Spearfish, Yellow Fin Tuna, Dolphin (Mahi Mahi) and Wahoo are the only species accepted for points and weight prizes.

LINE TEST

The following line tests are allowed: 30, 50, 80, 130lbs.

WEIGH STATION

The weigh station is located at the Charlotteville jetty. All fish hooked and reported to Tournament Control before "lines up" each day will be accepted at the Weigh Station, with the exception of the final day (Sunday 22nd March, 2009) where all fish, digital cameras with memory cards and tag reports must be brought to the Weigh Station by 4:00pm.

MINIMUM WEIGHTS

The Minimum weights of eligible species accepted at the Weigh Station will be as follows:

Blue Marlin	400lbs
White Marlin	50lbs
Sailfish	50lbs
Spearfish	50lbs
Yellow Fin Tuna	20lbs
Dolphin (Mahi Mahi)	20lbs
Wahoo	20lbs

Please note that all fish brought to the weigh station become the property of the Tournament.

Points will be deducted for underweight fish as follows:

Blue Marlin under 400lbs	-200 points
White Marlin under 50lbs	-100 points
Sailfish under 50lbs	-100 points
Spearfish under 50lbs	-100 points

All billfish boated must be brought to scale. Failure to do so will incur penalty points as stated above.

RECORD FISH

The current records observed by the TIGFT are as follows:

Blue Marlin	890 lbs.	- Angler Sean Mendonza
White Marlin	58 lbs.	- Angler B. Hernandez
Sailfish	91 lbs.	- Angler G. Lai Quong
Yellow Fin Tuna	142 lbs.	- Angler C.O. Williams
Dolphin	63.12 lbs.	- Angler Rolph Agar
Wahoo	103 lbs.	- Angler Carl Leung

Note: IGFA rule on record replacement for fish over 25 pounds (11.33kg). To replace a record fish weighing 25 pounds (11.33kg) or more, the replacement must weigh at least one half of 1 percent more than the existing record. At 100 pounds (45.35kg), the additional weight required would be 8 ounces (226.7 gm); at 200 pounds (90.71kg), the additional weight required would be 1 pound (.453kg); and so on.

AWARDING OF RECORD PRIZE

Should more than one fish in any species break the existing record, the largest fish at the end of the tournament would be declared the winner. Should there be a "tie", the record prize would go to the angler on a "first-to-boat-the-fish" basis at the time reported to Tournament Control.

POINT SYSTEM

Points will be awarded as follows:

- Fish caught on 130 lb Test will be awarded 0.75 point per pound
- Fish caught on 80 lb Test will be awarded 1.00 point per pound
- Fish caught on 50 lb Test will be awarded 1.25 points per pound
- Fish caught on 30 lb Test will be awarded 1.50 points per pound

RELEASE

Release points will be awarded as follows:

Blue Marlin	350 points
White Marlin	200 points
Sailfish & Spearfish	150 points

Twenty-five (25) additional points will be awarded to anglers and teams catching Billfish using Circle Hooks. The Release photo must clearly show the use of a Circle Hook.

BONUS POINTS

A bonus of one (1) point per pound will be added to the score for Blue Marlin 400 lbs and over brought to scale. For example a 600 lb Blue Marlin will earn 200 points additional bonus added to the score (as calculated by the line test on which the fish was caught).

An incremental 50 point bonus will be added to the Release points earned by a team for each subsequent successful Release after their first. In other words, a team's first Billfish Release is worth the normal points as listed above, their second will be worth normal points plus 50 bonus points, their third will be worth normal points plus 100

bonus points. That is, for three (3) Billfish Releases, a total of 150 bonus points will be earned, for four (4) Billfish Releases, a total of 300 bonus points will be earned. For six (6) Billfish Releases, a total of 750 bonus points will be earned, and so on.

Please note, that in order to obtain Release points, teams must submit a clear photo that properly identifies the fish about to be released. You are required to bring your Digital Camera and Memory Card to the scale for processing. In the event that the photo does not clearly identify the species of fish, or for some reason the fish does not appear to be a completed Release, the Tournament Protest Committee will be called upon to decide whether or not points will be awarded. The decision of the Protest Committee will be final.



SPORTSMANSHIP/ CONDUCT

All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves. Examples of conduct not complying with those standards include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Violation of, or failure to comply with, any of the official rules for the TIGFT Tournament.
- Any words, conduct or actions reflecting unfavourably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with the tournament rules.

In case of any conduct not complying with the standards, the TIGFT shall have the right to refuse any application, or to deny a confirmed application, by returning the entry fee of a previously accepted application, or to disqualify a contestant.

OTHER REGULATIONS

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 tournament committee, tournament judges, organizers, sponsors, 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 occur during or in conjunction with the Tournament.

TIGFT 2009 PRIZES

RECORD BREAKERS

Blue Marlin Mercedes Benz B-Class



White Marlin

\$20,000 TTD

Sailfish

\$20,000 TTD

Dolphin

\$10,000 TTD

Wahoo

\$10,000 TTD

Yellowfin Tuna

\$10,000 TTD

ANGLER PRIZES

Best Male Angler	- Penn 80 VSW Reel and Rod, Trophy, Art Work Print
Best Female Angler	- Penn 70 VS Reel and Rod, Trophy, Art work Print
Best Jr. Male Angler	- Penn 30 VSW Reel and Rod, Art Work
Best Jr. Female Angler	- Penn 30 VSW Reel and Rod, Art Work
Best Overall Jr. Angler	- Anthony Lee Loy "Ironman" Memorial Challenge Trophy
Best Release Angler	- Assortment of Lures from Sekard Technology, Art Work and Trophy
Best Release Team	- Assortment of Lures from Sekard Technology

BEST BOATS

1st Place	- Qualify to participate in the Bonnier/IGFA Tournament of Champions; 2 Penn 130 VSX Reels and 2 Penn 80 VS Reels with Penn Rods; Gaff & Tag Stick, Trophy, YETI Cooler and Black Bart Lure Kit.
2nd Place	- 2 Penn 80 VSW Reels with Penn Rods; Gaff & Tag Stick; Trophy and Black Bart Lure Kit plus YETI Cooler.
3rd Place	- 2 Penn 70 VSW Reels with Penn Rods; Gaff & Tag Stick; Trophy and Black Bart Lure Kit plus YETI Cooler.
4th & 5th Place	- Penn Down Riggers; Gaff & Tag Stick; Black Bart Products plus YETI Cooler.
6th - 10th Place	- Gaff & Tag Stick; Black Bart Products plus YETI Cooler.

LARGEST OF SPECIES

Blue Marlin	- Penn International 130 VSX Reel & Rod / Bodo Muche Bronze Sculpture
White Marlin	- Penn International 70 VS Reel & Rod / Bodo Muche Bronze Sculpture
Sailfish	- Penn International 50 VSW Reel & Rod / Bodo Muche Bronze Sculpture
Spearfish	- Penn International 50 VSW Reel & Rod / Trophy
Yellowfin Tuna	- Penn International 50 VSW Reel & Rod / Trophy
Wahoo	- Penn International 50 VSW Reel & Rod / Trophy
Dolphin	- Penn International 50 VSW Reel & Rod / Trophy

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