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SPECIES

- This is primarily a Blue Marlin tournament; however, White Marlin and Sailfish qualify for scoring. 300 points BM, 100 points WM, SF.

LINES

- Wire/metallic lines are prohibited.
- Lines will be up to 30 pounds test tournament certified.
- I.G.F.A rules for 30-pound test is allowed in all tackle up to 30. This rule says (40'feet from double line to hook and none of its components can exceed 30').
- The Organizing Committee has the right to inspect any fishing equipment for verification of compliance with this regulation.
- No spinning reels are allowed.

CATEGORIES and AWARDS

- There will be two categories with prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd best boats: Sonar Category and Non-Sonar Category. Plus an award for Best Overall Angler, Best Lady Angler, and Best Junior Angler; and a qualifying spot for the Overall Best Boat at the 2024 Offshore World Championship.

BOAT

- Shall be admitted boats over 25 feet of length, appropriately equipped for Blue Marlin fishing. It's mandatory and necessary to have VHF radio frequency, properly functioning on channel 72.
- All vessels must have at least two anglers, the maximum allowed is 4. Every angler must have been formally registered in the tournament.
- Regular rotation of the rod position with which the participants are fishing is optional.

FISHERMEN

- The minimum age to participate as an angler is 13.

CATCH

- This is a catch and release tournament. The main purpose of this tournament is to reward boats, whose anglers catch and release the most billfish.



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RELEASE

- For each hook-up, the captain will call Radio Control, channel 72, to inform the name of the boat. Control will give the time at this moment. For the release, the captain will call the name of angler and position.
- Proof of release will consist of digital video, which should show enough images of the fish and clearly appears to determine the species. The video must show the actual moment of the double line entering the rod or the mate with the leader on his hands. As well as the face of the angler and the color band of the day.
- All Blue Marlin reported and released according to tournament rules will have a value of 300 points. White Marlin, Sailfish, and Spearfish will have a value of 100 points each, valid for vessel scores.
- It is each boat's responsibility to have the required video camera.

RELEASE REPORTS

- Reports and videos must be delivered daily to the main office by 7:30pm to be review and certified. There will be 3 judges from different nationalities in this committee. The tournament will give 4 color bands that will have to appear on the video. 4 color bands, 3 days of fishing. The color of each day will be announced by radio control by 6:45am or before departing.

FISHING HOURS

- Boats can leave the docks by 6:00am and start fishing at 6:45am, lines out at 5:00pm on the first day and 4:45pm on the last day.

FIGHTING TIME

- The fisherman will have 2 hours to release the fish unless the crew agrees on one more hour, at this point the fish will not count. The crew can extend this time indefinitely.

TYING / DEAD HEAT

- In case of a tie, the winner will be the one that first reported the release.

MUTILATED OR DOUBLE HOOKED UP FISH

- Mutilated fish or hook-up by more than one angler do not qualify as a catch for the team, angler, or boat, and must be reported to control.



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BAITS

- Natural or artificial baits are allowed. Naturals with circle (not offset) hooks and artificial with one J hook, in accordance with IGFA rules.
- One rod per angler is allowed in the water at time.

FISHING AREA

- The fishing area is unlimited.

RADIO FREQUENCY

- Control of the tournament will operate on channel 72 VHF. This frequency should be used only for matters of the tournament, especially during peak hours, such as the last 10 minutes of each fishing day. Use channel 68 for other communications.

VALIDATION COMMITTEE OR JUDGES

- The Validation Committee or Judges will be Luis Infanzón from PR, Alfonso Khouri from RD, and Rafael Martinez from Venezuela. The judges' ruling on any reports will be final after they consider all parts and views.

THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

- The Tournament Director is allowed to make changes it deems appropriate to these regulations, as long as they do not affect retroactively any article. These changes will be notified to participants by the Control or during the captains' meeting.

THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

- The Organizing Committee has the right to send a judge in any of the fishing boats, as well as to inspect any boat and fishing equipment at the time it deems appropriate. The organizing committee can require fishermen to bring their equipment to review lines, etc.

JUDGES

- Tournament Judges can impose sanctions for infringements of these rules, or any rule subsequently issued by the tournament management, made known to the participants.



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BOATS RETURNING TO THE DOCK

- The boats can return to the dock before the deadline or during the competition time to collect a delayed angler duly registered or to return any participant that for any reason cannot continue on board. This return must be notified to control before proceeding. From the moment that a boat notifies their intention to return until confirming resumption of fishing they may not report any hook-up.

ATTACKS AND / OR APPROACHES.

- When a fish strikes the bait of a fisherman, or is approaching it, the other fishermen in the boat may not touch the rod in question, nor help reel it, nor manipulate the lines or spur lines to the unit that is attacking the angler's bait. As a rule or common practice, experienced anglers grab their rods and are ready when a fish is in the spread in case the fish suddenly switches direction or there is a second fish that has not shown itself yet.

DOUBLE HOOK-UPS

- At the time of hook-up the captain will have 1 minute to look for another fish after that, all lines out. The following hook-ups will have the same amount of time of fighting time as the first, starting at the release of the first and so on.

UNREGISTERED GUESTS

- Unregistered guests are allowed on board. However, they are NOT permitted to offer help to the fishermen.

IGFA RULES

- The IGFA (International Game Fishing Association) rules are valid and enforceable in this tournament, except in those points in which they are in conflict with specific regulations of this tournament.