



# REGISTRATION FORM

Belize Dollars

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Captain's Name \_\_\_\_\_      Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Angler 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_      Angler 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Angler 3 Name \_\_\_\_\_      Angler 4 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 - Guest Over 18 years (\$50), Under 18 years (\$25) each (includes Captain's dinner + T-shirt)  
  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_      Email \_\_\_\_\_  
  
 T-Shirt Sizes (write quantities next to size)    \_\_\_ S    \_\_\_ M    \_\_\_ L    \_\_\_ XL    \_\_\_ XXL

Make check payable to **Grand Caribe Property Management Ltd.**

**Terms:** All participants acknowledge and accept that some of the activities in this fishing tournament can be risky and dangerous and these activities are done entirely at their own risk. All participants agree that they will not hold Grand Caribe Belize liable or responsible for any injury, loss or damage that occurs at or as a result of this fishing tournament.

- I understand and accept these terms  
 I accept BGFA & Oceana rules

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<p><b>REGISTRATION</b> All entries must be received by 10 pm Thursday, August 9th, 2018 to be eligible for the tournament.</p> <p><b>ENTRY FEE</b> \$1,200.00 per boat (Includes 4 anglers shirts, caps) - Additional \$50 for guest over 18yrs - Additional \$25 for guest under 18yrs</p> <p><b>FISHING HOURS</b> All boats depart Grand Caribe Belize Dock Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 7AM - 4PM   Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 7AM - 4PM   Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 7AM - 2PM VHF Channel will be 68</p> <p><b>OFFICIAL WEIGH IN STATION</b> Grand Caribe Belize Dock   All fish must be brought to the weigh-in-station in the boat they were caught in and in fresh, whole and unutilated condition.</p>	<p><b>BAIT AND TACKLE</b> No bait restriction. Live bait is acceptable. All fish must be caught on a rod and reel.</p> <p><b>ANGLERS PER BOAT</b> Entry fee covers 4 anglers per boat. Limit on boat guests is up to Captain's discretion and safety regulations.</p> <p><b>AWARDS</b> 1st - \$17,000.00   2nd - \$11,500.00   3rd - \$8,000.00   4th - \$5,000.00 5th - \$2,000.00</p> <p><b>CAPTAIN'S MEETING &amp; DINNER</b> Will be held on Thursday August 9th at 6 PM, at Grand Caribe Conference Room. At least one member per boat must be present to receive T-shirts, caps and any further rules and instructions.</p>
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AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>, 11<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2018  
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# TOURNAMENT RULES

- Only the following fish qualify for points if they meet the minimum weight requirement. Minimum weights and points for qualifying fish are as follows. Any fish designated as release only will receive no points if it is killed:

SPECIES	MINIMUM WEIGHT	POINTS PER POUND
Blue Marlin	250 lbs	10 points
White Marlin	Release Only	0 points
Sailfish	Release Only	0 points
Spearfish	Release Only	0 points
Wahoo	15 lbs	1 point
Dorado	5 lbs	1 point
Kingfish	10 lbs	1 point
Tuna (Any species)	5 lbs	1 point

\*\*The weigh master has the final say regarding the official weight of the fish\*\*

- The Release Points are as follows. There is no minimum size or weight for released fish. Every released fish of each species receives the same amount of points, regardless of size:

SPECIES	POINTS PER RELEASE
Blue Marlin	2,500 points
White Marlin	1,000 points
Sailfish	500 points
Spearfish	1,000 points

- Any boat that lands a Blue Marlin weighing less than the minimum weight will be deducted 10 points per every pound the Marlin is below weight.

**Example:** A boat that weighs a 150lb Blue Marlin will lose 1,000 points.

- Fishing times are as follows:

- Day 1 & 2 – 7am to 4pm.
  - If a fish is hooked before lines out on Day 1 or 2, it can continue to be fought past lines out and until the end of the tournament, provided it is reported to tournament base before lines out on the day it is hooked. Any boat bringing a fish to be weighed, or videos for review, after 6pm must notify the weigh master to request an extension.
- Day 3 – 7am to 2pm
  - The tournament ends at 2pm on Day 3. This means that any boat wanting to weigh a fish or submit a release video must be at the dock before 2pm. A boat will be considered at the dock once one of the boat's ropes is on the dock or on a boat secured to the dock at the weigh station.
- Bimini Start
  - All vessels competing in the tournament must present themselves at Tournament Base at 7am on every day of the tournament before fishing commences. If a boat cannot make it to Tournament Base before 7am, it must still present itself before fishing can commence. Any boat that does not present itself at Tournament Base before starting to fish will not be allowed to earn points for that day of fishing.

- All fish must be reported to Tournament Base before lines out. A boat does not need to personally radio or phone in its catch. Relaying the message accurately to another boat which then forwards the message to tournament base is sufficient. However, if tournament base does not receive that message and has no record of the fish being reported, or the message is inaccurate, the fish will be disqualified. The following information is needed when reporting a fish:
  - Species of fish
  - Angler
  - Estimated weight
  - Location caught

- All fish must be weighed the day they are caught. Any fish kept overnight will be DISQUALIFIED.

- All weighed fish will have their tails removed by the weigh master once weighed.

- Only one Angler is allowed to fight a fish.
  - If a Junior or Female Angler is preparing to fight a fish, the rod may be passed from the rod holder to the fighting chair by another Angler.
  - Male Anglers may never pass a rod to another male Angler.

- All fish must be fought from either a standing position or from a fighting chair. No fish may be fought from a rod holder.

- A Junior Angler is any angler who at the start of the tournament is aged 16 or under.

- Maimed fish will be disqualified. A fish will be considered maimed if it is damaged to a point where it can no longer reasonably continue to fight. This usually occurs when the tail has been severed to the bone, or if a large enough chunk of the fish has been bitten off that the fish becomes unable to propel itself. The weigh master will have the final decision on whether a fish will be disqualified due to being maimed.

- Fish may not be transferred from one boat to another. If for any reason a boat cannot make it to the dock under its own power to weigh its catch or submit its release video, the boat must seek assistance in arriving at

the dock, but may not transfer its fish or videos to another boat. The only exception to this is if prior permission is granted by the weigh master due to a lack of availability of space at the dock.

- Any boat that attempts to artificially enhance the weight of a fish will be disqualified.
- Wire lines, electric reels, hand lines, spear guns, harpoons and nets are prohibited. These must not even be present aboard a vessel with the exception of electric reels for teasers.
- No person may at any time during the fight, touch the main line, except for the angler who may guide the line onto the reel.
- All fishing is to be done by trolling or drifting (Anchoring is prohibited).
- Only Anglers who are registered aboard a boat at the start of the tournament may fight a fish.
- If two or more of the same species of fish are weighed in at the exact same weights, thereby making them the heaviest of that category of fish, the prize will go to the Angler who reported their catch to Tournament Base first.
- If two Anglers complete the Tournament with the same number of points, the prize will go to the Angler who accumulated the points first.
- If two or more boats complete the tournament with the exact same number of points, the prize they tie for will go to the Boat that accumulated the points first.
- If no boats record points throughout the tournament, resulting in no winner, the Calcutta will be returned to the respective bidders.
- If no boats record points throughout the tournament, resulting in no winner, the Organizers will retain all prizes and money to be put forward to the next tournament. Likewise, if none of a species of fish is landed, the Organizers will retain that prize to be put forward to the next tournament.
- Any fish that is brought to the scale and exhibits signs of being damaged by a firearm will be disqualified.
- Any boat that kills a Shark of any species will be disqualified completely from the competition.
- All disputes with the Weighmaster's decisions are to be formally raised with a member of the BGFA Committee no later than 30 minutes after the Weighmaster officially closes the scale. Please see the BGFA Codes of Conduct which explain how a dispute will be handled.
- All fishing is to be done within Belizean Territorial Waters.
- All IGFA rules and regulations are to be followed.

**Weigh Master: Giovanni Duran (Cel:602-6746) VHF Radio Station: Channel 68**

## RELEASE POINTS RULES



- ☞ In order to count for points, all boats that release a fish must provide tournament base with a video that shows the Four Release Rules being completed in one continuous video as listed below. Any video not showing all four of the requirements in one continuous video will not be accepted for points.
- ☞ If the Weigh Master cannot identify the species of fish in the video, but can identify it as a Billfish, the boat will receive the least amount of release points, being 500 for Sailfish. If the Weigh Master cannot identify the species of the fish in the video, nor can he confirm that the fish is a Billfish, the boat will receive no points.
- ☞ Release flags for Day 1 will be made available to boats at the Tournament Briefing. Release Flags for days 2 & 3 will be made available at Tournament Base after lines out on the previous day.
- ☞ Boats must report their release before lines out as per Rule #5 of the Tournament Rules.
- ☞ Boats must bring their video to the dock on the same day that the fish is released as per rule number 6 of the Tournament Rules.
- ☞ These rules are to be followed in conjunction with the TOURNAMENT RULES.

### FOUR RULES OF RELEASE

- Video must show the face of the Angler who is fighting the fish and a close up of the release flag.
- Video must show EITHER the swivel touching the tip of the rod OR the Wireman touching the leader in order to constitute a legal release.
- Video must show the release flag AND the fish in the same shot.
- Video must clearly show the species of the fish being released.

**EXTRA POINTS:** A video that shows the hook being removed from the fish before release earns an additional 10 points.