

Rules

Conforming to rules of I' IGFA (International GAME FISHING Association)

All boats must present themselves at the Marina of Pointe a Pitre where a staff member from the Marina will allocate them a space on the "Quai N° 6", "Capitainerie" (channel 09).

REGISTRATION

Each captain has to register his boat with the organizing committee before Tuesday May 4th, 2010 at 7.00pm. All boats taking part in the Tournament have to have all necessary safety equipment, as outlined by the country where their boat is registered. No registration will be validated should these requirements not be respected.

Registration fees: 800.00(euros) per boat up to 5 crew members (captain included). There will be an extra charge of 100.00(euros) for each extra crew member.

Early registration fees (for boats registering prior to April 5th, 2009): 700.00 per boat. Registration forms shall be sent by fax to 0590 90 70 99 or by email jm-rosemond@wanadoo.fr.

A confirmation will be sent in return.

Registration will only be validated after full payment by May 5th, 2009 the latest.

Each boat registered will be granted 5 passes giving free access to the following:

- Breakfast at 5:30am
- VIP Bar after fishing, 2 free drinks per crew member upon presentation of the "open bar" pass which will be remitted when the boat is being registered
- Day-off bar & BBQ
- Extra passes for the Day-off can be purchased at a cost of 60.00

Each boat registered for the tournament is required to fly the flag of the official sponsor of the 2009 tournament upon entry into the Marina and for the bimini start. (The committee thanks all the captains in advance for respecting this request).

It is expressly understood that all participants in the tournament do so at their own risk. In registering for the tournament, the participants, the anglers, the observers, the Captain of the boat, the family members and other crew members remove all responsibilities from the Guadeloupe Fishing Club, the organizing committee, its sponsors and donors, as well as all persons directly or indirectly linked to this organization and give their commitment not to prosecute the said persons.

EQUIPMENT

- Minimum boat length: 24ft
- Minimum amount of persons on board: 2
- Maximum line size: 50, 80lbs type single filament, classed IGFA
- Hand lines and Steel lines are formally forbidden
- Live baits are not allowed, only dead baits and artificial lures are allowed

FISHING ZONE – SEE MAP ON BROCHURE

- Leeward Coast
- East

In view of fairness between participants, it is expressly forbidden to fish on the "FAD". This is under the control of the Commissioner.

FISH TYPE / WEIGH

- Only Bill fishes will be accounted for (blue marlin, white marlin, sailfish, spearfish)
- However, a prize will be given for the biggest tuna (35lbs), kingfish (30lbs), mahi-mahi (30lbs), white marlin, sailfish, spearfish
- Minimum size (marlin) is 300 lbs

CATCHES, TAGS AND RELEASES NOTICE

- All tags, catches and releases are to be reported to the VHF boat control Channel 72 or by cellular phone. The phone number will be given at the Captain's briefing.

- The notice should report:
 - the name of the boat
 - the name of the angler
 - if possible the type of fish
 - the position of the boat

RELEASES

- A fish is considered released when the wre-man:
 - holds the leader in his hand
 - the sock or swivel touches the rod tip whilst the fish is still hooked
 - in all cases, in accordance to the IGFA rules
 - resuscitation with pictures

FIGHT

- After the strike, only one angler is to touch the rod, the line and the reel until the end of the fight
- Any boat fighting a fish before or at the time for the lines to be out will be granted 4 additional hours to conclude the fight

PRESENCE OF AN OBSERVER

- The organizing committee reserves the right to send an official observer called "Commissioner" on each participating boat, each day of the tournament
- No boat is to leave the dock without an observer or an explicit authorization of the committee
- Observers will carry a camera each day
- All catches will be photographed next to a watch and one or several fingers for each release

INSPECTION DU MATÉRIEL DE PÊCHE

Le comité organisateur se réserve le droit d'inspecter le matériel de pêche de chaque bateau. En cas de non-conformité de l'équipement, le comité organisateur procédera à la disqualification de l'équipage fautif, ou pénalité en lui enlevant des points.

INSPECTION OF FISHING MATERIAL

- The organizing committee reserves the right to inspect the fishing material on each boat
- Non-conformity of the equipment will result in
- disqualification of the wrongdoing crew
- penalty by removal of points

APPEALS

- Appeals will have to be presented in writing by the Captain of the boat, no longer than one hour after the latest time at the Weighing-in-Station, as they are outlined in the current rules and regulations
- Appeals will be taken into consideration once the sum of 200.00 is paid to the committee. The paid sum will not be reimbursed should the appeal be considered as non-justified

POINTS AND RANKINGS

Only points obtained during the 3 days are added, as well as taking part in the day-off. In an attempt to develop the atmosphere of friendliness, friendship and conviviality, the organization encourages the crews to participate in the many free activities offered in the program of the tournament.

Participants will be rewarded by points counting for the final ranking.

Participation in the "bimini start" of the first day: 100 points to the competitor.

Catching a fish that weighs more than 300 lbs entitles the competitor the same amount of points as the weight in lbs. (ex: a fish weighing 456lbs brings 456 points).

Fishes brought on board and weighing less than 300 lbs do not entitle the competitor to any point. On the contrary, the difference between 300lbs and the actual weight of the fish will be deducted from the final amount of points of the boat. (ex: a fish weighing 220lbs will result in a loss of 80 points for the crew (300-220)).

For each fish released (blue marlin) and witnessed by a Commissioner as well as proven by a picture, 300lbs will be added to the final amount of points. Other species such as White Marlin, Sailfish, Spearfish: 200lbs.

In any case, and despite the weight of the fish, no mutilated fish will be weighed and will therefore not bring any point.

All fishes brought to the scale remain the property of the organization.

EX-AEQUO COMPETITORS

In case two boats end the tournament with the same amount of points, the first place will be awarded to the boat who was the first to obtain the amount of points (within the 3 days).

