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Dear Fellow Anglers and Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and membership of the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club (MBGFC), it is my pleasure to welcome you to our 55th annual tournament season. I am honored to serve as the President of the MB-GFC again this year, and I want to thank our tournament participants, boat owners, captains, crews, sponsors, staff and each of our MBGFC members who make our tournaments the best on the Gulf Coast.

I feel the MBGFC pushed through the Covid-19 pandemic in stride during the 2020 Tournament season, and was able to provide an exciting five tournament season. However, the enjoyment of the pre and post tournament social aspect of our tournaments was truly missed.

That said, we have made some exciting changes to our tournament season this year. Our Memorial Day tournament has been re-branded to The Gulf Coast Masters. The MBGFC is excited to present this tournament, in conjunction with Fishers restaurant, as one of the premier tournaments on the circuit with a fantastic venue, entertainment, genuine comradery, and elite competition. Regardless of your participation fishing in the tournament, we want you to come share this experience with us as well as our other tournaments this summer.

We will continue this year with Catch Stat as our registration and scoring software. Most of you are now familiar with the workings of the software and hope you have found this software to be much more user friendly than our past registration process.

The MBGFC will again stay at the forefront in our role as a leader in billfish conservation, and this year our board of directors has agreed to raise the minimum qualification length for a boated Blue Marlin to 112" LJFL for our tournaments.

We look forward to seeing old friends, familiar faces and meeting new friends at one of our five tournaments this summer. Be sure to thank our tournament chairmen and their committee members as they volunteer countless hours to ensure your tournament experience is one you will always remember. Also, please bring a young angler with you whenever you have the chance. They truly are the future of our sport!

If you are not already, I would strongly encourage you to become a member of our club. With a one-time \$500.00 initiation fee and yearly dues of only \$150.00, it's one of the best values in big game fishing. Club members are allowed to write checks for cash awards, participate in intra-club tournaments and enjoy the camaraderie of our membership meetings which we plan to get back to normalcy again after battling the social distancing orders set forth due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Many of our members actively fish while other members simply enjoy being part of one of the oldest fishing clubs in the country. Whatever your preference might be, you will enjoy being a member of the MBGFC.

Thank you for fishing with the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club in 2021.

Tight Lines & Safe Fishing,

Wesley Williams, III

# Mobile Big Game Fishing Club - 2021 Capital Campaign Update

#### Dear Members, Corporate Sponsors, Supporters & Friends,

First and foremost, please remember that the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club ("MBGFC") is a non-profit organization which was formed over forty-nine years ago with the goal of fostering, promoting, and increasing interest in the sport of big game fishing, oceanography, marine biology, and other similar fields. Many people don't realize that all net proceeds raised by the MBGFC's tournaments are allocated yearly to local charities and other organizations that support the ideals on which the Club was founded.

As represented by the MBGFC's outstanding facilities at Orange Beach Marina, the Club has invested heavily over the last several years in upgrading its facilities, remodeling the Clubhouse and building the new Billfish Pavilion. These improvements were made so that each tournament participant, Club member, sponsor, supporter and overall fishing fan can more thoroughly enjoy their time spent at the MBGFC. However, the MBGFC needs financial support in order to pay for these improvements. All of the funds required to make the recent improvements were made available by bank loans.

The kick off to the Capital Campaign officially began in May 2009. The initial goal was set to raise \$250,000, an amount that represents the debt incurred by the recent dramatic improvements to the MBGFC Clubhouse, grounds and the new Billfish Pavilion. \*To date the MBGFC has received donations totaling over \$102,000! We are well on our way to reaching our goal, thanks to those that have supported the MBGFC in the past.

As a reminder, the MBGFC Capital Campaign consists of the following three avenues for raising the much-needed capital:

#### I. Billfish Boulevard

#### Commemorative Pavers only \$250! Reserve one today!

Billfish Blvd. is the walkway of commemorative pavers connecting the Orange Beach Marina parking lot to the Clubhouse and Pavilion. Individual pavers are available for a \$250 donation and will be engraved per the contributor's instructions. Special areas are reserved on the walkway for corporate sponsors and the affiliated brands they represent. These pavers offer a once in a lifetime affordable opportunity to permanently preserve your association and support of the MBGFC. *To date over 120 pavers have been SOLD!* Thank you for your support!

For more information or to make a donation, contact:

Shannon Cook – 251-591-1325 shannon@mbgfc.org

#### II. Billfish Pavilion Wall of Fame

The wall behind the main bar on the Pavilion has been reserved for a pyramid layout of contributors. Unique high quality sculptures of the applicable contribution levels have been permanently affixed to the wall with an engraved plaque to contain the contributor's name/message. The sponsorship levels are limited in quantity as follows:

<b>Grand Slam</b>	\$25,000	<b>SOLD,</b> none available
Blue Marlin	\$15,000	(2) available
White Marlin	\$5,000	(1) SOLD, (3) available
Sailfish	\$2,500	(2) SOLD, (6) available

#### III. Billfish Pavilion Teak Furniture

High quality teak table & chair sets are available as a lasting sponsorship opportunity. This furniture will be used permanently on the Pavilion and will be commemorated with a plaque permanently affixed to each table containing the contributor's message. The sponsorship levels are as follows:

A. St. Thomas Set: 4 ft. high top bar table & 4 bistro bar chairs (\$2,500 donation)

(1) SOLD\*\*, (11) available

B. Bahama Set: 6-8 ft. extension table & 8 high chairs, (\$4,000 donation)

(1) SOLD\*\*\*, (10) available

\*\*Many thanks to Mr. Michael Lovett ("Pool Shark") of Cox Pools for the St. Thomas set sponsorship.

\*\*\*Many thanks to the Michael Lovett family for the Bahama set sponsorship in Memory of Lisa Lovett.

**Now**, it's your opportunity to support the Club that defends the rights of the recreational angler, hosts your favorite tournaments in the Gulf of Mexico, supports charities, creates opportunities for lasting friendships and business relationships and continues to create life-long memories for you and your family.

Thanks to all those that made contributions to the MBGFC since the kickoff of our Capital Campaign. Your support is greatly appreciated and needed.

On behalf of the MBGFC Board of Directors & Fundraising Committee,

Tight Lines,

C. Bennett Long

Chairman, Fundraising Committee

Please make a donation today! Become a part of history, forever preserve your association with the MBGFC and support an organization that gives back to the Community we all live and fish in.

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For the 2021 tournament year, we will keep the basic set up of our tournaments to make it much easier to register, easier to participate as a team, and easier to earn money.

For our Labor Day tournament: Registration will be a lump sum for the boat as \$2500 standard fee, \$2000 for early registration and for boats whose owner or captain is a club member, and \$1500 for boats 36 feet and under. This will also include MBGFC gear and food tickets for four anglers. While the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club is very proud of its history, including its reputation for having the top in quality and fun prizes, our anglers have requested prize money rather than actual prizes. Therefore, we will now have cash prizes for each of the top three places in each division (Blue Marlin, Catch & Release, Tuna, Dolphin, Wahoo). Our optional cash awards categories will continue as it has been in the past.

With an 80+ boat tournament, there will be an \$80,000 payout in prize money. If fewer than 80 boats register, prize payout will be scaled accordingly. This payout does not require entering any optional cash award categories. With 80+ boats registered, the payout will be as follows:

#### Weighed Blue Marlin

(with a 112" minimum):

\$12,500 to 1st place \$7,500 to 2nd place \$5,000 to 3rd place

#### Catch & Release Marlin

(with line class bonuses and multipliers no longer being applied to our tournaments):

\$12,500 to 1st place \$7,500 to 2nd place \$5,000 to 3rd place

## EACH of the following (Tuna, Dolphin, and Wahoo):

\$5,000 to 1st place \$3,000 to 2nd place \$2,000 to 3rd place

With this new structure and amount of large high-quality outboard boats that are changing the landscape of outboard fishing, we eliminated the Saturday Shoot-Out for outboards. In addition to being eligible for the prizes and the ability to enter the optional cash awards, the Top Small Boat (36 feet and under) will receive a \$3000 payout in the Labor Day Tournament.

Labor Day will begin with a party on Thursday, Captains meeting on Friday at noon with departure immediately after, and fishing through Sunday. The Awards Ceremony and breakfast will remain on Monday.

Registration for the Ladies Day Tournament will be \$1250 standard fee and \$1000 for boats whose owner or captain is a club member. This will include MBGFC gear and food tickets for four anglers. The party ande Captain's meeting will be on Friday with fishing through Sunday with the awards ceremony Sunday evening.

Registration for the Limited Tournament will be \$1250 standard fee and \$1000 for boats whose owner or captain is a club member. This will include MBGFC gear and food tickets for four anglers. We will have a gathering from 3 - 5 pm on Friday followed by Captain's Meeting at 5 pm.; Tournament offically begins after the Captain's meeting. Fishing through Saturday with the awards ceremony and breakfast Sunday morning.

Junior angler tournament will continue to be the same fun focused tournament that it has been in the past, with numerous additional categories added. It remains a \$40 registration fee per angler, \$30 for club members. Donated funds, food, time, and prizes continue to support this tournament. Our party and captains meeting will be Friday night and fishing Saturday with the awards ceremony Saturday evening.

Wesley Williams

# CASH AWARDS

All boats in our tournaments will be eligible to enter the optional cash awards categories. Anglers desiring to enter may do so electonically via: CatchStat. Each boat crew may enter as many categories as they desire for their own boat.

Cash award winners will be announced for each category at the conclusion of the awards ceremony for each tournament. Checks will be issued within two weeks after the tournament is completed. The cash award form must be filled out completely on the night of registration. No cash award check can be issued without a social security number. Proper tax forms will be issued at the end of the year.

The amount of the awards in each category will be 100% of the amount entered in that category minus 10% deduction. The remaining money will be divided among the winners at 50%, 30%, and 20% respectively for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, (60%, 40% to 1st and 2nd place if only 2 fish are eligible, and 100% to the winner if only one fish is eligible). In the event there is only a single entry within any cash award category, a full refund for that entry will be issued.

In the event of a tie in any cash award category, cash awards will be split equally among the winners. Refer to rules for details.

"Feel free to contact any MBGFC member on how to join today"



## **CATEGORIES**

#### **BLUE MARLIN OPEN DIVISION:**

(Pays top three places in each category)

\$100 \$300 \$500 \$1000 \$2500 \$5000 \$10,000 \$25,000

**CATCH AND RELEASE:** (Pays top three places in each category. Line Bonus Points DO NOT Apply)

\$100 \$300 \$500 \$1000 \$2500 \$5000 \$10,000 \$25,000

#### TUNA • DOLPHIN • WAHOO:

(Pays top three places in each category)

\$100 \$300 \$500 \$1000 \$2500 \$5000 \$10,000 \$25,000

TOP CAPTAIN AND CREW: (1st Place Only) \$500

TUNA • DOLPHIN • WAHOO: (1st Place Only for each species) \$500 \$1000

WINNER TAKE ALL: (1st Place Only - LARGEST FISH ON DOCK) \$1000

All marlin in the blue marlin open division, and catch and release must have the appropriate video confirmation as set forth in the video verification section of the rules.

## ALL FISH MUST MEET THE ELIGIBLE FISH REQUIREMENTS AS SET FORTH IN THE RULES

All major credit cards accepted with service fee. No checks except MBGFC Members!



#### **CONSERVATION**

The MBGFC and its Tournament Committee vigorously support Catch and Release in all of its tournaments. Representatives of the National Marine Fisheries Service may be on hand during the tournaments to view and study all fish, obtain catch information, and, if need be, prepare the fish for further study. All anglers are responsible for the proper disposal of any and all fish that they bring to the weigh dock. The tournament committee may at its discretion elect to retain any fish for display, testing, or further study.

## REGISTRATION AND MANDATORY CAPTAIN'S MEETING

Tournament Registration for all tournaments will be done online. Registration can be accessed via www.mbgfc.org or by visiting gcm.catchstat.com. The captain, owner, or a registered angler must attend the mandatory Captain's Meeting and the captain, owner, or a registered angler can sign out their boat. In the event an in-person captains meeting is not held on-site at MBGFC's clubhouse at Orange Beach Marina, then witness of virtual captains meeting is still required. This would include video graphed departure. If proper sign-out is not performed after the Captain's Meeting, the offending boat will be disqualified from the entire tournament without refund of entry fees and will receive a 90% refund of any cash awards placed. Any rules changes will be discussed at this meeting. By signing out at the Captain's Meeting, the captain, owner, or registered angler acknowledges that they:

- Have received the tournament guide and the tournament designator.
- Understand and agree to abide by all rules in the tournament guide.
- Have a copy of the rules applying to optional awards for breaking an Alabama State Record. (if applicable to that tournament)
- Understand all topics discussed at the Captain's Meeting.
- Understand that all Anglers, Captains, Mates, Crew ("Participants") and Guests fish in the Tournament at their own discretion and at their own risk. All Participants and Guests agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club ("MBGFC") and its Members, the MBGFC Board of Directors, Orange Beach Marina ("OBM"), Sponsors and their agents and employees and all other persons directly or indirectly connected with the tournament from any liability, loss, personal injury

or property damage, including Attorney's fees they may suffer arising from their participation in the Tournament and all other activities occurring at the MBGFC facility and/or OBM.

No tournament refunds will be made after the official sign out

#### Tournament Start, Fishing Times, Eligible Ports of Departure: GULF COAST MASTERS TOURNAMENT

Please refer to Gulf Coast Masters Rules pages of this tournament book for GCM specific rules, guidelines, fishing times, etc.

#### **LABOR DAY TOURNAMENT**

Boats may not depart until the 1:30 pm Perdido Pass Flare Start on Friday of the Tournament. The starting point of the Flare Start in Perdido Pass is between the Farewell Buoy and the Orange Beach Fire Department vessel located due west of the Farewell Buoy. Upon the conclusion of the Captain's Meeting and mandatory sign out, Boats may depart the dock in preparation of the 1:30 pm Flare Start. Please remember that the owner, captain, or registered angler must sign out on the official sign out sheet at the conclusion of the Captain's Meeting or will be disqualified. \*Boats departing from Mobile Pass or Pensacola Pass are not required to attend the 1:30 pm Flare Start in Perdido Pass; however, boats may NOT depart Mobile or Pensacola Pass until 1:30 pm.

## JUNIOR ANGLER, LIMITED & LADIES TOURNAMENTS:

Boats may depart after the Captain's Meeting AND the owner, captain or registered angler has signed out on the official sign out sheet. There is NO Flare Start for the Junior Angler, Limited & Ladies Tournaments.

PORTS OF DEPARTURE: For ALL MBGFC tournaments Boats may only leave from Mobile Pass, Perdido Pass, or Pensacola Pass. For the Labor Day Tournament, Boats may not depart from one of the above three (3) ports until 1:30 pm on the Friday of the Tournament.

Boats are to remain in the water from the time of departure after the captains meeting until returning to the weigh dock. Boats are not permitted to be placed on a trailer during the tournament.

Fishing may begin after the captains meeting unless otherwise specified at the captain's meeting. On the last day of the tournament, boats must be at the designated check point before 6pm for Labor Day, 4pm for Ladies Tournament, 7pm for Junior Angler, and 8pm for Billfish Limited, (or an alternative time designated at the Captains Meeting). Boats returning via Perdido Pass must be inside the Pass Rocks before the designated time. Boats returning via Mobile Pass or Pensacola Pass must be in the channel immediately north of the Perdido Pass Bridge before the designated time. Upon arrival, boats must immediately contact MBGFC on VHF channel 72 so that Tournament officials can visually verify time of arrival and, for the Memorial and Labor Day tournaments, issue a weigh in number to determine the order in which you will proceed to the weigh dock. No fish will be entered

into the tournament for any boats that are not verified by the MBGFC to be at the designated check point before the designated time. If you return before the weigh dock opens, it is your responsibility to complete weigh in before the designated check in time or otherwise contact MBGFC tournament committee before the designated check in time to confirm your on time arrival and, if applicable, obtain your weigh in number for subsequent weigh-in.

The Junior Angler Tournament may have different starting and fishing times to be discussed at the Captains Meeting.

#### Licenses, Permit Requirements, and Regulations:

All fish must be caught in accordance with IGFA rules. Federal law requires you to be in possession of a Highly Migratory Species permit in order to land and possess any tuna or billfish or to catch and release billfish. A valid HMS permit must be available to tournament officials at weighin. Information regarding HMS permits may be obtained from the NMFS or visit www.nmfspermits.com. Registered anglers are also responsible for obtaining a valid Alabama State Fishing License. Registered anglers fishing on charter boats are responsible for verifying that the charter boat provides a valid Alabama state saltwater fishing license. Registered boats and anglers must comply with all Federal and Alabama state laws and regulations regarding fishing licenses, size limits, and bag limits. MBGFC has its own minimum weights in the Tuna, Wahoo, and Dolphin Categories and a minimum Blue Marlin lower jaw to fork length of 112 inches.

#### **ELIGIBLE FISH**

In the interest of conservation the MBGFC has set a Blue Marlin lower jaw to fork length (LJFL) minimum of 112 inches which is above the Federal minimum. There is a limit of one Blue Marlin per boat, per day in possession at any time. While a participating boat can catch a total of one Blue Marlin per tournament fishing day, such a boat can only be in possession of one Blue Marlin at any time. An eligible Blue Marlin to be weighed and entered into the tournament must be brought to the dock and weighed before the same boat can catch and retain an additional Blue Marlin on the second day of the tournament. Blue Marlin below the MBGFC 112 inch minimum length will not be weighed. The possession of a Blue Marlin below the 112 inch minimum will subject the offending boat to disqualification from the entire tournament without refund and also the forfeiture of all other prize winning fish, including cash awards, or points. The possession of an undersized Blue Marlin by Federal standards will be reported to the proper conservation authorities. No retention of White Marlin, Spearfish or Sailfish at any tournament will be allowed. The Junior Angler, Limited, and Ladies Tournaments are Catch and Release only for all Billfish species.

The MBGFC minimum weight for all Tuna, Wahoo, and Dolphin is 20 pounds. Yellow Fin and Big Eye Tuna must also have a curved fork length of 27". Blue Fin Tuna are eligible as current federal regulations allow. The **Junior Angler Tournament** has additional eligible fish categories and also has its own minimum size requirements for Tuna, Wahoo, and Dolphin.

All caught Blue Marlin and released Billfish shall be reported to a committee boat and a verification number obtained. Video verification is required for **ALL** Blue Marlin

categories and catch and release billfish; refer to the video verification section of the rules for details.

All participants in MBGFC tournaments shall adhere to IGFA conventional tackle rules and regulations. However, MBGFC will allow a mate or fellow angler to hook a fish and 'one pass' the rod to the angler in the first minute of the fish being hooked. This is the only deviation from IGFA rules and regulations MBGFC will allow. and also has its own minimum size requirements for Tuna, Wahoo, and Dolphin.

#### **PRIZE CATEGORIES AND TIES**

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Blue Marlin\*, Wahoo, Tuna, and Dolphin. In the event of a tie, the first fish to the dock will be declared the winner.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Catch and Release Prizes are awarded to **BOATS** according to total catch and release points. In the event of a tie, the **BOAT** to reach the point total first as determined by GPS time of release will be declared the winner.

Additional categories are included in the Junior Angler Tournament; one prize per category per angler.

Top Club Boat\*, Top Lady Angler \*\*, Top Junior Angler \*\* (must be 18 years of age or younger at the start of the tournament), and Top Small Boat \*\* (36 feet and under).

- \* Not awarded during the Junior Angler and Limited Tournaments.
- \*\* Not awarded during the Junior Angler Tournament.

Top Club Boat, Lady, Junior, and Small Boat awards will be determined by **TOTAL POINTS** including catch and release points and points from all other eligible fish (1point per pound). Ties will be broken using GPS time of release. If no billfish are released in a prize category, the first fish to the dock will be used to break any ties.

#### **Catch and Release Rules**

catch and release tournament **PRIZES** and **CASH AWARDS** are awarded to **boats** according to catch and release point totals **WITHOUT LINE CLASS BONUS MULTIPLIERS.** All released billfish shall be reported to an official committee boat in order to obtain a verification number. All catch and release video submissions will be reviewed and, if verified, documentation of video verification will be given to the angler or boat representative by the weigh master, dock staff, or member of the tournament committee.

Points will be awarded for catch and release billfish. The

#### **Billfish Point System**

Line class bonus points/multipliers are no longer being used to calculate catch and release points in MBGFC tournaments. Base Billfish Points for catch and release are as follows:

Blue Marlin = 500 Points,
White Marlin, Spearfish or Sailfish = 200 Points.

\*This differs from Gulf Coast Masters point system.

#### **Video Verification Requirements**

Video verification is required for **All Eligible Billfish**, both **Catch and Release** and **weighed Blue Marlin** to be entered into the Blue Marlin category. The video requirements

for Catch and Release and weighed Blue Marlin are different and defined below.

All **Catch and Release** videos should *clearly* show the following elements utilized in the process of billfish video verification:

- Angler fighting the fish.
- Rod and reel being used for the catch.
- Tournament designator\*
- Species of billfish *caught* video of the dorsal, anal, and pectoral fins *AFTER THE FISH IS CAUGHT* will assist in clear billfish species identification. (In the event the verification video does not provide adequate information for billfish species identification, 200 points will be awarded.)
  - "Catching" of the fish one of the following must occur:
    - Swivel at the rod tip
    - · Mate touching the leader
    - Wind-on leader onto the rod tip

## NOTE: Once the fish is "caught", the video should NOT BE TURNED OFF until steps 6-7 are complete.

- Release of the fish in healthy condition
- Video of GPS time clearly showing time and date; GPS must be set to Central Daylight Time (UTC minus 5 hours). GPS time will be used for determining ties in the catch and release prize categories only. Failure to record the GPS time of release will result in the time of release being 11:59pm on the day of the release as determined by the committee boat verification number and date.
- \*If an additional video camera is used, tournament designator **MUST** be shown again. It is always a good idea to show the designator when the fish is being filmed at the boat.

In accordance with federal regulations, *BILLFISH MAY NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE WATER AND ANY BILLFISH REMOVED FROM THE WATER WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR CATCH AND RELEASE POINTS*.

Any of the following can result in a video being ineligible for catch and release verification and therefore will not qualify for catch and release points for tournament prizes or cash awards:

- Failure to show the tournament designator.
- Failure to show the tournament designator if additional video camera is used.
- Failure to show the "catching" of the fish.
- Failure to show the release of the fish in healthy condition.
- Turning off video after "catch" before the fish is released.
- Removal of a billfish from the water.

For **gaffed Blue Marlin**, video is required to have the following clearly shown.

- Angler fighting the fish.
- Rod and reel being used for the catch.
- Tournament designator; failure to show designator (in the primary video or video from additional camera/cameras) is the only video criteria that would make a billfish ineligible for points in the Blue Marlin Category.
  - "Catching" of the fish one of the following must occur:
  - Swivel at the rod tip

- Mate touching the leader
- Wind-on leader onto the rod tip

All videos must be shown on equipment at the MBGFC clubhouse grounds and must be submitted before the close of the weigh dock at the end of the tournament. Verification judges will not board any boat to judge video. For a digital video recording device, the original digital video files from your recording device must be made available and submitted for verification purposes. It is your responsibility to have necessary cables or connection that will allow your camera to play back on a larger screen for judging. All video verification submissions become the property of MBGFC; see disclaimer section of rules. All tournament committee decisions are final.

#### **BILLFISH REPORTING**

You are required to report any caught Blue Marlin or Catch and Release billfish to an official tournament committee boat or tournament official after the fish is released or gaffed. Tuna, Wahoo, and Dolphin do not need to be reported. Committee boats will monitor VHF Channel 72 or you can call the phone number designated at the Captains Meeting. You must contact a committee boat or tournament official via phone number given at Captains Meeting as soon as possible. Billfish reporting to committee boats can be relayed when necessary. You are responsible for recording your verification number.

#### Be prepared to give the following information:

- 1. Name of Boat
- 2. Name of Angler
- 3. Species of Billfish
- 4. Reel Size
- 5. Time of release.
- 6. Classification of Angler (Male, Female, or Jr.)

#### **PROTESTS**

Il protests must be submitted in writing to the Vice-President of Tournaments or Tournament Chairman no later than 30 minutes following the closing of the weigh dock after the conclusion of the tournament. Protests must be accompanied with a \$500 protest fee. Only a successful protest will result in the refund of the \$500 protest fee. All decisions of the Tournament Committee are binding and final. MBGFC reserves the right to make exception to any rule when the Tournament Committee decides if it is in the best interest of the participants & spectators.



#### **WEIGH DOCK**

The official weigh dock for all tournaments is the MBGFC dock. Weigh dock times vary with each tournament and are subject to change. Any changes will be discussed at the captain's meeting. See separate schedules for specific times. All fish brought to the dock must be in edible and fresh condition. Any evidence of freezing will disqualify any fish. The weigh master has the right to refuse any mutilated fish or fish considered to be in poor condition. All fish must be brought to the weigh dock on the boat upon which they were caught unless granted permission by the tournament committee in the interest of the safety of the participants or spectators and or the MBGFC. Someone from each boat must at all times remain with the fish to be weighed. **Catch card documentation** will be provided at weigh dock. The angler must sign and verify the weight before it becomes official. Any angler who wins may be subject to a lie detector test, and winning billfish anglers in the cash awards will be asked to furnish video verification (as described in the video verification section of the rules) that that fish was indeed caught by them during the tournament. Members of the NMFS may be on hand at the weigh dock to sample various contents of any and all large fish presented to them. Please cooperate in the interest of science, and help us obtain as much information as possible for the future of offshore fishing and this magnificent resource. The weigh board does not necessarily reflect the official standings of the tournament.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEIGH-IN**

#### **Labor Day Tournaments only**

- Boats returning via Perdido Pass must be inside the Perdido Pass Rocks before designated time presented at the captain's meeting. Boats returning via Mobile Pass or Pensacola Pass must be in the channel immediately north of the Perdido Pass Bridge before designated time. You must call the MBGFC Tournament Committee on channel 72 once you reach the designated check point to confirm your time of arrival and be assigned a weigh-in number if needed. Your weigh-in number will determine the order in which you are called to the weigh dock.
- The weigh dock will be open Saturday from 5pm to 9pm.
- The MBGFC will begin monitoring VHF Channel 72 at 2:30 p.m. for assignment of weigh-in numbers to allow boats needing to weigh fish access to the weigh dock.
- On Sunday, the weigh dock opens at 3:00p.m. and will close after all eligible boats have completed their weigh in and/or video verification.
- After you obtain your weigh-in number, position your boat in the channel outside the entrance to the Orange Beach Marina Canal and wait for your number/boat name to be called.
- All fish to be weighed must arrive by boat on the boat upon which the fish were caught **unless granted permission by the tournament committee in the interest of the safety of the participants or spectators and or the MBGFC.**

- All verification videos must be brought to the designated check point on the boat upon which they were caught. Verification videos can subsequently be brought to the clubhouse by car or other means. A weigh in number must still be obtained and such videos must be presented for review before the close of the weigh dock. Please notify the Tournament Committee if you plan to hand deliver videos for verification and do not need to weigh any fish.
- Depending on conditions, MBGFC will have boats 36' and under come to the side of the weigh dock. Boats over 36' will be accommodated on the front of the weigh dock.
- The MBGFC may have boats waiting in the marina canal to fill empty places at the weigh dock, but please do not enter the marina canal until your boat number/ name is called.
- All boats in line for the weigh dock should leave enough room for boats entering Orange Beach Marina (and not going to the weigh dock) to be able to pass freely. (This means boats needing fuel and/or going to their assigned slip.)
- Please **NO WAKE** Idle speed only to minimize damage to spectator boats due to surge. Experienced operators use one engine in gear.
- Please cut your engines once you are tied to weigh dock. Diesel fumes are hazardous to the health of the dock crew and spectators.
- All boats that require video verification (with or without fish to weigh) should drop off the angler/boat representative with the video equipment and all cables at the designated video verification dock in Terry Cove. A shuttle will take the angler or representative to the clubhouse for video verification.
- Boats that only require video verification have the option to come to the weigh dock to be acknowledged by tournament officials and spectators and are encouraged to do so.
- Keep Tournament Channel 72 clear during weigh dock operation hours, Boats waiting to be called to weigh dock should carefully monitor Channel 72 and when your boat/number is called, respond to dock master that you are proceeding as directed. If a boat does not respond when called, dock master will call next boat in line.
- Once your boat is at weigh dock, do not get off
  of your boat until instructions are given to determine when
  your fish will be weighed. If you are weighing tuna, have
  tuna permit ready before coming to weigh dock. Once all
  fish on your boat are weighed, the dock master will tell the
  captain/owner and you will be asked to depart and make
  room for the next boat.
- "Catch card" documentation for all eligible fish will be issued at the weigh dock.
- Please help us to minimize the time required to weigh fish by following directions. We will allow you time to have pictures made but please clear the dock immediately afterwards. This is a courtesy to your fellow fishermen who are waiting in the harbor.
- Tournament participants should not use channel 72 to inquire about the results of the tournament.

For the Ladies, Junior Angler, and Limited Tournaments, weigh-in and video verification will all occur at the MBGFC dock and there will be no video verification drop off in Terry Cove. Otherwise, the weigh-in procedure is identical for the Ladies and Limited Tournaments.

The Junior Angler Tournament has its own weigh in procedure and fishing times that will be discussed at the Captains Meeting.

#### **AWARDS PRESENTATION**

An official awards presentation will be held following each tournament. Updates may be obtained from the weigh board on the weigh dock during each day's weigh-in. For the Junior Angler and Ladies Tournaments, awards will be presented in the clubhouse at the conclusion of the tournament. The awards presentations for the Limited and Alabama Invitational Labor Day Billfish Tournaments will take place on the day following the tournament at approximately 9:30 AM following the awards brunch.

#### **CASH AWARDS**

These categories are separate and are not included in the entry fees. Payout is determined by total money received for each category minus 10% for MBGFC expenses with the remaining 90% split 50%, 30%, 20% for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category. If only 2 fish are eligible the remaining 90% will be divided 60%, 40% for 1st and 2nd place. If only one fish is eligible the 90% will go to that fish. In the event there is only a single entrant in a particular cash award category, a 100% refund will be issued. For any cash award category in which there are 2 or more participants and there are no eligible fish, a 90% refund will be issued. All winners are subject to a polygraph examination at the discretion of the Tournament Committee; see polygraph policy section of rules.

In the event of a TIE in ANY cash award category, cash awards will be split equally among the winners as follows;

Three or more ties for 1st place will evenly split 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place cash awards. Two ties in first place will evenly split the 1st and 2nd place cash awards and second place winner(s) receive the 3rd place cash award. If there are no ties in first place, 2nd place ties will evenly split 2nd and 3rd place cash awards. Third place ties (without ties in 1st or 2nd place) will evenly split 3rd place cash awards.

#### **CATCH AND RELEASE**

Color Video movie confirmation is mandatory; see video verification section of rules.

Catch and Release cash awards are awarded according to the total catch and release points accumulated for each boat and not the individual angler.

Categories are \$100, \$300, \$500, \$1000, \$2500, \$5000, \$10,000, and \$25,000. All Catch and Release must be verified under the rules as stated under general Catch and Release rules. Payout is 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each category. There will be NO LINE BONUS POINTS when calculating catch and release point totals for Cash Awards. Each verified blue marlin caught and released is 500 pts and all White Marlin, Sailfish, and Spearfish are 200 pts. If video verification committee cannot verify the species of

your billfish, it will be classified as a white marlin.

#### **TUNA, WAHOO, DOLPHIN**

Categories are **\$500** and **\$1000** for the Tuna, Wahoo, and Dolphin with 1/3 of total money for 1st place in each category. Tuna, Wahoo, and Dolphin each have a **\$100**, **\$300**, **\$500**, **\$1000**, **\$2500**, **\$5000**, **\$10,000**, and **\$25,000** category. Payout is 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each category.

#### **LARGEST FISH ON DOCK**

Winner take all for largest fish on dock, \$1,000.

#### **BLUE MARLIN**

Winners are required to verify a caught billfish with color video movie proof (not digital pictures) and are subject to a polygraph examination; see video verification section of rules

Categories include: \$100, \$300, \$500, \$1000, \$2500, \$5000, \$10000 and \$25,000.

**Top Captain and Crew Cash Award (\$500)** is awarded to first place only according to Catch and Release points without line class multiplier and points from all eliqible fish.

#### **Cash Award Payments**

Cash award winners will be announced at the end of the awards ceremony. Results as read at the awards ceremony are unaudited. Cash award checks will be issued within 2 weeks after the tournament is complete *provided there are no outstanding appeals or disputes*. No cash award checks can be issued unless the cash award sheet is completely filled out including a valid Driver's License Number and Social Security or tax ID number. An IRS form 1099 will be sent to all Cash Award Winners at the year's end.

#### **WITHDRAWAL POLICY**

(A) If pre-registered and withdraw prior to the start of 4:00 p.m. on-site registration, you will be refunded everything less credit card fees

(B) If pre-registered and withdraw prior to sign out and after 4:00 p.m., you will be refunded all cash award less credit card fees and entry fees less credit card fees and \$75 fee for food and ditty bag, per angler.

(C) If you withdraw after sign-out at Captain's meeting, no refund of any kind will be given.

#### **DISCLAIMER**

Registrants accept the following conditions: Participants enter the tournament at their own risk. The MBGFC, its members, officials, committee members, and all persons directly or indirectly connected with the tournament shall be exempt from any liability for loss, damage, negligence, harm, or injury to any participant, entrant, sports fisherman, his companions, boat captains, crew members, vessels, and equipment, which may occur during registration or during the tournament.

By completing the tournament application the participant acknowledges that such recordings become the property of the MBGFC and gives consent for the MBGFC to use without payment or restriction any photograph, video, or audio recording in which any participant may appear, for any purpose whatsoever, in regards to but not limited to advertising, promotional material, and/or sale. All winning entrants agree to submit to a polygraph examination (lie detector test) at the request of the Tournament Committee. Failure to submit will subject the entrant to disqualification at the Tournament Committee's discretion. One day of fishing constitutes a complete tournament. In the event of inclement weather any part of the tournament may be canceled, postponed or continued. All participants and boats shall exercise good sportsmanship and courtesy whether at the dock, underway, or fishing. Any participant that violates federal or state law will be disqualified. If the tournament shall be canceled for any reason beyond the control of the MBGFC, entrants will be refunded a prorated share of their entrance fee at the discretion of the tournament committee. No refund will be made after the official start of the tournament (discussed at the captain's meeting). Payment of an entry fee, completion of the tournament application form, and sign-out at the captains meeting by the designated boat representative constitute a representation by each angler, owner, captain, and crew member that he/she has read and fully understands the Tournament Rules and that he/she shall abide by such rules and the decisions of the Tournament Committee.

#### **MBGFC Polygraph Policy**

In consideration for the MBGFC's processing each tournament participant's registration acceptance of his or her entry, each registered angler specifically agrees and consents to voluntarily submit to a polygraph examination(s) that will be conducted by a polygraph examiner selected by the MBGFC, at any time until all prize winners and awards are determined and announced. Further, each registered angler agrees to obtain the agreement and consent of each and every occupant of the boat from which he or she fishes during the tournament (including but not limited to the captain and crew) to submit to a polygraph examination or examinations as described above. The method and conduct of all polygraph examinations, and the interpretation of the results thereof, shall be in the sole judgment of the polygraph examiner appointed by the MBGFC whose opinion shall be final. If any registered angler or occupant of a vessel refuses to submit a to a polygraph examination, or if any registered anger or occupant gives a response which, in the sole opinion of the polygraph examiner, is untruthful, then the offending angler(s) on the boat shall be immediately disqualified without further notice from the tournament in question. Any registered angler(s) that is disqualified shall not be entitled to any prizes, awards, or refund of the entry fees or cash award fees.



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## **2020 Member Annual Award Winners**

#### AWARD

WINNER

1ST PLACE BLUE MARLIN KILL
2ND PLACE BLUE MARLIN KILL
3RD PLACE BLUE MARLIN KILL
1ST PLACE TUNA
2ND PLACE TUNA
3RD PLACE TUNA
1ST PLACE DOLPHIN

TOP PRIVATE BOAT (AUSTIN LACEY AWARD)
TOP CHARTER BOAT

2ND PLACE TUNA **3RD PLACE TUNA** 1ST PLACE DOLPHIN 2ND PLACE DOLPHIN **3RD PLACE DOLPHIN** 1ST PLACE WAHOO 2ND PLACE WAHOO 3RD PLACE WAHOO 1ST PLACE C&R (DR. ROBERT H. MUDD AWARD) 2ND PLACE C&R 3RD PLACE C&R ATH PLACE C&R TOP LANY TOP MALE (JERE AUSTILL AWARD) TOP JUNIOR (BILL ORRELL AWARD) TOP OUT OF TERRITORY (TOMMY PRAYTOR AWARD) TOP SMALL BOAT (TOMMY GLEASON AWARD)

David Jones Tammy Hudson ROBERT BURROUGHS ROBERT BURROUGHS HELEN DELANEY JOSH TICE **NOAH VICKERS** WILLIAM HUDDLE WILLIAM HUDDLE Maria natal ED Parker JOHNNY INGE RICK DISEN ROBERT BURROUGHS MATT MCDONALD Maria natal Maria natal RICK OLSON JOHNNY INGE N/a FISH TALE **BREATHE EASY** 







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## AT ORANGE BEACH MARINA

The Memorial Day Tournament has become the Gulf Coast Masters, and the spectacular kick off to an exciting 2021 season. This Tournament will have activities from May 24-30 with further details in the link below.

Entry Fee is \$4,000 per boat through May 5, 2021 and covers four anglers. The Captain and Mate can attend all functions. Each additional angler is \$400.

After May 5, there will be a \$500 late fee per boat and \$50 late fee for each additional angler. The \$400 additional angler fee is waived for junior anglers.

Captains Meeting is Wednesday May 26 at 5:30 PM at the Mobile Big Game Clubhouse.

Perdido Pass departure Thursday May 27 at 10 AM and scales close at 8 PM on Saturday May 29

#### **TOURNAMENT AWARDS**

All Tournament Awards are based on 75 registered tournament boats. Payouts are subject to change depending on the number of entries. Awards for Heaviest Fish will be presented to the angler/boat for fish caught in the following categories:

	First	Second	Third
Blue Marlin	\$75,000	\$20,000	\$10,000
Tuna	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
Wahoo	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
Dolphin	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$10,000

#### **OPTIONAL ENTRY CASH AWARDS**

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Catch & Release	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
Blue Marlin	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
Tuna		\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
Wahoo		\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
Dolphin		\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
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# Gulf Coast Masters Memorial Day Tournament

BLUE MARLIN, CATCH & RELEASE, TUNA • WAHOO • DOLPHIN MAY 27 - 31, 2021

#### **Registration and Cash Awards**

(All Registration & Cash Awards Performed Electronically via) gcm.catchstat.com Visit Web site for rules: gulfcoastmasters.com

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#### Monday May 24, 2021

FLORABAMA WELCOME PARTY 6PM

#### **Tuesday May 25, 2021**

DOCK PARTY 6PM at Orange Beach Marina

#### Wednesday May 26, 2021

CAPTAIN'S MEETING 5:30PM at MBGFC Clubhouse TOURNAMENT CELEBRATION AT FISHER'S 6PM

#### Thursday May 27, 2021

Period Pass TEAM SHOTGUN START 10AM

#### Friday May 28, 2021

**SCALES OPEN 3PM-8PM** 

#### Saturday May 29, 2021

**SCALES OPEN 3PM-8PM** 

#### Sunday May 30, 2021

AWARDS CEREMONY AT FISHER'S 9AM



#### **Chairman:**

**7ack Williams** 

#### **Committee:**

Bennett Long • Angelo DePaola Brian Leiser • Wesley Williams





# Memorial Day Tournament 2020

# **MEMORIAL DAY WINNERS**



Category	Place	Weight	Points	Boat	Angler
BLUE MARLIN	1st Place		613.8	MOLLIE	DAVID JONES
	2nd Place		538.2	IONA LOUIS	TAMMY HUDSON
CATCH & RELEASE	1st Place		1500	MOLLIE	
	2nd Place		1000	QUICK TIME	
	3rd Place		500	UNBELIEVABLE	
	4thPlace		500	DIRT PIT	
	5th Place		500	SNAFU	
TUNA	1st Place	185.8	185.8	QUICK TIME	ROBERT BURROUGHS
	2nd Place	171	171	ANNIE GIRL	DAVID ROSS
	3rd Place	161.6	161.6	SWEE' PEA	JOHN DEAN
WAH00	1st Place	76.2	76.2	DA' GRITS	MARIA NATAL
	2nd Place	62	62	LISA JO	JOEY GEIL
	3rd Place	41.4	41.4	ANNIE GIRL	ROBERT ERVIN
DOLPHIN	1st Place	35.2	35.2	LISA JO	MCLANE BORLAND
	2nd Place	29.6	29.6	SALT SHAKER	MIKE SHAVEZ
	3rd Place	23	23	SWEE' PEA	JORDAN LESLEY
TOP Lady			576.2		MARIA NATAL
TOP Junior			500		LAUDON SCOTT
TOP Large Boat			2113.8	MOLLIE	
TOP Small Boat			103.8	OFF THE GRID	











# **GULF COAST MASTERS**

#### **TOURNAMENT ENTRY**

Entry Fee is \$4,000 per boat through May 5, 2021 and covers four anglers. The Captain and Mate can attend all functions. Each additional angler is \$400. After May 5, there will be a \$500 late fee per boat and \$50 late fee for each additional angler. The \$400 additional angler fee is waived for junior anglers.

All tournament entries are non-transferable and non-refundable. If your vessel is unable to compete in the event after submitting payment, your entry will be rolled over to the following year for full credit. Payment of the entry fee constitutes a representation by each entrant that he/she has read fully and understands the tournament rules that he/she will abide by such rules and decisions of the Tournament Director and/or Committee.

The Gulf Coast Masters is a sportfishing tournament where participants agree to fish in a fair and ethical manner. While the tournament does not strictly enforce the use of IGFA rules, it certainly expects that only minor technical differences will be employed by anglers. One noted exception is the allowance that the rod may be handed off one time during the first minute of the fight.

#### CAPTAINS MEETING

The Captain's meeting will be held on Wednesday at 5:30pm at the Mobile Big Game Clubhouse. The captain, owner or designated team representative must sign-in and be present at the captain's meeting. Any changes to the rules and final instructions will be given at the meeting. All participants are invited to attend the Kick-off Party following the meeting at 6:00pm.

#### PERMITS AND LICENSES

An Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Angling Permit is required and participants must be familiar with and follow HMS regulations. https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/find-

Anglers must obtain an Alabama Saltwater Fishing License which can be purchased locally or online.

#### TOURNAMENT START

Teams may depart from Perdido Pass at 10am on Thursday.

#### FISHING HOURS

Boats may begin fishing at 10:01am on Thursday morning and continue fishing until the scales close at 8:00pm on Saturday. All boats with catch & release videos and fish to be weighed, must return by water, and must pass by the Perdido Pass Bridge and check in by 8:00pm on Saturday.

#### **WEIGH STATION HOURS**

Scales will be open 3:00-8:00pm on Friday and Saturday. All fish caught during the tournament must be weighed before scales close on Saturday night. Boats must be checked in by 8:00pm on Saturday to have their fish weighed in. Scales will close immediately after the last fish is weighed. All billfish catch verification forms for boated and/or released fish must be turned in to officials before the scales close.

#### **QUALIFYING FISH**

The following species are eligible for competition when caught by registered anglers in accordance with tournament rules:

#### ELIGIBLE FOR CATCH AND RELEASE

Blue Marlin White Marlin Sailfish Spearfish

#### **ELIGIBLE FOR WEIGH IN AT SCALES**

Blue Marlin - 112" minimum (LJFL) Tuna - 20 lbs. minimum weight Wahoo - 20 lbs. minimum weight Dolphin - 20 lbs. minimum weight

Boated Blue Marlin must measure at least 112 inches in length from the tip of the lower jaw to the fork of the tail (LJFL).

No angler or boat may be in possession of more than one blue marlin per day. Any angler in violation of this rule will be banned from further participation in the tournament without refund.

For each day the scales are open (Friday and Saturday), each boat will be allowed to bring to the scales a maximum of 1 blue marlin, 3 tuna, 3 wahoo, and 3 dolphin.

The tournament committee reserves the right to reject any fish entry because of poor condition or one that does not meet the eligible requirements set by this tournament. The condition of the fish will be left to the scrutiny of the tournament director and committee. THEIR DECISION IS FINAL.

#### REPORTING OF BILLFISH

Each boat is required to record all billfish that are boated or released in the order in which the first fish are caught on the Billfish Scorecard. The order of the recorded releases should match the order that appears on the boat's Catch & Release video. The Billfish Scorecard will be available in your boat information packet. Report all boated billfish on the

Be prepared to give the following information:

Name of Boat Name of Angler Species of Fish (Blue Marlin, White Marlin, Spearfish, Sailfish) Time released or boated Length of Blue Marlin if boated

DO NOT report Tuna, Dolphin, or Wahoo on the catch & release form.

Committee boats will be used for conservation and informational reporting only. Please contact a committee boat to report boated or released marlin.

Names of Committee boats and any changes to communication frequencies will be announced at the Captain's Meeting. Please use alternate frequencies for conversations not related to the reporting of billfish.

The committee boats will be monitoring VHF Channel 78 and weigh station phone (337) 849-8642. Reporting of Billfish.

#### **WEIGH IN PROCEDURES**

IMPORTANT: A tail tag with the boat name and registered angler's name must be attached to each fish before unloading at the weigh scales. Tournament scales will be located at the Mobile Big Game Clubhouse. Boats having fish to weigh must be checked in by 8:00pm on Saturday. Anglers must remain with their fish until completion of the weigh-in procedure. The angler must sign the weigh-in stat sheet to verify the weight, at which time this will make the weight official. All fish weighed at the scales will be returned to the boat with the exception of a blue marlin. Boats with blue marlin and/ or meat fish to weigh in will be unloaded at the main dock at the Mobile Big Game Clubhouse.

#### **TOURNAMENT AWARDS**

All Tournament Awards are based on 75 registered tournament boats. Payouts are subject to change depending on the number of entries. Awards for Heaviest Fish will be presented to the angler/boat for fish caught in the following categories:

Blue Marlin: 1st \$75,000; 2nd \$20,000; 3rd \$10,000 Tuna: 1st \$20,000; 2nd \$15,000; 3rd \$10,000 Wahoo: 1st \$20,000; 2nd \$15,000; 3rd \$10,000 Dolphin: 1st \$20,000; 2nd \$15,000; 3rd \$10,000 If no qualifying blue marlin are weighed, the cash award for

blue marlin will roll down and be divided between the top 3 team's accumulated catch & release points, 50/30/20.

#### CATCH AND RELEASE

Billfish Catch: A billfish is considered caught when the leader connection is shown reeled to the tip of the rod, or a team member is shown touching the leader.

Billfish Release: The billfish is considered released when, after being caught by the above definition, the rod and angler are shown with the fish no longer connected to the line or the billfish is shown in the water, no longer connected to

#### TOURNAMENT DESIGNATOR / IDENTIFICATION MARKER

Designators will be assigned at the mandatory Captain's Meeting. These markers must appear in all video submissions.

#### **VIDEO VERIFICATION AND POINTS AWARDED FOR** CATCH AND RELEASE

Points for catch and release are awarded when, in the process of the catch and release as defined above, all technical elements are shown on video. Tagging is not required for points and billfish removed from the water or boated will be disqualified.

Video submitted for consideration for points must include the following technical elements:

Angler fighting fish, including video of rod and reel Cockpit panoramic view

**Tournament Designator** 

The Catch (swivel at rod tip or ream member touching the leader)

Video of Billfish for species identification. (Judges use dorsal, anal and pectoral fins for fish identification)

The Release (the Billfish being released on video of the rod and angler with the fish no longer connected to the line)

Secondary cockpit panoramic view after the release

After the secondary cockpit panoramic view, a clear video of GPS date & time; to be used for official release time. Hold camera steady for several seconds to allow clear focus of GPS Date & Time (This is critical.) GPS must display in CDT. Show designator along GPS if possible.

Verification videos become property of the tournament. Verification videos and billfish scorecards must be turned in to the video judges at the designated judging location near the weigh station between the hours of 3:00-8:00pm on either Friday or Saturday.

#### BILLFISH SCORECARD

All billfish released or boated must be logged on the Billfish Scorecard in the sequence in which they were caught. Scorecards must be signed by the Boat Captain indicating

# GULF GOAST MASTERS RULF GOAST MASTERS CONTINUED

they agree to the information as recorded. The scorecard must include boat name, angler's name, species, date and time of the release. Detailed instructions are printed on the billfish scorecard which is included in the team packet handed out at registration.

All billfish must be recorded on the Billfish Scorecard regardless if you enter the Optional Entry for Catch & Release. In case there are no blue marlin that qualify for the minimum size requirements and no awards are issued for that division, the money will be divided and rolled over to the teams with the most points on the scorecard.

#### POINT VALUES FOR CATCH AND RELEASE

Catch & Release placements are determined by points awarded as follows:

600 points for Blue Marlin

250 points for White Marlin, Sailfish and Spearfish

250 for any unidentifiable marlin (billfish excluding swordfish)

Only billfish caught and released according to these Rules are eligible for Awards as described herein.

The Billfish Scorecard must accompany the Catch & Release video to the weigh-in dock. The form must be completed with all required information. Catch & Release verification videos and scorecards must be turned in to the video judges at the weigh-in dock between the hours of 3:00-8:00pm on Friday or Saturday.

A Polygraph Test may be administered at the discretion of the Tournament Director and/or Committee.

#### PAYMENT FOR CASH AWARDS

Prior to fishing, each tournament boat must designate a representative payee to receive payment for all cash awards. Payment of cash awards is by check. A single check will be written to the boat's representative payee for the combined total of tournament cash awards and optional cash awards. Checks will be written after the Awards Ceremony on Sunday. Gulf Coast Master's accepts no responsibility for the division of any cash awards between team members.

#### **OPTIONAL ENTRY AWARDS**

Category	Divisions				
	1	2	3	4	5
Catch &					
Release	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
Blue Marlin	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
Tuna		\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
Wahoo		\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
Dolphin		\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
No Sonar				\$1,000	
Crew Jackpot					\$500

This is a separate entry. The Optional Entry is not required to compete for Tournament Awards. Participants may pay an Optional Entry fee in one or more of the following:

The Catch & Release, Blue Marlin, Tuna, Wahoo, Dolphin will pay 1st, 2nd, and 3rd with a 50%, 30%, 20%, split. The No Sonar and Crew Jackpots are winner take all categories. In the event of limited participation in any category listed above, the payouts will be modified as follows: One team entered will be refunded in full, 2-5 teams will be winner-take-all, 6-9 will be 60/40 split and 10 or more teams

will be standard 50/30/20 split. Participants who wish to pay an Optional Entry Fee Prior to May 1, may submit a credit card, cashier's or business check made payable to the Gulf Coast Masters. Participants who wish to pay an Optional Entry Fee after May 1 must pay by cash, credit card or cashier's check during registration hours on Wednesday at 5pm – 10pm of tournament week or make payment arrangements with the Tournament Director. Optional Awards for Catch & Release are determined by points according to Tournament Rules. Optional Awards for boated Blue Marlin, Tuna, Wahoo, and Dolphin are determined by weight according to Tournament Rules. In the event that no qualifying fish are weighed by an Optional Entry participant in a given Division eligible for an Optional Award, 90% of the Optional Entry Fees collected for that division are retuned to participant(s) who paid Optional Entry Fees for that division.

#### **CREW JACKPOT**

- Entry cost for the category is \$500
- •Winner determined by most accumulated points: 1pt/pound for weighed BM &Tuna, 2pts/pound for weighed wahoo, and 3pts/pound for weighed dolphin, 600pts for BM release, and 250pts for WM/Sail/Spear/UBF

#### **NO SONAR**

- Entry cost for the category is \$1000
- •Winner determined by most accumulated points by boat without sonar system: 1pt/pound for weighed BM & Tuna, 2pts/pound for weighed wahoo, and 3pts/pound for weighed dolphin, 600pts for BM release, and 250pts for WM/Sail/Spear/UBF

#### SUBMISSION FOR VIDEO RECORDINGS

Verification video recordings must be submitted not later than the closing of the scales on final day of fishing. Recordings should be submitted immediately upon return to the marina. All recorded images and sounds become the property of the tournament and may be used by the tournament for display purposes during the weigh in and future marketing campaigns. All Images will be copied from digital hard drive cameras, tapes, CD's, and DVD's, etc. Video Tips and Recommendations:

Use only new SD cards

SD type Sony and GoPro, etc. cameras which generate consumer type files allowing the judges to quickly copy the recording to a computer which facilitates slow motion and segment by segment scoring.

Files with .MXF filename extension cannot be opened or viewed by the judges.

Judges will not score from your laptop computer or iPad type tablet.

Judges will accept more than one video for the same release from a different camera (of the same type), provided the same previous video requirements are met.

If possible and without harm to the fish, have the mate display the dorsal fin on the video at the time of release to assist with identification.

Underwater video of the release is helpful with identification. Ensure that this video is adequately long enough to allow identification.

Limit the video release recordings from only this tournament with the segments stages, cued and ready for scoring. Before entering the scoring room, know where images are located on the recording. Have the SD card ready to be inserted into scoring computer.

It is critical the person sent to scoring clearly understands how to provide the video digital media to the scoring judge. One person per team is allowed in video scoring.

Understand how to properly display the GPS date and time on your boat GPS prior to the tournament. This is critical for a tie-breaker.

Remember: Report releases and boated fish to a Committee Boat on VHF Channel 78 so we can track them for unofficial reporting to the media and the verification committee. Releases may also be reported to weigh station phone (337) 849-8642

#### WEATHER / TOURNAMENT DELAY OR GANGELLATION

In the event the tournament committee feels in their best judgement fishing is unsafe due to severe weather, high seas, or any cause beyond the control of the Gulf Coast Masters, the tournament may be cancelled or delayed. If delayed, a new start time or date will be announced should weather conditions improve. If cancelled, entry fees will be rolled over to the following year in their entirety. One day or part thereof of offshore fishing by one-third of the boats entered constitutes a complete tournament. Entrants shall have no claim against the Gulf Coast Masters for return of paid entry fees. All teams and participants should make their decision to fish based solely on their own judgment. Fish at your own risk.

#### TIE BREAKERS

For fish weighed in any category of fish brought to the scales, placement is determined by the order of Weigh-in at scales. The recorded time of weigh-in determines placement. In case of a tie for top lady angler or top junior angler on points, placement is determined first, by heaviest fish and then, by the first angler to reach the highest point total as verified by boat's GPS time.

#### **PROTEST**

Any protests relating to the tournament must be submitted in writing along with \$1,000 deposit by the team captain to the tournament committee no later than 15 minutes after the last fish is weighed on the final day of the tournament. All entrants agree to abide by tournament rules and regulations. All disputes are decided by the Tournament Director and Committee. Their decision is final. Poor sportsmanship will be grounds for disqualification from the Gulf Coast Masters. Any violation of these rules resulting in disqualification will result in forfeiture of entry fee and prize money.

#### WAIVER / DISCLAIMER

It is understood that all participants in the Full Coast Masters enter at their own risk, and that the officers, committee members, sponsors, directors, tournament venue and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of said tournament, shall be exempt from any liability for libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury or death suffered by any participant, entrant, anglers, his/her companions, boat captains, mates, crew members, vessels and equipment with may occur during or in conjunction with the tournament. By tournament entry, the captain consents that the Gulf Coast Masters may without payment or restriction, use any photographs in which he/she or any of their crew may appear for any purpose whatsoever; including, but not limited to resale, advertising, commercial or promotional material. The captain and his crew further release the Gulf Coast Masters, officers and directors, and all persons from injury, loss or damage which may result.

All state record winners must submit to and pass in a conclusive manner, a polygraph examination administered by a licensed polygraphist provided by tournament officials. All entrants agree to submit to a polygraph examination at the request of the tournament committee if there is a conflict involving said entrant. Failure to submit to such an examination will result in disqualification of the entrant at the sole discretion of the tournament committee.

#### ALL DECISIONS OF THE TOURNA-MENT DIRECTOR AND COMMITTEE WILL BE FINAL.



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#### **Tournament Registration**

(All Registration will be performed electronically via CatchStat)

#### Friday, July 9th

Check-in 4pm to 8pm MBGFC Clubhouse Anglers Eligible to Enter Tournament must have been born on July 10, 2003 or later. \$40.00 per Angler (\$30.00 for MBGFC Junior Members)

Cookout from 6pm - until, courtesy of MBGFC

Mandatory Captain's Meeting at 7pm Fishing can begin immediately after mandatory sign-out from conclusion of Captains Meeting.

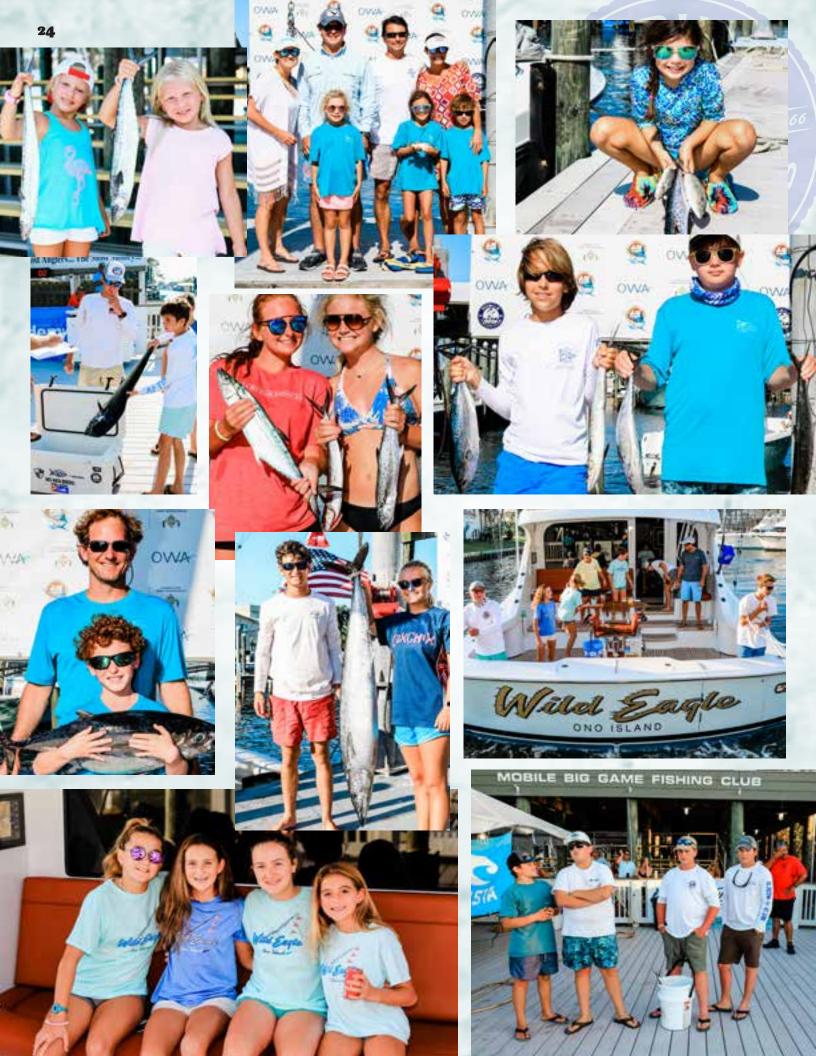
#### Saturday, July 10th

Fishing Weigh Dock Opens 4:00-7:00pm;

Must clear Perdido Pass Rocks by 6:00pm.

Awards presentation will be held at the clubhouse at 8:00pm Saturday

Chairman: Richard Inge Junior Chairman: Johnny Inge Committee: Brian Bailey



Angler

## 2020 Junior Anglers Winners

Category

Place

Weight

**Points** 

Boat





CATCH & RELEASE	1st Place		500	CE	CURRY COOPER
	2nd Place		500	IT JUST TAKES TIME	LEAH PRATT
	3rd Place		500	CRIPPLER	JACK VOSEN
	4th Pace		500	CE	JOHNATHAN STEPHENS
	5th Place		200	MISS MACY JUEL	JONAH VICKERS
TUNA	1st Place	44.6	44.6	CE	CURRY COOPER
	2nd Place	44.6	44.6	CE	BRENDLEY CRENSHAW
	3rd Place	37.2	37.2	CE	JOHNATHAN STEPHENS
WAH00	1st Place	49	49	DOUBLE DOWN	ADELENE WHITE
	2nd Place	11.4	11.4	CODE BLUE	DOUGLAS SANDERS
DOLPHIN	1st Place	25.4	25.4	MISS MACY JUEL	GRANT HOUSEKNECHT
	2nd Place	23.6	23.6	REEL TURNER	BLAKE WILBUR
	3rd Place	17	17	UNBELIEVABLE	WILLIAM HUDDLE
KING MACKEREL	1st Place	28.6	28.6	PIPE DREAM	RUSSELL HART
	2nd Place	19	19	PIPE DREAM	RUSSELL HART
	3rd Place	12.8	12.8	LISA JO	LOGAN LOVETT
SPANISH MACKEREL	1st Place	3.6	3.6	JUST LOOK AT IT	LIBBY SMALLWOOD
	2nd Place	3.4	3.4	JUST LOOK AT IT	HUNTER SMALLWOOD
	3rd Place	3.2	3.2	HAVOC	AYDEN GRAHAM
BONITO	1st Place	9.6	9.6	UNBELIEVABLE	LACY BRADLEY
	2nd Place	6.6	6.6	BAHAMA MAMA	GAVIN ABELN
	3rd Place	6.6	6.6	PRIVATEER	LOCKE KENNEDY
COBIA	1st Place	21.2	21.2	PIPE DREAM	RHODES HART
	2nd Place	18.4	18.4	PIPE DREAM	RHODES HART
	3rd Place	17.4	17.4	PIPE DREAM	RUSSELL HART
FLOUNDER	1st Place	1.2	1.2	WHIPPIN POST	THOMAS BROCK
TROUT	1st Place	3.6	3.6	FISHING TRIP	SADIE CARRINGTON
	2nd Place	2.2	2.2	MARJOE	BENNETT LIEB
	3rd Place	2	2	PICKWILLY	WILL WAECHTER
PIN FISH	1st Place	0.4	0.4	POCO LOCO	AUSTIN DICKEY
	2nd Place	0.4	0.4	MO MANIA	MARY EASON ROBINSON
	3rd Place	0.4	0.4	IT JUST TAKES TIME	CAMPBELL HOOD
CROAKER	1st Place	0.4	0.4	SAILFISH 2460	LALLIE ROGERS
	2nd Place	0.2	0.2	POCO LOCO	PARKER SIMPSON
	3rd Place	0.2	0.2	POCO LOCO	AUSTIN DICKEY
TOP CLUB MEMBER			544.6	CE	CURRY COOPER





### **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS**



(251) 981-4207 (251) 981-2094 Fax

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#### **RE: OVERNIGHT TOURNAMENT PARKING**

The 2021 Tournament Season is upon us! As the proud home of The Mobile Big Game Fishing Club family, Orange Beach Marina welcomes all owners, captains, crew and spectators to another great summer of competitive big game fishing in our beautiful and diverse Gulf of Mexico.

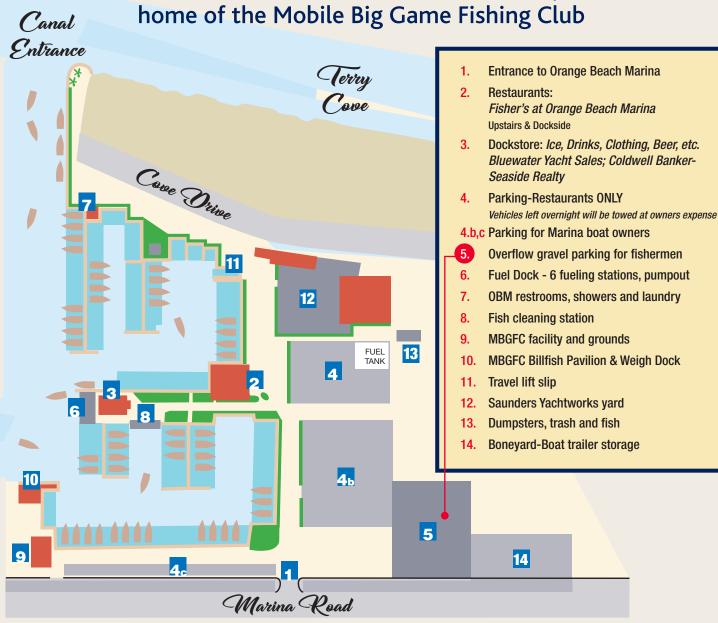
The Marina strives to make all of the fishing tournaments successful and enjoyable from an organization perspective to all who participate as well as spectators that come by visit, eat at Fisher's and then watch all the "big" fish being brought to the MBGFC Weigh Dock. For the past several years, we have struggled with accommodating parking for the entire Marina and the other businesses located at the Marina during the fishing tournaments. The main issue we face each year during the Memorial Day and Labor Day tournaments is tournament participants parking in one of the Marina's main parking lots instead of the designated gravel "Over Flow" parking lot located at the southeast corner of the Marina Complex along Marina Road. This creates a significant parking issue for Marina boat owners and their guests along with restaurant patrons for Fisher's Upstairs and Fisher's Dockside. Again, this lack of available parking spots in the paved Marina and Fisher's parking lots is created by tournament participants leaving their cars parked in one of paved parking lots in the Marina Complex.

All captains, mates and other fishermen must park in the designated gravel "Over Flow" parking area located at the southeast corner of the Marina Complex along Marina Road. Only "Boat Owners" that lease permanent slips from Orange Beach Marina are permitted to park in the paved parking spots adjacent to their boats. Orange Beach Marina will be providing transportation from the gravel "Over Flow" parking lot to their boats for loading supplies, etc. Following these guidelines will allow the Marina to have available parking for our restaurant patrons as well as visitors who are excited to be a part of the MBGFC weigh in.



# Welcome to the Orange Beach Marina facility

home of the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club



# Footnote Policy & Procedures

#### **CANAL COURTESY:**

Please respect those docked along the canal bulkhead by keeping your vessel at dead idle.

- avoid canal surge when entering or leaving Orange Beach Marina. THANK YOU!

#### PARKING:

- Only automobiles allowed in parking areas, no boat trailers, motor homes, etc. If you need space for your boat trailer or motor home, contact the Harbor Master at 251-981-4207.
- Park in areas marked for general parking and overflow parking.
- Area marked restaurant parking only, is reserved

for restaurant patrons and not overnight parking for fisherman.

- Parking behind boat stalls is reserved FOR BOAT OWNERS ONLY.

#### **WEIGH IN PROCEDURES:**

Boats with fish to be weight-in will be taken in the order they enter the Orange Beach Marina canal. Please radio MBGFC weigh dock and awit your turn.

Do not throw fish or fish entrails into the basin. Please use fish cleaning station, bag the entrails, and take to the fished dumpster, marked FISH ONLY, located behind the fuel tanks and Saunders.

#### **TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Orange Beach Marina 981-4207

Fisher's at Orange Beach Marina 981-7308

Saunder's Dockside mechanical

and engine 981-8691

**MBGFC Tournament Channels** VHF 72, SSB 4125

Orange Beach Marina Monitor 16, 69

Good luck anglers!



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# 22nd Billfish Limited Tournament

**JULY 23 - 25, 2021** 

TUNA • WAHOO • DOLPHIN ALL BILLFISH - CATCH & RELEASE ONLY

The Billfish Limited tournament is open to any size outboard powered vessel as well as any vessel 36' in length and under regardless of means of power (i.e. inboard, outboard, or I/O)

Cash Prizes for All Tournament Categories. Values based on Boat Registrations.

Optional Cash Awards will also be available.

Cash Prize for Top Boat 27' and under. Eligible for any tournament boat under 27' of length.

(All Registration and Cash Optionals Performed Electronically via Catchstat). \$1,250.00 Boat Entry Fee \$1,000.00 for MBGFC Member Boat Entry Registration includes merchandise for up to 4 anglers. Additional merchandise can be purchased at the retail counter.

#### FRIDAY: July 23rd

Pre-Tournament Gathering 3pm –5pm Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres Captains Meeting at 5:00pm on Friday.

Attendance at Captains Meeting is optional; however, tournament designator will be presented at Captains meeting. Meeting will be streamed live via social media. If you do not plan to attend Captain's meeting than you must watch it virtually.

Tournament officially begins after Captain's Meeting. Boats may depart from Perdido Pass, Mobile Pass or Pensacola Pass. Boats not attending Captain's Meeting must have video verification of their departure with time stamp.

#### **SATURDAY: July 24th**

Fishing
MBGFC weigh dock Opens 5:00pm – 9:00pm
Boats must clear Perdido Pass Rocks by 8:00pm.

#### SUNDAY: July 25th

Awards Breakfast at 9:30am at MBGFC Clubhouse

Chairmen: Robert Cook
Committee:
Angelo Depaola • Frank Terrell • Richard Inge



Angler

# Billfigh Limited Tournament

Weight

## 2020 Billfish Limited Winners

CATCH & RELEASE	1st Place		1000	LADY BEV	
	2nd Place		500	BORN 2 RUN	
	3rd Place		500	G SPOT	
	4th Place		200	MISS MACY JUEL	
	5th Place		200	SHRIMP PIMP	
TUNA	1st Place	156.4	156.4	BIG WOOD	JOEY SMITH
	2nd Place	111.2	111.2	DOLLAR MENU	CHRIS BAZOR
	3rd Place	87.6	87.6	ALL DAY	PAYTON WAINWRIGHT
DOLPHIN	1st Place	32	32	HIGH PRESSURE	RYAN SUMMERFORD
	2nd Place	20	20	MISS MACY JUEL	NOAH VICKERS
TOP Junior			1023		SKIP POSTLE
TOP Large Boat			1023	LADY BEV	
TOP Small Boat			185.2	ALL DAY	

Points

**Boat** 



Place

Category









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# 44th Annual Ladies Tournament

**JULY 30 - AUGUST 1, 2021** 

TUNA • WAHOO • DOLPHIN ALL BILLFISH - CATCH & RELEASE ONLY

#### FRIDAY: July 30th

(All Registration and Cash Awards Performed Electronically via Catchstat).

Registration Check-in Clubhouse: 4pm - 8pm, Cash Room 6pm - 9pm
\$1,250.00 Boat Entry Fee

\$1,000.00 for MBGFC Member Boat Entry

Registration includes meal tickets and merchandise for up to 4 anglers. Additional meal tickets and merchandise can be purchased at the retail counter.

Dinner: 6pm - 8pm Mandatory Captains Meeting 8:00pm. Tournament officially begins and boats may leave to fish After mandatory sign-out form Captain's Meeting.

#### SATURDAY, July 31st

Fishing MBGFC Weigh Dock Opens 6:00-9:00pm.

#### **SUNDAY: Aug 1st**

Fishing MBGFC Weigh Dock Opens 3:00pm - 6:00pm Boats must clear Perdido Pass Rocks by 5:00pm.

Awards ceremony at 7:30 PM

Chairwoman: April DePaola Committee:

Sara Williams • Liz Park • Janie Long • Melissa Solomon

# Ladies' Tournament

#### 2020 Ladies' Winners



Category	Place	Weight	Points	Boat	Angler
CATCH & RELEASE	1st Place	<del>_</del>	2500	BREATHE EASY	
	2nd Place		1000	FATSO	
	3rd Place		1000	DONNY D IV	
	4th Place		1000	TIDE RUNNER	
	5th Place		900	2 X 4	
TUNA	1st Place	163	163	COLD MOTION	HELEN DELANEY
	2nd Place	155.6	155.6	2 X 4	MARIANNE GOODLOE
	3rd Place	1337.6	137.6	2 X 4	MCRAE DUGGER
WAH00	1st Place	45.6	45.6	BOHEMIAN	PAM FLETCHER
	2nd Place	38.4	38.4	BLUE SKY	LEIGH TURNER
	3rd Place	24.4	24.4	COLD MOTION	HELEN DELANEY
DOLPHIN	1st Place	32.6	32.6	CE	CLAIRE ELLEN STEPHENS
	2nd Place	24.6	24.6	DA' GRIT	RAE MOON
	3rd Place	22.4	22.4	RISING SONS	JALEXIS FERNANDES
TOP Lady			700	RISING SONS	JASELYN BERTHELOT
TOP Junior			700	RISING SONS	JASELYN BERTHELOT
TOP Large Boat			2500	BREATHE EASY	



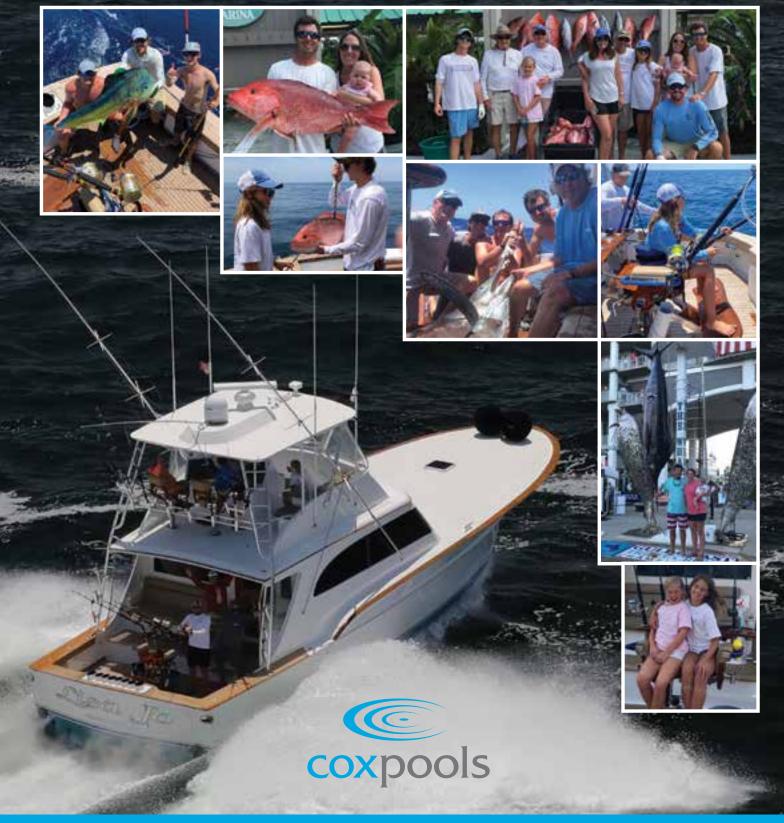






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# 54th Labor Day Invitational

**SEPTEMBER 2 - 6, 2021** 

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#### **Thursday: September 2nd**

(All Registration & Cash Award Performed Electronically via Catchstat)
Registration Check-in Clubhouse 4pm - 8pm, Cash Room 6pm - 9pm
\$2,500.00 Boat Entry Fee
\$2,000.00 Early Registration Entry Fee (Prior to August 30th)

You are not considered pre-registered until payment has been received.

\$2,000.00 Member Boat Entry Fee Anytime \$1,500.00 Boat 36"and Under Entry Fee

Registration includes meal tickets and merchandise for up to 4 anglers. Additional meal tickets and merchandise can be purchased at the retail counter.

#### Friday September 3rd

**NO** Registration

(All Cash Award Performed Electronically via Catchstat)

Cash Room: open 8:30am - 10:30am

Light Breakfast Food/Drinks: 9:30am - 11:30am
Mandatory Captain's Meeting and sign-out 12pm
Flare Start in Perdido Pass @ Fairwell Buoy: 1:30pm
Departure & Fishing open immediately following Flare Start

\*Boats departing from Mobile Bay or Pensacola Pass may NOT depart until 1:30PM

#### **Saturday September 4th**

**Fishing** 

MBGFC Weigh Dock open from 5:00pm – 9:00pm

#### **Sunday September 5th**

Fishing

MBGFC Weigh Dock Opens at 3pm.

Boats must clear Perdido Pass Rocks by 6:00pm

#### **Monday September 6th**

Awards Breakfast at 9:30 am

Chairman: Parker Huddle
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#### 2020 LABOR DAY WINNERS



Category	Place	Weight	Points	Boat	Angler
BLUE MARLIN	1st Place		418.4	QUICK TIME	ROBERT BURROUGHS
	2nd Place		405	DIRT PIT	CRAMER PIERCE
CATCH & RELEASE	1st Place		2700	MOLLIE	
	2nd Place		2000	LOLITA	
	3rd Place		2000	FLEUR DE LIS	
	4th Place		1200	QUICK TIME	
	5th Place		1200	PERSEVERANCE	
TUNA	1st Place	147	147	BRD LABOR DAY	STEPHANIE WEAVER
	2nd Place	143.2	143.2	MOLLIE	ROS TORTORIGI
	3rd Place	139.2	139.2	BREATHE EASY	JOSH TICE
WAH00	1st Place	68.4	68.4	BUCKET LIST	CHRIS HALL
	2nd Place	32	32	PERSEVERANCE	KEITH WADE
	3rdPlace	26.8	26.8	SEA SPRAY	ZACK PENNINGTON
TOP Lady			1000		BETH FISHER
TOP Junior			200		JASELYN BERTHELOT
TOP Large Boat			2843	MOLLIE	

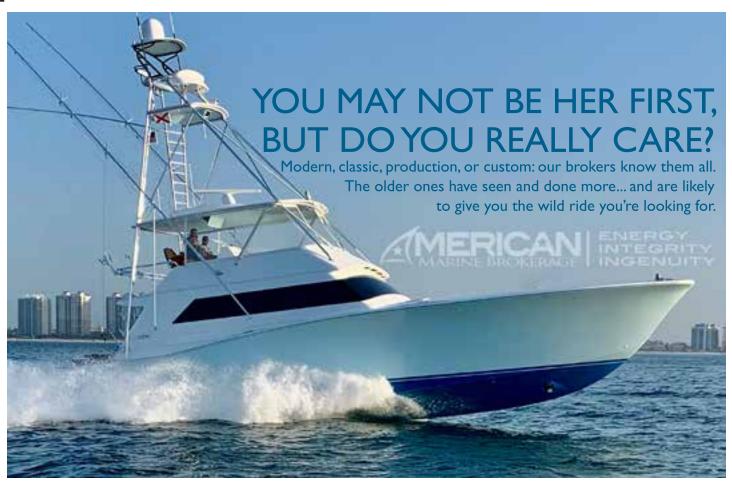














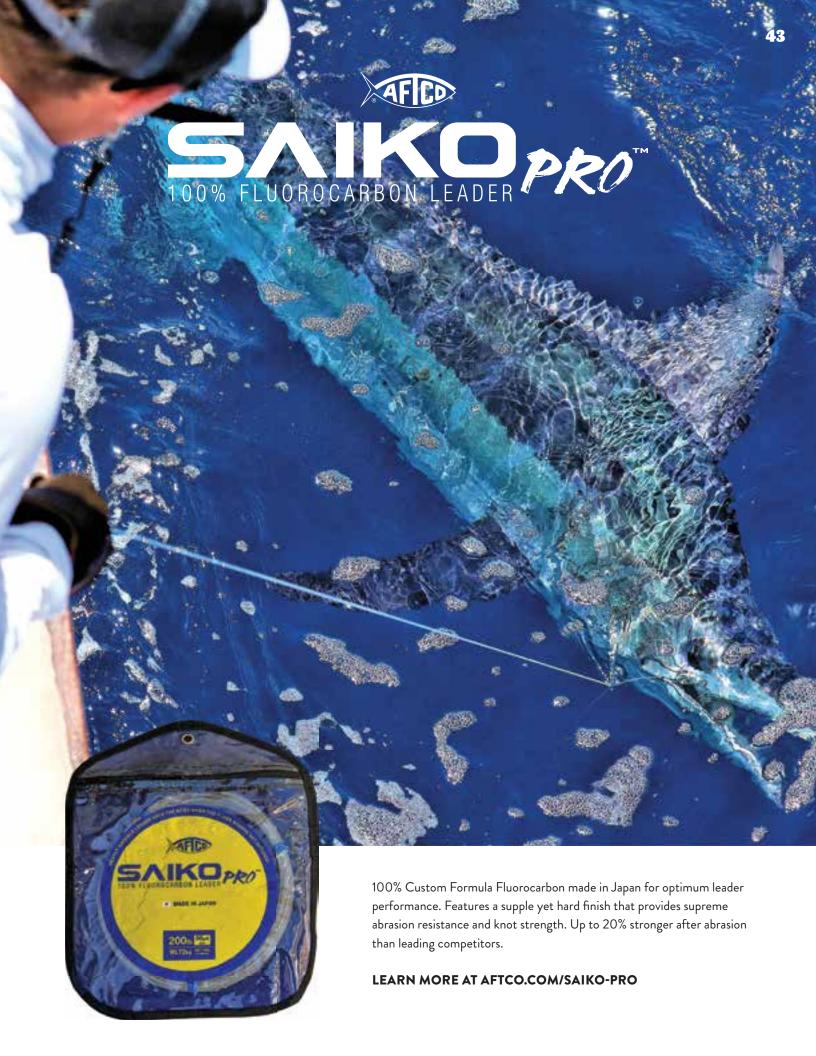
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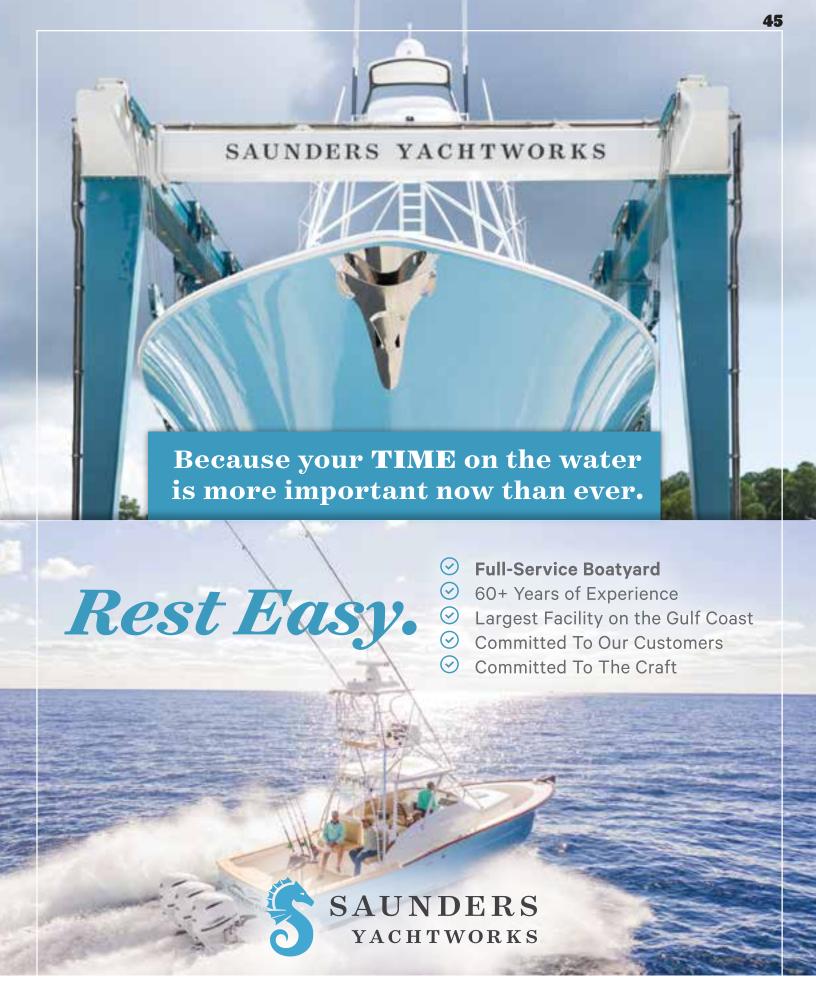
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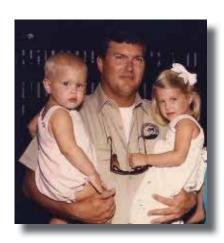
# A Tribute to

# CAPTAIN STEVE LEVI



Steve Levi (or simply "Cap'n") was a Lifetime member of the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club.

He served on the board off and on beginning in 1983 and served as president in 2005. Steve began a lifelong love for big game fishing in the early 80's on the "Feeling Satisfied", a 31 Bertram affectionately named for one of his favorite rock bands, Boston. A move-up was made in the late 80s to a 42 Bertram. The "Blue Summer" emerged on the Gulf Coast big game fishing tournament circuit.



Steve heralded big game catches across the globe in the Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic and Pacific oceans. He fished with the greats none other than the likes of Bart Miller, aka "Black Bart" in Kona Hawaii in 1984, and later with Ron Hamlin in Guatemala in 1998, and Lois Fernandez in Venezuela in 2005. He was known to bring enthusiasm and a 'kid like joy" to the boat. He could do it all and excelled in every position during a tournament. Whether rigging baits, driving the boat, wiring the fish or angling, he was the one to be on your team.

Steve was in the first observer class held by the IGFA. Those who have fished in and around St. Thomas know how difficult the fishing competition can be in Jimmy Loveland's Boy Scout tournament. The best boats, best captains around the world, pages of rules, rough beam seas, and a no-nonsense tournament director. Just the environment where Steve excelled. He distinguished himself as the premier observer for several seasons with the reputation for being a fair and impartial judge.

Steve will be greatly missed by his family, many friends, fellow anglers, boat captains and teammates. He loved the MBGFC, big game fishing, and promoting the sport. His energy and passion will be missed. He was a true conservationist.

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TBF celebrates our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and we are proud to acknowledge the MBGFC has been with us through most of those years. TBF was created by anglers, for anglers and billfish, and continues the same today. Collectively we advance billfish research, youth education and advocacy for responsible billfish and tuna management; thank you for the help.

Remember, the United States is authorized a 250 Atlantic marlin (blue & white combined) annual landing limit, which has not yet been exceeded in a year. Last year, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) issued a statement saying the limit was exceeded and switched billfishing to all release. It turned out that the limit was not exceeded, but almost, by landings of white marlin in August off the upper East Coast.

The agency is taking steps to more closely monitor the landing of marlin including landings by US boats outside the U.S., particularly in Dominican Republic and in the Bahamas. The number landed there could cause an all release format for tournaments back home. U.S. regulations follow the boat where ever it fishes, so regulations do apply and landing numbers do count against the 250 limit.

Keep in mind TBF's Gulf of Mexico Regional Tag and Release Competition and for the first time, a Steve Levi Memorial Trophy for Youth, from the Gulf of Mexico, will be presented. Check for more details in *Billfish* magazine.

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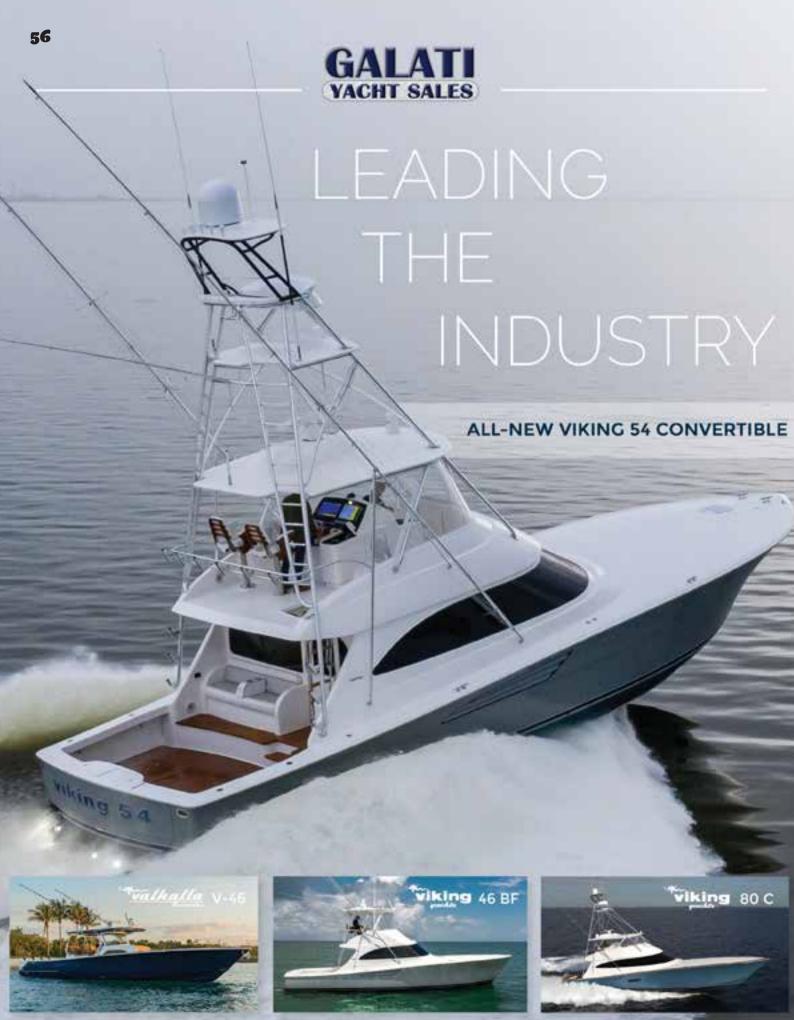
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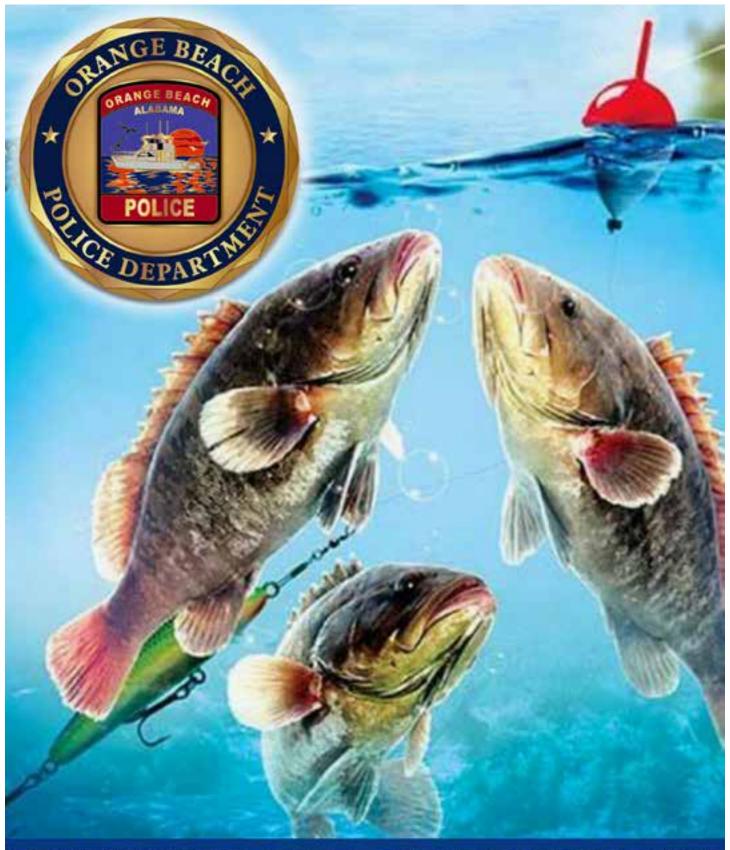
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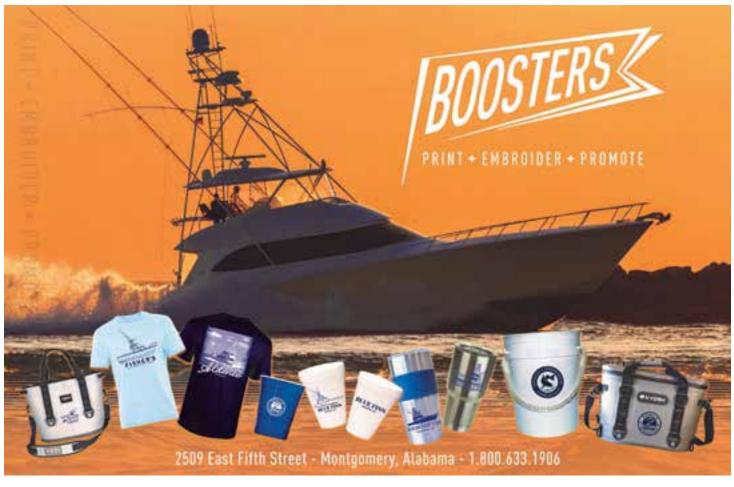
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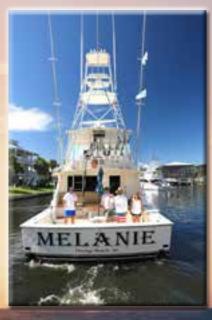




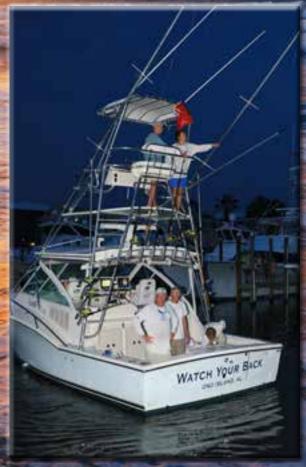












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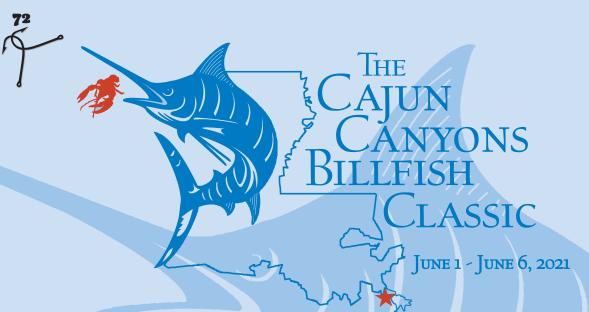
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