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2023 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE



GULF COAST MASTERS
MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT
MAY 22-28

JUNIOR ANGLER TOURNAMENT
JULY 7-9

BILLFISH LIMITED TOURNAMENT
JULY 28-30

LADIES TOURNAMENT AUGUST 4-6

LABOR DAY INVITATIONAL AUG 31-SEPT 4

END OF SEASON
MEMBERS ONLY TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER 6-8



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\$270,000 Base Payout

Plus optional Cash Award Division

GulfCoastMasters.comPart of the Sport Fishing Championship

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Discount Entry for Monkey Boat

Cash Base Payout
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Chris Park 2023 President





Dear Fellow Anglers and Friends

It is with pleasure that I welcome you to the MBGFC exciting 2023 season, our 57th tournament season. On behalf of the officers, the Board, and the Membership, I welcome you and want to personally thank you for participating in our tournaments. Our members, owners, captains, crew, anglers, participants, staff, and sponsors make our tournaments the best on the Gulf Coast. We pride ourselves in satisfying the entire spectrum of anglers on the Gulf Coast and we strive to Foster, Promote, and Increase Interest in the Sport of Big Game Fishing while at the same time protecting it while supporting our ideals of Conservation, Competition, Comradery, and Community.

In addition to hosting top end tournaments, the Masters over Memorial Day which has become a 5 star event with television coverage, affiliated with the Sport Fishing Championship and the Offshore World Championship and our Labor Day Invitational, we also love our niche tournaments for our youth (Junior Angler), smaller boats (The Billfish Limited), our ladies (Ladies Day), and our members (Members Only). This year we have added a second Members Only so that we have one at the opening of the season in the Spring and one at the close of the season in the Fall.

We have helped lead blue marlin conservation by increasing our minimal blue marlin harvest length through the years well above the federal minimum, and this year requires a 111" fish to boat a blue marlin. We are now working hand in hand with the IGFA deploying satellite tags in the Gulf of Mexico which we plan to continue to support with auction opportunities for you to contribute your fish's data. We will continue to promote our sport to our youth including offering the MBGFC Youth Fishing Clinic to teach children the How-tos of fishing. And we continue to donate our profits to charities, communities, and organizations in need that align with our goals.

We will continue to use Catchstat for registration and we are customizing our portals every year. It allows for on the fly, easy registration and optional entry as well as following the weigh in and awards status. It does require a valid email for all anglers and make sure to only enter your team once and make sure to pay by the deadlines to get your early registration discount. Members will still get a discount but need to register early to get the full discount possible. You can still cancel and be refunded up until the final registration.

So in summary, I am excited to serve as the 2023 President of the MBGFC fishing club and hope to continue all of those things we are doing right including hosting fantastic tournaments and philanthropy

with our proceeds but also to support our community of offshore loving, boat owning friends using our passion to encourage comradery, healthy competition, youth outreach, and conservation.

Christopher A. Park 2023 President

Mobile Big Game Fishing Club

2022 Member Annual Award Winners

AMARO	WINNER	BORT	WEIGHT
Tot Di sor Di ur Mani in Mu	Tony Benzuel or	Promo Cono	705
1ST PLACE BLUE MARLIN KILL	TOBY BERTHELOT	RISING SONS	785
1ST PLACE TUNA	MATT MCDONALD	BREATHE EASY	652
2ND PLACE TUNA	RAMEY HALEY	SKIN DEEP	169
3rd Place Tuna	DREW DELANEY	COLD MOTION	140
1ST PLACE DOLPHIN	ANGELO DEPAOLA	MG	40
2ND PLACE DOLPHIN	MICHAEL CLEVELAND	POP N' CORKS	32.4
3RD PLACE DOLPHIN	JASLEYN BERTHELOT	RISING SONS	30.6
1ST PLACE WAHOO	WENDY HUDSON	IONA LOUISE	53.2
2ND PLACE WAHOO	ED PARKER	FISH TALE	45.2
3RD PLACE WAHOO	BETH PARKER	FISH TALE	40.3
4TH PLACE WAHOO	WILLIAM DODSON	PARLAY	39.4
1ST PLACE C&R (DR. ROBERT H. MUDD AWARD)	Brooks Delaney	COLD MOTION	2700 PTS.
2ND PLACE C&R	CRAIG SMITH	BREATHE EASY	2500 PTS.
3RD PLACE C&R	CHRISTA FORRESTER	RESTLESS	2000 PTS.
TOP LADY ANGLER OF THE YEAR	CHRISTA FORRESTER	RESTLESS	2000 PTS.
TOP MALE (JERE AUSTILL AWARD)	BROOKS DELANEY	COLD MOTION	2700 PTS.
TOP JUNIOR (BILL ORRELL AWARD)	SAM CUNNINGHAM	SAY WHEN	1500 PTS.
TOP SMALL BOAT (TOMMY GLEASON AWARD)	BLUE FLOUNDER		496 PTS.
TOP PRIVATE BOAT (AUSTIN LACEY AWARD)	BREATHE EASY		9000 PTS.
TOP CHARTER BOAT	ANNIE GIRL		869 PTS.
TOP ANGLER OUT OF TERRITORY (TOMMY PRAYTOR)	TODD MARTIN	CAPTAIN HOOK	1200 PTS
OLIVER GEORGE SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR	WES WILLIAMS		1







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RULES ACCEPTANCE

Rules, including published rules in print or on the website (mbgfc.org), are subject to change without notice. It is the sole responsibility of the participating anglers, captains, crews and guests ("Participants") to know and abide by the Tournament Rules as published and as amended during the Captain's Meeting. By entering any Mobile Big Game Fishing Club Tournament and paying entry fees, Participants agree to abide by the Tournament Rules and accept decisions made by the Rules Committee as final.

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. The MBGFC has the right to use, publish, edit, and distribute any videos submitted to the club for any purpose. No release billfish should be removed from the water.

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 mbgfc.catchstat.com and for the master's 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 must sign out their boat. It is the responsibility of the representative to verify names, dates of birth, contact info, and social security number in order to be eligible to win a prize, trophy, award, plaque, or cash as part of our tournament. The age entry is required to verify junior members. 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 clearly showing date, time, and landmark of approved departure points. 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.

A representative from each team should attend the Captain's Meeting as each team is responsible for knowing the rules including any changes or clarifications made during the Meeting.

By signing out at the Captain's Meeting, the captain, owner, or registered angler acknowledges that they:

- 1. Have received the tournament guide and the tournament designator.
- 2. Understand and agree to abide by all rules in the tournament guide.
- 3. Have a copy of the rules applying to optional awards for breaking an Alabama State Record. (if applicable to that tournament)
- 4. Understand all topics discussed at the Captain's Meeting.
- 5. 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.
- Understand that tournament entries must be verified before leaving the weigh dock. It is the responsibility of the angler, captain, mate, or crew to verify the appropriate species, weight, etc.
- 7. Understand that all marlin caught (released or boated) must be video' d including GPS date and time, indicator, and any other requirements of the tournament and they should all be called in promptly via vhf, satellite phone, text, etc. Length of boated fish must be reported. Species of released fish must be reported. Failure to do so can lead to disqualification of the fish.
- 8. 2023 Discounts trend toward including early registration discount, membership discount except in members only, and for some tournaments a small boat discount. These discounts are additive.

No tournament refunds will be made after the official sign out.

Tournament Start, Fishing Times, Eligible Ports of Departure: subject to change.

These can be changed by tournament committee without advance notice.

The rules presented in the Captains Meeting trump written rules.

PORTS OF DEPARTURE:

For ALL MBGFC tournaments aside from the Masters, Boats may only leave from Mobile Pass, Perdido Pass, Pensacola Pass, or Destin Pass.

Boats are to remain in the water from the time of departure after the captains meeting until returning to the weigh dock. Boats may be lifted on a boat lift, hauled out, or placed on a trailer for repair work, weather or other reasons but are not permitted to be moved with a trailer during the tournament. The vessel must return to the water at the same location from which it left before proceeding to fish.

Deck checking of billfish is strictly prohibited: A boated billfish is one that has been partially or totally pulled onto the boat. Boated billfish cannot be released for points. Culling or discarding a previously boated marlin is prohibited. Violation of this rule will result in team disqualification from the tournament, inducing all categories entered, and forfeiture of all entry fees. Future participation in Mobile Big Game Fishing Club Tournaments will be barred for 1 year for first offense, two years following a second offense, and lifetime if there is a third offense.

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.

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 8 pm for the Masters, 6pm for Labor Day, 3pm for Ladies Tournament, 11am for Junior Angler, and 8pm for Billfish Limited, (or an alternative time designated at the Captains Meeting). Boats returning via Perdido Pass must be at or inside the 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 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.

LICENSES, PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, AND REGULATIONS:

All participants in MBGFC tournaments shall adhere to IGFA conventional tackle rules and regulations. However, MBGFC tournament committees allow deviation at their discretion, such as 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. Deviation from IGFA rules and regulations will void any world records, IGFA records.

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, seasons, and bag limits.

ELIGIBLE FISH

In the interest of conservation the MBGFC has set a Blue Marlin lower jaw to fork length (LJFL) minimum of 111 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.** Blue Marlin below the MBGFC 111 inch minimum length will not be weighed. The possession of a Blue Marlin below the 111 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 Members Only Tournaments are Catch and Release only for all Billfish species. The Gulf Coast Masters, Labor Day, and Ladies Day will allow weighing of Blue Marlin meeting the minimum of 111"The MBGFC can require a proprietary tail tag to ensure that additional blue marlin will not be harmed. Each boat will only be provided one tail tag and it must be attached immediately to any boated blue marlin and photograph with the immediate reporting of the fish

The MBGFC minimum weight for most tournaments for 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 and Ladies Day Tournaments** have 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 either via satellite phone, text message, to tournament representative, or to a committee boat whenever possible 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.

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.

Optional categories vary by tournament.

Top Club Boat*, Top Lady Angler **, Top Junior Angler ** (must be 18 years of age or younger at the start of the tournament, required date of birth in catchstat), 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

Points will be awarded for catch and release billfish. The 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.

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.

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:

- 1. Angler fighting the fish.
- 2. Rod and reel being used for the catch.
- Tournament designator*
- 4. Species of billfish <u>caught</u> video of the dorsal, anal, and pectoral fins <u>AFTER THE FISH IS CAUGHT</u> 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.)
- 5. "Catching" of the fish one of the following must occur:
 - a. Swivel at the rod tip
 - b. Mate touching the leader
 - c. Wind-on leader onto the rod tip

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

- 6. Release of the fish in healthy condition
- 7. 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.

All **Boated Blue marlin** videos should **clearly** show the following elements utilized in the process of billfish video verification:

- 1. Angler fighting the fish.
- 2. Rod and reel being used for the catch.
- 3. Tournament designator and fish designator if implemented
- 4. Once the fish is boated, the video should NOT BE TURNED OFF until 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, <u>BILLFISH MAY</u> <u>NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE WATER AND ANY BILLFISH REMOVED FROM THE WATER WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR CATCH AND RELEASE POINTS.</u>

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:

- 1. Failure to show the tournament designator.
- 2. Failure to show the tournament designator if additional video camera is used.
- 3. Failure to show the "catching" of the fish.
- 4. Failure to show the release of the fish in healthy condition.

- 5. Turning off video after "catch" before the fish is released.
- 6. Removal of a billfish from the water.

All videos used to verify catches agree to grant the rights to use, edit, market, post, publish by The Mobile Big Game Fishing Club.

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

- 1. Angler fighting the fish.
- 2. Rod and reel being used for the catch.
- 3. 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.

All videos must be shown on equipment at the MBGFC clubhouse grounds unless technology changes to allow otherwise 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. This can be to the clubhouse, a tournament representative, a board member, or an official tournament committee boat promptly after the fish is released or boated. Tuna, Wahoo, and Dolphin do not need to be reported. Committee boats will monitor VHF Channel 72 or you can call or text the phone number(s) designated at the Captains Meeting. 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. Time of release/boating
- 5. Size, length of boated fish
- 6. Classification of Angler (Male, Female, or Jr.)

PROTESTS

Disputes, protests, claims, differences or controversies relating to any aspect of the Tournament including without limitation Tournament Rules must be submitted to the Rules Committee no later than thirty (30) minutes following the close of the Weigh Station or are deemed waived. All 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 \$1000 protest fee. Only a successful protest will result in the refund of the \$1000 protest fee. All decisions of the Tournament Committee are binding and final and known to be subjective. All such disputes shall be decided by the Rules Committee and shall be final and binding upon all parties. MBGFC reserves the right to make exception to any rule when the Tournament Committee decides it is in the best interest of the participants, spectators and anglers. In the event the Rules Committee cannot render or refuses to render a

final and binding decision with respect to any dispute, protest, claim, difference or controversy under review, the matter shall be resolved by binding arbitration under the commercial arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association. The decision rendered in arbitration shall be in writing and shall be final and binding upon all parties. The parties shall have no further recourse except as provided for by the commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. Once the decision is rendered it produces the effect of "res judicata" and the parties shall fully comply with the decision without delay. The Participants specifically waive any right to a trial by judge or jury.

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 via water transport 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 for weighed fish** and released fish documentation will be provided at registration and should be prepared before arriving at the weigh dock. The angler must sign and verify the weight before leaving the dock for it to become 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 and catch stat do not necessarily reflect the official standings of the tournament.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEIGH-IN

- The MBGFC will be monitoring VHF Channel 72 once open for assignment of weigh-in numbers to allow boats needing to weigh fish access to the weigh dock and to direct boats.
- 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.
- Aside from Junior Angler, 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 or efficiency of the participants or spectators and or the MBGFC
- The weigh dock will close after all eligible boats have completed their weigh in and/or video verification.
 The results must be audited. This may delay the awards ceremony.
- All verification videos must be delivered on the boat upon which they were caught. For larger tournaments such as Memorial Day and Labor Day, Verification videos can be brought to the designated video verification dock in Terry Cove and from there, MBGFC will assist the angler

or representative to the clubhouse for video verification. 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 deliver videos for verification and do not need to weigh any fish. 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.

- All boats that require video verification should drop off the angler/ boat representative with the video equipment and all cables.
- 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 only. 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.
- 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, follow the the directions of dock master. If a boat does not respond when called, dock master may move to the next boat in line.
- Once your boat is at weigh dock, follow the directions
 of the weigh master. Do not get off of your boat until
 instructions are given to do so. Have your HMS permit,
 licenses, permits, videos, and fish ready to present before
 coming to weigh dock. Once all fish on your boat are
 weighed or videos reviewed, it is your responsibility to verify
 your catch. The dock master will coordinate your departure
 to make room for the next boat.
- "Catch card" and "Release card" documentation for all eligible fish will be issued at the weigh dock and must be signed as verified by the team before leaving the 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.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

An official awards presentation will be held following each tournament. Updates may be obtained using Catch-Stat or from the weigh board on the weigh dock during each day's weigh-in. For the Junior Angler, Members Only, and Ladies Tournaments, awards will be presented in the clubhouse at the conclusion of the tournament and may be delayed from the scheduled time to verify results. The awards presentations for Memorial Day, The Limited, and Labor Day Tournaments will take place on the day following the tournament at the awards brunch. All winners are subject to a polygraph examination at

the discretion of the Tournament Committee and agree to accept polygraph results and should sign the polygraph agreement form forfeiting rights to protest or challenge polygraph results and the resultant decisions by the tournament committee; Failure to sign is equivalent to signing agreement and polygraph results will be evaluated by the tournament committee and can lead to disqualification at their discretion. see polygraph policy section of rules.

OPTIONAL AWARDS

These categories are separate and are not included in the entry fees. Aside from winner take all formats, the 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. In the event, there are 1-5 entries in a category, the split may be 100% to the 1st place in that category per tournament committee discretion. In the event, there are 6-9 entries in a category, the payout may be 60%, 40% to the 1st and second place in that category per tournament committee discretion

In the event of a TIE in <u>ANY</u> 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 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 subject to change but are typically \$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 typically **\$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.

SWORDFISH

Some of our tournaments have a swordfish category with

options of **\$500 and \$1000 typically** for the Swordfish. Payout is 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. The swordfish must be of legal size

LARGEST FISH ON DOCK

Winner take-all for largest fish on dock is typically, **\$1,000.** This is paid at 90% to winner of largest fish weighed irregardless of species.

NO-SONAR OPTIONAL

At this point, this is a winner take-all for the largest fish on dock caught by a boat not equipped with an omnidirectional or similar sonar at **\$1,000**. If more than 10 boats enter this category, payout will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

MBGFC BOAT WINNER TAKE ALL OPTIONAL

Per tournament discretion, a winner take-all boat competition may be instituted for the most points using the MBGFC non kill point system, which is also used to determine the winner of the Members Only Tournament and several optionals.

Scoring System to be as follows.

- 500pts BM Release, 200pts WM, Sail, Spearfish Release
- 1 point per pound for Largest two Marlin weighed (accrued points for up to (2) Marlin)
- 1 point per pound for Largest Two Tuna (accrued points for up to (2) Tuna)
- 2 points per pound for Largest Two Wahoo (accrued points for up to (2) Wahoo)
- 3 points per pound for Largest Two Dolphin, (accrued points for up to (2) Dolphin) If more than 10 boats enter this category, payout will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

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 typically 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 eligible 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 on-site registration, you will be refunded everything less credit card fees.

(B) If pre-registered and withdraw prior to sign out and after onsite registration begins, 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.

GULF COAST MASTERS TOURNAMENT:

Boats may not depart until the Thursday 10 AM Perdido Pass Shotgun Start of the Tournament. All boats must depart from Perdido Pass. The starting point of the start in Perdido Pass is between the Farewell Buoy and the Orange Beach Fire Department vessel located due west of the Farewell Buoy. Please remember that the owner, captain, or registered angler must sign out on the official sign out sheet. Please refer to Gulf Coast Masters Rules pages of this tournament book for GCM specific rules, quidelines, fishing times, etc.

LABOR DAY TOURNAMENT:

Boats may not depart until the 12PM 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 12:00 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 or Destin Pass are allowed and are not required to attend the Flare Start in Perdido Pass; however, boats may NOT depart Mobile or Pensacola Pass until 12 pm with video verification of departure clearly showing landmark from pass of departure and GPS Date /Time. Agreement to tournament rules is still implied.

JUNIOR ANGLER TOURNAMENT:

Fishing from boats, shore, piers, jetties, or other vessel types is allowed. 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 Tournaments. Fishing may begin after the Friday party. No sign out is necessary.

LIMITED TOURNAMENT:

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). Boats may depart after the Captain's Meeting AND the owner, captain or registered angler has signed out on the official sign out sheet or using virtual check out if approved by tournament committee. There is NO Flare Start for the Limited Tournaments.

LADIES DAY TOURNAMENT:

The Ladies tournament is open to female anglers. Owners, captain, mates, and crew of any sex are allowed. There is NO Flare Start for the Ladies Tournament. Boats may depart after the Captain's Meeting AND the owner, captain or registered angler has signed out on the official sign out sheet or using virtual check out if approved by tournament committee. There is NO Flare Start for the Ladies Tournaments. Blue marlin meeting the 111" minimum are eliqible to be weighed.

MEMBERS ONLY TOURNAMENT:

The Members tournament is open to members only. For Boat awards, the angler, owner, or captain must be a member in good standing and on board during the fish catch. For individual awards, the anglers must be a member of the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club and in good standing. There will not be a flare start. Boats may depart after the Captain's Meeting AND the owner, captain or registered angler has signed out on the official sign out sheet or using virtual check out if approved by tournament committee. The winner is determined by the MBGFC winner take all boat format

Scoring System to be as follows.

- 500pts BM Release, 200pts WM, Sail, Spearfish Release
- 1 point per pound for Largest Two Tuna (accrued points for up to (2) Tuna)
- 2 points per pound for Largest Two Wahoo (accrued points for up to (2) Wahoo)
- 3 points per pound for Largest Two Dolphin, (accrued points for up to (2) Dolphin)

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. All must agree to accept polygraph results and should sign the polygraph agreement form forfeiting rights to protest or challenge polygraph results and the resultant decisions by the tournament committee. Failure to **sign is equivalent to signing agreement.** 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 and, at the discretion of the Rules Committee, are refused entry to future MBGFC tournaments.

PHOTO & VIDEO RELEASE

The Participants specifically agree and consent to the use of any photograph, motion picture, video or audio recording in which they appear or are heard by the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club. for any purpose whatsoever including but not limited to resale, advertising and promotional material without compensation or restriction of any kind.

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: MBGFC.CatchStat.com. 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

(Not Used in all Tournaments)

BLUE MARLIN OPEN DIVISION:

(Pays top three places in each category)

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

TUNA • DOLPHIN • WAHOO:

(Pays top three places in each category)

TOP CAPTAIN AND CREW: (1st Place Only)

TUNA • DOLPHIN • WAHOO: (1st Place Only for each species)

SWORDFISH: (Pays top three places)

RED SNAPPER: (Pays top three places)

WINNER TAKE ALL: (1st Place Only - MBGFC Points)

WINNER TAKE ALL: (1st Place Only - Largest Fish on Dock)

NO SONAR: (1st place only unless more than 10 boats)

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!



Beginning Of Season Members OnlyTournament

May 5th - 7th, 2023

Tuna • Wahoo • Dolphin / All Billfish - Catch & Release Only

REGISTRATION

\$1,500 per boat entry fee, simple registration using **Catchstat**. **\$250** Discount for Registration prior to April 30th, 2023

Cash Awards will be in the optionals in an old school Brown Bag Format, NO marlin kill tournament

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall based on points system

Plaques for top Catch and Release, Tuna, Dolphin, Wahoo, Small Boat, Junior Angler, and Lady Angler. Points – including standard release points, 1 per pound for largest two tuna, two points per pound for largest two wahoo, and three points per pound for largest two dolphin, from each boat.

FRIDAY: May 5th

Registration Check-in; 4 pm to 8 pm MBGFC Clubhouse Party begins at 6pm All cash award entries must be completed by 8pm

Fishing begins immediately after 8 PM Captains meeting live or virtual, any port departure but must have received registration entry to be eligible and video verify departure if you do not sign out of captains meeting.

SATURDAY: May 6th

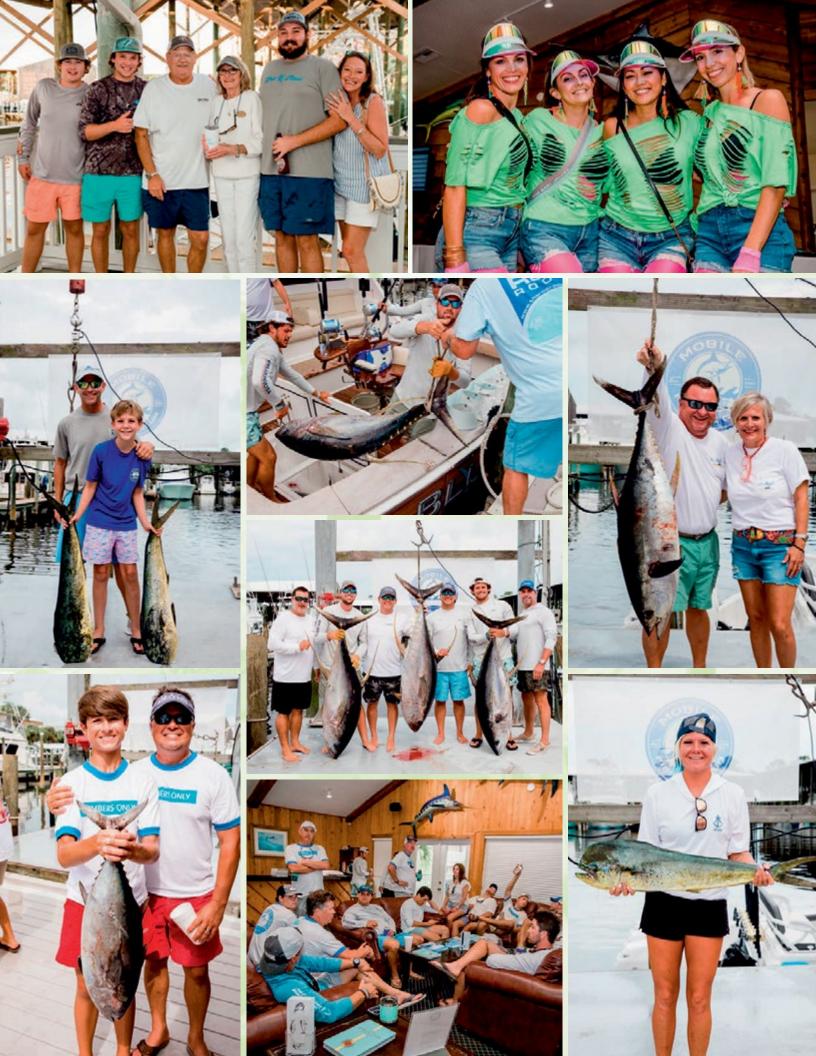
Fishing

SUNDAY: May 7th

Fishing
MBGFC weigh dock opens 1:00 pm
Boats must clear Perdido Pass Rocks or North of Perdido Pass Bridge by 3:00pm
Winner announced at 4:30 PM live and social media

Chairmen

Wesley Williams and Richard Delaney



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2022 Members Only Tournament Winners

)	Category	Place	Weight	Points	Boat	Angler
	TOURNAMENT POINTS	1st Place		770	BLUE PRINT	
)		2nd Place		734.4	GET REEL	
/		3rd Place		585.4	CRIPPLER	
	TUNA	1st Place	145.8	145.8	BLUEPRINT	JOHN MCMAHAN
	WAH00	1st Place	53.2	53.2	IONA LOUISE	WENDY HUDSON
	DOLPHIN	1st Place	15	15	WHITE CAP	BEN SPITZER

















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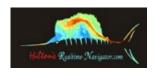




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AT ORANGE BEACH MARINA

The **Memorial** Day Tournament has become the Gulf Coast Masters, the spectacular Five Star Tournament the 2023 season. This Tournament will have activities from May 22-28.

TOURNAMENT AWARDS

All Tournament Awards are based on 60 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	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$15,000
Catch &			
Release	\$45,000	\$20,000	\$10,000
Tuna	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
Wahoo	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
Dolphin	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$5,000

OPTIONAL ENTRY CASH AWARDS

Divisions Category

5 1 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

\$5,000 \$2,500 \$1,000 \$500 Wahoo

\$5,000 \$2,500 \$1,000 \$500 Dolphin

No Sonar \$1,000

Crew Jackpot \$500

Additional Cash Awards available VIA Sports Fishing Championship

REGISTRATION: gcm.catchstat.com

FOR RULES GO TO WEB SITE: gulfcoastmasters.com

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For registration, weigh in, or during tournament questions, please contact:

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46th Annual Gulf Coast Masters Memorial Day Tournament

Blue Marlin, Catch & Release, Tuna • Wahoo • Dolphin May 22 – 28, 2023

This event is part of the Sportfishing Championship with Television Coverage.

Registration and Cash Awards

Registration is all via Catchstat.

\$6,000 entry fee per boat, covers the entire team including captain and crew attending all functions, swag for 4 people, more available for purchase.

\$250 early registration discount prior to May 2nd, 2023

\$600 late fee after May 11, 2023.

\$250 additional registration discount for MBGFC members

Monday May 22

6 pm until Florabama Welcome Party

Tuesday May 23

6 pm until Dock Party Crawfish boil at MBGFC Clubhouse

8 pm Auction for Camera Crews and IGFA Satellite Tag Deployment

Wednesday May 24

10 am until Registration and Optionals, Pick up Ditty Bags at Clubhouse 6 pm Captain's Meeting at Clubhouse, must attend to get wristbands

6:30 pm Tournament Celebration at Fisher's

8 pm Silent Auction ends, Live Auction, Raffle announced

Thursday May 25

10 am Shotgun start at Perdido Pass Farewell Bouy

Friday May 26

Fishing Weight Dock Open from 6pm - 8pm

Saturday May 27

Fishing Weight Dock Open from 4pm - 9pm

8 pm Must check in at Perdido Pass Rocks / North of Bridge

Sunday May 28

9 am Awards Ceremony at Fisher's

Chairmen:

Angelo DePaola & Michael Cleveland

Committee:

Robbie Carter, Bennett Long

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)	Category	Place	Weight	Points	Boat	Angler
-	BLUE MARLIN	1st Place	702	702	SKIN DEEP	JACK DONALD
H		2nd Place	588.8	588.8	BIMINI BABE	LEE WEIDNER
,	CATCH AND RELEASE	1st Place		2600	QUANTIFIED	
'		2nd Place		1200	BANDIDO	
,		3rd Place		1200	MOLLIE	
	TUNA	1st Place	152	152	QUESTIONABLE JUDGEMENT	TERRY MEIER
S		2nd Place	144.2	144.2	INTENSE	NEAL FOSTER
		3rd Place	137.2	137.2	LADY D	CRAIG MACGIBBON
	WAH00	1st Place	72	72	PERSISTENCE	RON CYRANKOWSKI
L		2nd Place	36.6	36.6	SLICK NICKEL	RICHARD BASS
3		3rd Place	21.2	21.2	PERSEVERANCE	AYDEN KULJIS
N	DOLPHIN	1st Place	40	40	MG	ANGELO DEPAOLA
		2nd Place	34	34	BADONKADONK	DON HARGRODER
-		3rd Place	33.6	33.6	BREATH REEL DEEP	SHAY CLEMONS

















GULF COAST MASTERS R U L E S

TOURNAMENT ENTRY

Entry Fee is \$6,000 per boat

\$250 Discount for early Registration if paid prior to May 2, 2023

\$600 late fee after May 11, 2023

Additional Registration discount for MBGFC members of \$250

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. All rules of the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club also apply.

RULES ACCEPTANCE

Rules, including published rules in print or on the website (gulfcoastmasters.com), are subject to change without notice. It is the sole responsibility of the participating anglers, captains, crews and guests ("Participants") to know and abide by the Tournament Rules as published and as amended during the Captain's Meeting. By entering the Gulf Coast Masters and paying entry fees, Participants agree to abide by the Tournament Rules and accept decisions made by the Rules Committee as final.

CAPTAINS MEETING

The Captain's meeting will be held on Wednesday at 6pm at MBGFC 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 captains meeting. You must check in and obtain wrist bands for attendees prior to attending the kickoff party at Fishers. Those without wristbands will not be allowed to enter. Additional wristbands will be available at clubhouse or at the party. Sponsors receive one wristband per \$1000 of sponsorship.

PERMITS & 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/findPermit

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

TOURNAMENT START

Teams may depart from Perdido Pass only at or after 10am on Thursday. All boats are encouraged to attend the flare start.

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. Boats are to remain in the water from the time of departure after the captains meeting until returning to the weigh dock. Boats may be lifted on a boat lift, hauled out, or placed on a trailer for repair work, weather or other reasons but are not permitted to be moved with a trailer during the tournament. The vessel must return to the water at the same location from which it left before proceeding to fish.

WEIGH STATION HOURS

Scales will be open 6:00-8:00pm on Friday and Saturday 4:00-9:00pm. All fish caught during the tournament must be weighed before scales close on Saturday night in order to be part of the tournament. Boats must be checked in at Perdido Pass either through the Rocks or North of the Bridge within

sight of the bridge spotter by 8:00pm on Saturday to have their fish count in tournament. 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.

OUALIFYING FISH

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

Eligible for Catch & Release

Blue Marlin White Marlin Sailfish Spearfish

Eligible for Weigh-in at Scales

Blue Marlin – 111" minimum (LJFL) Tuna – 20 lbs. minimum weight Wahoo – 20 lbs. minimum weight Dolphin – 20 lbs. minimum weight

Boated Blue Marlin must measure at least 111 inches in length from the tip of the lower jaw to the fork of the tail (LIFL). Deck checking of billfish is strictly prohibited: A boated billfish is one that has been partially or totally pulled onto the boat. Boated billfish cannot be released for points. Culling or discarding a previously boated marlin is prohibited. Violation of this rule will result in team disqualification from the tournament, inducing all categories entered, and forfeiture of all entry fees. Future participation in The Gulf Coast Masters and Mobile Big Game Fishing Club Tournaments will be barred for 1 year for first offense, two years following a second offense, and lifetime if there is a third offense.

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 form.

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 or use the provided phone numbers.

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 72 and weigh station phone (337) 849-8642 or tournament chairman or other representative for the reporting of Billfish. The GCM and MBGFC may require a proprietary tail tag to ensure that additional blue marlin will not be harmed. Each boat will only be provided one tail tag and it must be attached immediately to any boated blue marlin and photograph with the immediate reporting of the fish

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. Failure to sign the weigh -in or release verification can lead to disqualification of the fish/team.

TOURNAMENT AWARDS

All Tournament Awards are based on 60 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 Catch and	1st	\$50,000	2nd	\$25,000	3rd	\$15,000
Release Tuna Wahoo	1st 1st	\$45,00 \$20,000 \$20,000	2nd 2nd	\$20,000 \$10,000 \$10,000	3rd 3rd	\$10,000 \$5,000 \$5,000
Dolphin	1st	\$20,000	2nd	\$10,000	3rd	\$5,000

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.

Top Jr. Angler (18yrs or younger) & Top Lady Angler Awards will be determined by MBGFC point system. Ties. will be broken using GPS time of release. If no billfish are released in a category, the first fish to hit the dock will be used to break any ties.

- 1 points per pound for weighed blue marlin
- 500 points per blue marlin release
- 200 points per white marlin, sailfish or spearfish release
- 1 point per pound for largest 2 tuna (accrued points for up to 2 tuna)
- 2 points per pound for largest 2 wahoo (accrued points for up to 2 wahoo)
- 3 points per pound for largest 2 dolphin (accrued points for up to 2 dolphin)

CATCH & 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 the line in a healthy state per the video review official, with their ruling final.

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 & 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 team 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

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the 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 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 & RELEASE

The Catch & Release is determined by points awarded as follows:

500 points for Blue Marlin

200 points for White Marlin, Sailfish and Spearfish

200 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. Results of the polygraph are to be evaluated and enforced at the tournament director and/or committee discretion. In consideration for the GCM 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 GCM, 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. All must agree to accept polygraph results and should sign the polygraph agreement form forfeiting rights to protest or challenge polygraph results and the resultant decisions by the tournament committee. Failure to sign is equivalent to signing agreement. 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 GCM 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 and, at the discretion of the Rules Committee, are refused entry to future GCM tournaments.

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

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:

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

The Catch & Release, Blue Marlin, Tuna, Wahoo, Dolphin will pay 1st, 2nd, and 3rd with a 50%, 30%, 20%, split after tournament 10% sweep. 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 is determined by the team with most accumulated points. 1 pt./pound for weighed Blue Marlin & Tuna, 2 pts/pound for weighed wahoo, and 3 pts/pound for weighed dolphin, 500pts for Blue Marlin release, 200pts for White Marlin, Sailfish, Spear, UBF.

NO SONAR

Entry cost for the category is \$1000

Winner is determined by the team with most accumulated points on board a vessel without a sonar. 1 pt./pound for weighed Blue Marlin & Tuna, 2 pts/pound for weighed wahoo, and 3 pts/pound for weighed dolphin, 500pts for Blue Marlin release, 200pts for White Marlin, Sailfish, 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 of 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 and pectoral and anal 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 ĞPS 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 72 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 CANCELLATION

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 refunded after subtracting hard costs. 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, 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 30 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 in the year of activity and possibly going forward. 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 Gulf 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 winners must be willing to 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 TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AND COMMITTEE ARE FINAL AND KNOWN TO HAVE SUBJECTIVE COMPONENTS

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40th Annual Junior Angler Tournament

July 7 - 9, 2023

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Tournament Registration

All Registration will be done online at CatchStat

Friday, July 7th

Registration Check-in 4 pm to 8 pm MBGFC Clubhouse

Anglers Eligible to Enter Tournament must have been born on July 10, 2005 or later.

\$100.00 per Angler (\$90.00 for MBGFC Junior Members)

Cookout from 5 pm - until, courtesy of MBGFC

Captain's Meeting at 8 pm

Boats may depart after the Captains Meeting, No sign out is necessary

Saturday, July 8th

Weigh Dock Open 6:00-8:00 pm

Sunday, July 9th

Lines Out at 9 am

Weigh Dock Open 9:00-12:00 pm

Must clear Perdido Pass Rocks by 11:00 am

Awards presentation will be held at the clubhouse at 1:00 pm Sunday

Chairmen:

Bennett Long and Michael Delaney

Comittee:

Lee Kennedy, Austin Schell, William Barnes, Brad Tinney, Scott Delaney























2022 Junior Anglers Winners





	Category	Place	Weight	Points	Boat	Angler
	CATCH & RELEASE	1st Place		500	MARJOE	HENRY LIEB
		2nd Place		500	METAL MASHER	HENRY PARDUE
		3rd Place		500	METAL MASHER	TOWNS TINNEY
		4th Pace		500	SAY WHEN	SAM CUNNINGHAM
	TUNA	1st Place	169	169	SKIN DEEP	RAMEY HALEY
		2nd Place	67.4	67.4	DESPERADO	DAVIS WOODSON
		3rd Place	56.2	56.2	CAJUN ODYSEA	AUSTIN MOAK
	WAH00	1st Place	39.6	39.6	GET REEL	LANDEN ADAMS
		2nd Place	39.4	39.4	PARLAY	WILLIAM DODSON
		3rd Place	18.4	18.4	UNLEASHED	EMARIE PRICE
	DOLPHIN	1st Place	19	19	BLUE FLOUNDER	RICHARD DELANEY III
		2nd Place	16.4	16.4	VENTURE CAPITAL	AUSTIN RIGDON
		3rd Place	14.2	14.2	BREATHE EASY	ABBY MCDONALD
	KING MACKEREL	1st Place	18.6	18.6	HERO	ELLA RAINEY
		2nd Place	18.4	18.4	ROUTINE CALL	REESE TURNER
		3rd Place	15.4	15.4	TIDE RUNNER	ADELYN ROGERS
	SPANISH MACKEREL	1st Place	2.8	2.8	BLIGH	EASTON WILKES
		2nd Place	1.6	1.6	MULLET	MOLLY ROBINSON
		3rd Place	1.6	1.6	BLIGH	BECKETT WILKES
	BONITO	1st Place	14.2	14.2	BRIAR PATCH	COLLINS ADAMS
		2nd Place	12.4	12,4	IT JUST TAKES TIME	CLINT "LC" MILLER
		3rd Place	12.2	12.2	WHITE CAP	ALDEN PARK
	COBIA	1st place	23	23	MISS KENNEDY	BRODY GWALTNEY
		2nd Place	16.4	16.4	WATERMELON WARRIORS	CAYDEN WALKER
	RED SNAPPER	1st Place	21.4	21.4	RIVER GRACE	RIVER GOMIEN
		2nd Place	19.6	19.6	FOWL HOOKED	JACKSON GIBSON
		3rd Place	18.6	18.6	IT JUST TAKES TIME	GEORGE PRATT
	TRIPLE TAIL	1st Place	7.4	7.4	PRIVATEER	CATES KENNEDY
	FLOUNDER	1st place	2.4	2,4	PRIVATEER	LOCKE KENNEDY
		2nd Place	2	2	PRIVATEER	JETTON THOMAS
		3rd Place	1.8	1.8	FISHIN MAGICIAN	BRILEY LONG
	TROUT	1st Place	3	3	DEADBAIT	HARRISON JOHNSON
		2nd Place	1.8	1,8	MULLET	JACK ROBINSON
		3rd Place	1.6	1.6	HOT PURSUIT	HARRIS MURPHY
	PIN FISH	1st Place	0.8	0.8	HOT PURSUIT	AARON TIERCE
		2nd Place	0.6	0.6	PRIVATEER	KADIX JONES
		3rd Place	0.4	0.4	SOPHIE K	BRANTLEY MCGUGIN
	CROAKER	1st Place	1	1	NICHOLAS YOUNG UNS	JACKSON BEEBOUT
A		2nd Place	1	1	MULLET	JACK ROBINSON
4		3rd Place	0.8	0.8	PRIVATEER	CATES KENNEDY
4	TOP CLUB MEMBER			519		SAM CUNNINGHAM
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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS



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

27075 Marina Road P.O. Box 278 Orange Beach, AL 36561

RE: OVERNIGHT TOURNAMENT PARKING

The 2022 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

Canal 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,
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24th Billfish Limited Tournament

July 28 - 30, 2023

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)

All Marlin catch and release

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.

REGISTRATION

All Registration and Cash Optionals Performed Electronically via Catchstat.

\$1,750.00 Boat Entry Fee

\$150 Discount for Early Registration before July 17th 2023 at 11:59 pm

\$150 Discount for MBGFC Member Boat Entry

Registration includes all captain, crew, anglers, swag for 4 people, additional available for purchase at retail counter.

FRIDAY: July 28th

Pre-Tournament Gathering 3pm – 5pm

Cocktails served

Captains Meeting at 5:00pm on Friday.

Captains Meeting the owner, captain or registered angler must sign out on the official sign out sheet or using virtual check out if approved by tournament committee.

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, identifiable feature, indicator, and boat name/captain.

SATURDAY: July 29th

Fishing

MBGFC weigh dock Opens 6:00pm – 9:00pm Boats must clear Perdido Pass Rocks by 8:00pm.

SUNDAY: July 30th

Awards Breakfast at 9:30am at MBGFC Clubhouse

Chairmen: Morgan Nix and Frank Terrell



















Billfish Limited Tournament

2022 Billfish Limited Winners



Category	Place	Weight	Points	Boat	Angler
CATCH & RELEASE	1st Place		200	BLUE CRAB	
	2nd Place		200	REEL TURNER	
	3rd Place		200	HYER STANDARDS	
TUNA	1st Place	108.4	108.4	GEAUXTIME	STEVE GOODALL
	2nd Place	60.6	60.6	GEAUX TIME	WADE WELLS
	3rd Place	59	59	NECESSITY	TOWNSEND TINNEY
WAH00	1st Place	23	23	MISS PRINT	LANIER ROTEN
	2nd Place	21.2	21.2	CHEMO-SABE	MACLIN SMITH
DOLPHIN	1st Place	31	31	BLUE FLOUNDER	STEPHEN SPRINGFIELD
	2nd Place	26	26	MISS PRINT	LANIER ROTEN
	3rd Place	23.6	23.6	FRONT RUNNER	FORESS RAYFORD
TOP Junior			231	BLUE FLOUNDER	STEPHEN SPRINGFIELD
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46th Annual Ladies Tournament

August 4 - 6, 2023

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REGISTRATION

All Registration and Cash Awards Performed Electronically via Catchstat

\$2500.00 Boat Entry Fee

Includes Captain and crew, unlimited angler, swag for 4 people, additional available for purchase at retail counter.

\$150 Discount for early registration before July 24th, 2023 at 11:59 pm

\$150 Discount for MBGFC Member Boat Entry

FRIDAY: August 4th

Registration Check-in, Cash room Clubhouse 4pm-8pm Ladies Day Party - Team Theme Contest | in person judging: 5pm-7pm Welcome Drinks and Pass arounds: 5:00 pm

Dinner opens: 6:00 pm Captains Meeting: 7:00 pm

SATURDAY, August 5th

Fishing

MBGFC Weigh Dock Opens 6:00-7:00pm

SUNDAY: August 6th

Fishing

MBGFC Weigh Dock Opens 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Boats must clear Perdido Pass Rocks by 3:00pm

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Jadies Tournament

2022 Ladies' Winners

Category	Place	Weight	Points	Boat	Angler
CATCH & RELEASE	1st Place		1500	RISING SONS	
	2nd Place		700	COLD MOTION	
	3rd Place		600	BREATHE EASY	
TUNA	1st Place	178.4	178.4	EAGLE	CATE BUCHANON
	2nd Place	54.4	54.4	ALL-IN FISHING LADIES	LAINEY JAMES
	3rd Place	52.8	52.8	FATSO	LAURA BLANCHET
DOLPHIN	1st Place	28	28	DA' GRITS	MARIA NATAL
	2nd Place	28	28	DA' GRITS	MARIA NATAL
	3rd Place	24.8	24.8	MG	CANDACE COOKSEY
TOP Lady			522.6	MISS MA'AM	MARGARET YANCEY
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There is Single Division – Base Entry

\$3,500.00 Boat Entry Fee (Registration Deadline 8/31/2023 @ 9:00pm)

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\$250 Early Registration Entry Discount (Prior to August 17th, 2023 @ 11:59pm)

\$250 Additional discount for MBGFC Member Boats

\$250 Additional discount for Monkey Boat for Boats 36' and under

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Registration includes captain, crew, and all anglers attending functions, swag for 4, additional swag available for purchase at retail counter.

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THURSDAY: August 31st

Registration Check-in: 4pm to 8pm MBGFC Clubhouse Kick-off Party begins at 6:00pm Auction 8:30pm Raffle and silent auction end at 8:30pm Teams must be registered via Catchstat by 9:00pm

FRIDAY: September 1st

Base Entry Registration Closed Optional Cash Award Entry Deadline is 11:00am. Optional Cash Award Entry to be completed electronically via Catchstat

Captains meeting in – person or via Facebook live at 11:00am

Boats may not depart until the 12 PM, Perdido Pass Flare Start on Friday of the Tournament. Owner, captain, or registered angler must sign out on the official sign out sheet at the conclusion of the Captain's Meeting or provide video verification.*Boats departing from Mobile Pass or Pensacola Pass or Destin Pass are allowed; however, boats may NOT depart until 12pm with video verification of departure clearly showing landmark from pass of departure and GPS Date/Time.

SATURDAY: September 2nd

Fishing

MBGFC Weigh Dock Open from 5:00pm to 6:00pm

SUNDAY: September 3rd

Fishing

MBGFC weigh dock Opens @ 3:00pm

Boats must clear Perdido Pass Rocks or be directly North of Perdido Pass Bridge by 6:00pm

MONDAY: September 4th

Awards Breakfast - 9:30am - MBGFC Clubhouse

Chairmen: Parker Huddle and Billy Pardue























Jahor Day Invitational

2022 Labor Day Winners



Category	Place	Weight	Points	Boat	Angler
BLUE MARLIN	1st Place	785	785	RISING SON'S	TOBY BERTHELOT
	2nd Place	502.4	502.4	SECOND WIND	MITCH JURISICH
CATCH & RELEASE	1st Place		2500	SOUTHERN CHARM	
	2nd Place		1500	QUICK TIME	
	3rd Place		1000	BREATHE EASY	
TUNA	1st Place	179	179	UP-TO-IT	JEFF TOLBERT
	2nd Place	173.4	173.4	UP-TO-IT	DEREK KRANZ
	3rd Place	151	151	SLICK NICKEL	JOSH WILLIAMS
WAH00	1st Place	84.6	84.6	ANNIE GIRL	ROBERT ERVIN
	2nd Place	35.8	35.8	SECOND CHANCE	SAM PRIANO
	3rd Place	35.6	35.6	PERSISTENCE	JACKSON LUSCY
TOP Lady			1500	SOUTHERN CHARM	LISA DAVIS
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REGISTRATION

\$1,500 per boat entry fee, simple registration using **Catchstat**. **\$250** Discount for Registration prior to September 30th, 2023

Cash Awards will be in the optionals in an old school Brown Bag Format, NO marlin kill tournament

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall based on points system

Plaques for top Catch and Release, Tuna, Dolphin, Wahoo, Small Boat, Junior Angler, and Lady Angler

Points – including standard release points, 1 per pound for largest two tuna, two points per pound for largest two wahoo, and threee ints per pound for largest two dolphon, from each boat.

FRIDAY: October 6th

Registration Check-in; 4 pm to 8 pm MBGFC Clubhouse Party begins at 6pm All cash award entries must be completed by 8pm

Fishing begins immediately after 8 PM Captains meeting live or virtual, any port departure but must have received registration entry to be eligible and video verify departure if you do not sign out of captains meeting.

SATURDAY: October 7th

Fishing

SUNDAY: October 8th

Fishing

MBGFC weigh dock opens 1:00 pm

Boats must clear Perdido Pass Rocks or North of Perdido Pass Bridge by 3:00pm

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Bruce McCrory of Mobile, AL, passed away unexpectedly on Wed., Nov. 30. Bruce was instrumental in implementing a business approach to running the Fishing Club like a business and computerizing the books as well as tournament information data base. Bruce was always a "behind the scenes" guy who never wanted recognition for anything but ensured the tournaments ran smoothly. A true pioneer



of making the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club a better organization and looking out for its finances and the membership.

Bruce was a graduate of Murphy High School. He attended the Univ. of Mississippi and graduated from the Univ. of South Alabama. He was the Co-founder and Secretary/ Treasurer of Kiker Corporation, a roofing and sheet metal company based in Mobile, and he was serving as Technical Director for Nations Roof. An active member of the National Roofing Contractors Association, Bruce served on numerous committees, the Executive Board, and as Chairman of the Board in 2015. He was awarded the J.A. Piper Award, the association's highest honor, for his outstanding service to NRCA and the roofing industry in 2017. He was a dedicated member of the Subcontractors Association of Alabama (SubAla), serving on the Board of Directors, as the 2010-2011 President, and on the Board of Trustees. He received the Chisenhall Award for Outstanding Service in 2011. He was an avid supporter of his alma mater, the Univ. of South Alabama, and was a Past President and life member of the National Alumni Association. Throughout the years, he served in many other roles for the University, including the Mitchell College of Business Executive Advisory Council, the Mitchell Learning Resource Center Steering Committee and Campaign USA Leadership Team. He was recognized by the school in 2008 with the Distinguished Alumni Award. Bruce truly enjoyed serving others and his community. He was a devoted member of Christ United Methodist Church, where he served in many different leadership roles since joining in 1986. He worked with many local organizations including the Family Counseling Center, Better Business Bureau, Habitat for Humanity, USA Wesley Foundation, Preschool for the Sensory Impaired, and Mobile Big Game Fishing Club. He greatly enjoyed running in his younger years and used his passion for the sport to raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through their Team in Training Program, completing four marathons as a team member and coach. He had served as a volunteer Public Information Officer for the Mobile County Emergency Management Agency since 1977 and received the Director's Award for his service from former FEMA Director General Julius Becton, Jr. in 1986. Additionally, he was a finalist for the State of Alabama's Governor's Award in 1991. Bruce had many hobbies and passions. He greatly enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and internationally. He was an avid supporter of USA sports and attended hundreds, if not thousands, of basketball, baseball, football and volleyball games. He was a ham radio operator and regularly communicated with other operators throughout the country. He was well known for his passion for fixing things (or trying to) in his "laboratory." Those who knew him best know that he was rarely without his signature cigar



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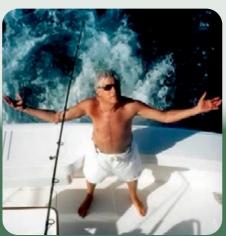
I am not really sure how many fish Jimmy ever actually caught on the Breaker Way, but if you ever were aboard for any reason, you know you were in for a great time, many laughs, and an experience you wouldn't forget. There was always a story afterward. For Jimmy, obstacles like engine problems, bad weather, rough seas, etc., were turned into opportunities. His optimism simply stated, was undefeated!! No matter what the problem was he could always turn it into Chicken Salad. At the end of the day, his grin would turn any negative upside down, and as you approached the Pass and the sun was slowly sinking and setting gently into the horizon you realized how much fun you had with Jimmy Bailey. Always the host, always smiling and always making sure everyone was having a great time; it was a great trip and another story.

Jimmy was a member of the MBGFC for many years and fished many tournaments. He also served on the Board for a decade or more and was a Past President of the Club. He loved the camaraderie and the story telling but most of all he loved being down at the docks in the middle of everything. He certainly was a great ambassador for the Club and was the reason many people decided to join and become involved, including me. Jimmy sold me on the value of getting involved and participating in the fishing club and how it would allow you to meet so many people and enhance your experience as a member. He did this for many years and I am grateful that he passed it along to me. Jimmy along with so many others helped to create, nurture, and expand this Club and its ideals and identity as a family fishing Club. His legacy will be remembered as typical of what really makes this Club great and sets us apart from all other Fishing Clubs and Tournament enterprises in the Gulf of Mexico. To him it was about relationships, friends, and unbelievable experiences and tales of Bill fishing and living on this Great Gulf coast.

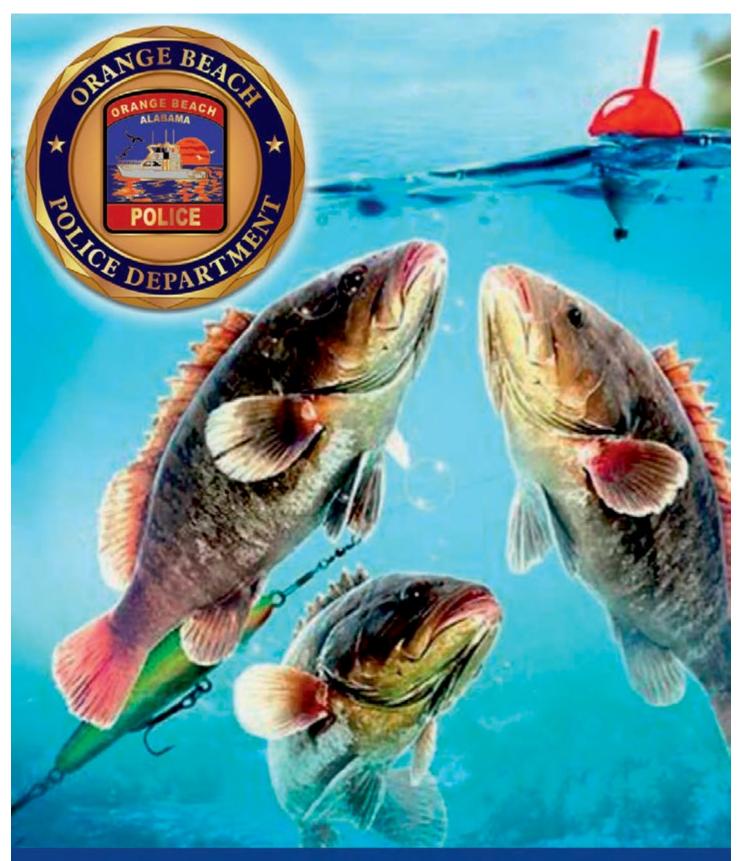
We will miss Jimmy Bailey and will always remember his smile. Jimmy, we hope you have tight lines in Heaven.

Joe Crow





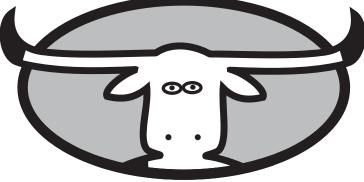




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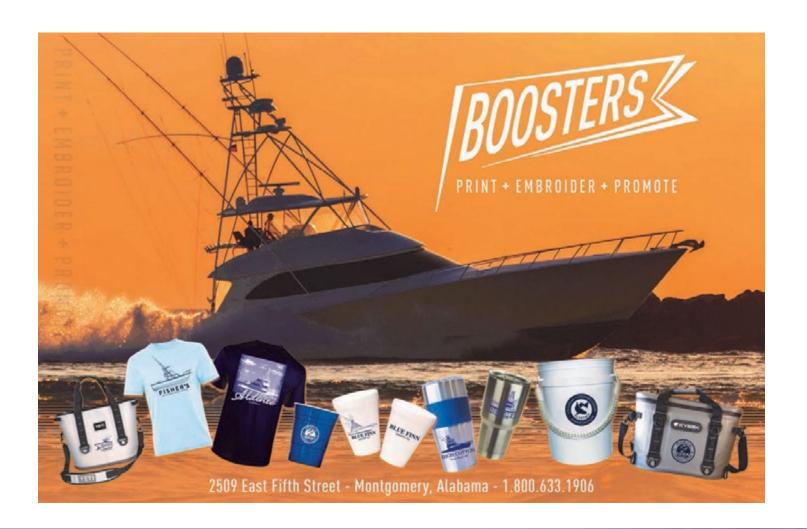


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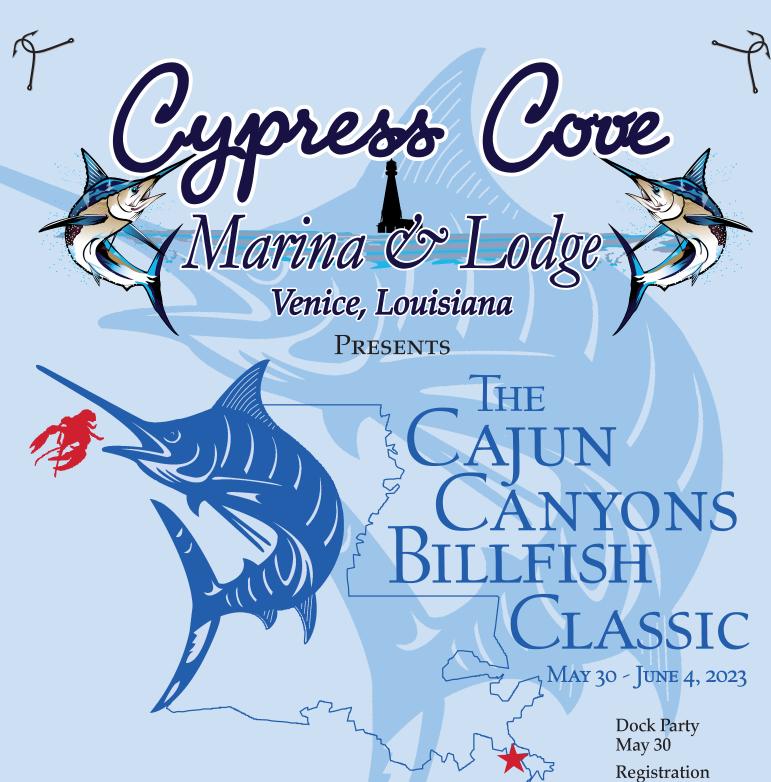
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