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## MOBILE BIG GAME FISHING CLUB TOURNAMENTS 2024

47th Annual MBGFC Memorial Day  
4th Annual Gulf Coast Masters – May 22-26, 2024

41st Annual MBGFC Junior Angler Tournament  
July 5 – 7, 2024

47th Annual MBGF Ladies Tournament  
July 26 – 28, 2024

25th Annual MBGFC Billfish Limited Tournament  
August 2 – 4, 2024

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# 2024 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE



**GULF COAST MASTERS  
MEMORIAL DAY  
TOURNAMENT**  
**MAY 22-26**

**JUNIOR ANGLER  
TOURNAMENT**  
**JULY 5-7**

**LADIES TOURNAMENT**  
**JULY 26-28**

**BILLFISH LIMITED  
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**AUGUST 2-4**

**MEMBERS ONLY  
TOURNAMENT**  
**AUGUST 16-18**

**LABOR DAY INVITATIONAL**  
**AUG 29-SEPT 2**



## **MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT**

**Cash Base Payout**

Plus optional Cash Award Division

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## **LABOR DAY TOURNAMENT**

Discount Entry for Monkey Boat

**Cash Base Payout**

Plus optional Cash Award Division

### **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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**Matthew Sayers**  
2024 President





Dear Fellow Anglers and Friends

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Mobile Big Game Club it is a pleasure to welcome everyone to the 58th annual MBGFC's tournament season. It is truly an honor to serve as the 2024 President, and want to express my appreciation to all the members, sponsors, boat owners, captains, crew, and angler's for making the tournament season possible.

The MBGFC is excited to announce the new Lifetime membership. The lifetime membership includes dues, junior membership for dependents, as well as a commemorative plaque to be displayed in the club house. Additionally 80% of the lifetime membership funds will be invested long term to ensure MBGFC continuous efforts in leading the way in conservation, and encouraging comradery in the offshore community for many generations to come.



Our tournament season will kick off with the 47th Annual MBGFC Memorial Day Tournament Gulf Coast Masters May 22-26th 2024. The Masters will host a great kickoff party that includes live music, food, and drinks at the MBGFC club house with a fleet of crews from all over the Gulf Coast competing for heavy payouts. Our 41st Annual Junior Anglers will be held July 5-7th, 2024. I'm so excited about our generous donations from our sponsors for this tournament. Last year the prizes were incredible and this year will be no different. The 47th Annual 2024 MBGFC Ladies Day tournament will be held on July 26-28. The Lady anglers always show up with the best energy and excitement. This tournament is always a fun one. The 25th Annual Billfish Limited Tournament will be held August 2-4th, 2024. This is our outboard only tournament and is growing every year. Our Members Only Tournament will be held August 16-18th, 2024 and is a club member exclusive tournament for bragging rights all year long. The 57th Annual 2024 MBGFC Labor Day Invitational is our last tournament of the year and will be fantastic finish to our tournament season.

Catchstat is once again our registration site and we are working to continue the customization of the portal each year. It is extremely important to make sure you are up to date with your listed teams, anglers and entry information to ensure an accurate start to the tournament you are registered for.

I would like to thank all of you for being a part of MBGFC. Our continued support from individuals like you allow our chairman and volunteers to do what they love while hosting these amazing tournaments. We also would not be able to do this without our sponsors. They are a driving force to the conservation, community, competition and comradery we foster. We are excited every year to the continued education of our offshore marine life, contributions to our community and this allows anglers to have a fun place to enjoy during our tournament season.

Tight lines,  
Matthew Sayers



# 2023 Member Annual Award Winners

<b>Category</b>	<b>Angler Name or Team/Boat</b>	<b>Weight/Points</b>	<b>Boat</b>
1st Place Blue Marlin Kill	Ryan Cooper	680.8	CE
2nd Place Blue Marlin Kill	William Dodson	628	Yellow Steel
3rd Place Blue Marlin Kill	Ron Davis	550	Southern Charm
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1st Place Tuna	James Painter	526.5	Fleur De Lis
2nd Place Tuna	Gus Rantz	189.6	Just Lookin
3rd Place Tuna	John Ladd	155	Blue Crab
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1st Place Dolphin	Michael Cleveland	30	Pop N' Corks
2nd Place Dolphin	Margaret Yancey	25.4	Miss Ma'am
3rd Place Dolphin	Christopher Brock	24.4	Blue Flounder
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1st Place Wahoo	Charlie Long	44.4	Summer Hunter
2nd Place Wahoo	Ed Parker	40.2	Fish Tale
3rd Place Wahoo	Justin Lowe	37.7	Reel Lowe
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1st Place C&R	Cooper Yancey	5300	Miss Ma'am
2nd Place C&R	Tate Yancey	4200	Miss Ma'am
3rd Place C&R	Jaselyn Bertholot	2700	Rising Sons
4th Place C&R	James Painter	2000	Fleur De Lis
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Jere Austill Award - Top Male Angler of the Year	Cooper Yancey	5300	Miss Ma'am
Bill Orrell Award - Top Junior Angler of the Year	Brantley Adams	1800	Briar Patch
Tommy Gleason Award - Top Small Boat of the Year	Blue Flounder	523	
Top Charter Boat of the Year	Sea Spray	221	
Austin Lacy Award - Top Private Boat of the Year	Miss Ma'am	12600	
Top Lady Angler of the Year	Jaselyn Bertholot	2700	
Tommy Praytor Award - Top Out of Area	Brooks DeLaney	3700	Cold Motion
Oliver George Sportsman of the Year Award	Bill Haffner		



# New Lifetime Membership



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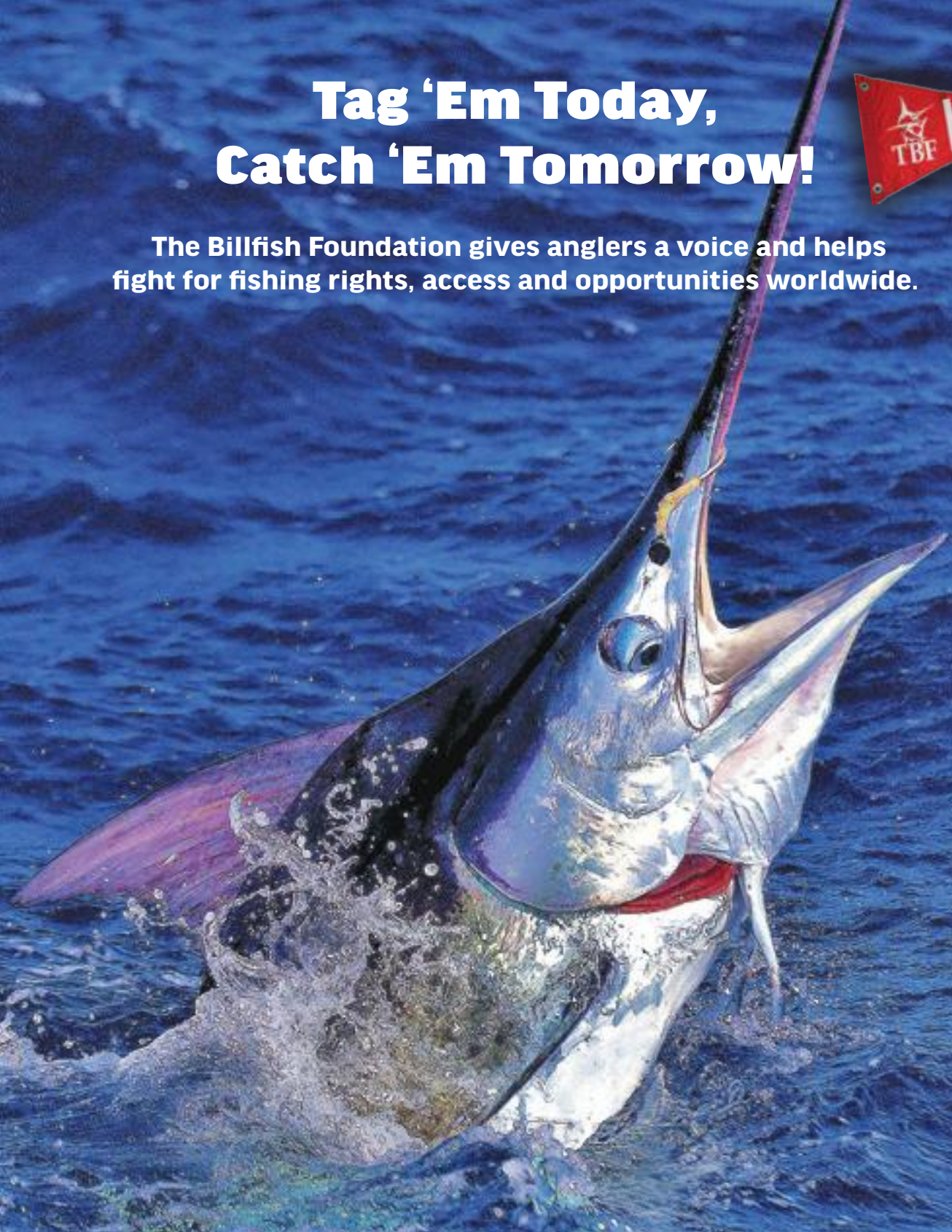


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## RULES ACCEPTANCE

Rules, including published rules in print or on the website ([mbgfc.org](http://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. Tournament Start, Fishing Times, Eligible Ports of Departure are subject to change by tournament committee without advance notice, and the rules presented in the Captains Meeting trump written rules. The MBGFC and its tournament committees 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. 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.

## REGISTRATION AND MANDATORY CAPTAIN'S MEETING

Tournament Registration for all tournaments will be done online. Registration can be accessed via [www.mbgfc.org](http://www.mbgfc.org) or the catchstat app or by visiting [mbgfc.catchstat.com](http://mbgfc.catchstat.com) & [gcm.catchstat.com](http://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, gender, membership status, email of each angler, boat size, and social security number in order to be eligible to win a prize, trophy, award, plaque, or cash as part of our tournament. In the event an in-person captains meeting is not held, virtual captains meeting participation is still required with verification of video departure necessary when not signing out at captains meeting and 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. Any rules changes will be discussed at this meeting.

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

- Know the rules including any changes or clarifications made during the captain's meeting.
- Have received the tournament guide and the tournament designator.

- Understand and agree to abide by all rules in the tournament guide.
- Have a copy of the rules applying to optional awards for breaking a record if applicable
- 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. and to sign off on the catch card or release card at the weigh station.

• 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 to 251-207-1515, text, or email to [mobilebiggame@gmail.com](mailto:mobilebiggame@gmail.com). Failure to do so can lead to disqualification of the fish. Release videos have their list of requirements including a healthy release.

• 2024 Discounts may include early registration discount, membership discount and/or a small boat (< 36 feet) discount.

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

## RULES

**PORTS OF DEPARTURE:** For ALL MBGFC tournaments aside from the Gulf Coast Masters, Boats may leave from Mobile Pass, Perdido Pass, Pensacola Pass, or Destin Pass.

• Unnecessary harming of billfish is strictly prohibited: No release billfish should be removed from the water. Boated (partially or completely) billfish cannot be released for points. Released billfish must be a healthy release.

• Culling or discarding a previously boated marlin is prohibited and violation of this rule will result in team disqualification from the tournament, including all categories entered, and forfeiture of all entry fees. Future participation in Mobile Big Game Fishing Club Tournaments will be barred for at least 1 year for first offense, at least 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 at a time. 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 checkpoint which is at or inside the Rocks before the designated time and upon arrival, boats must immediately contact MBGFC on VHF channel 72 or 251-207-1515 to issue a weigh in number.

• While the tournament does not strictly enforce the use of IGFA rules, it is in the spirit of IGFA rules. 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. Deviation from IGFA rules and regulations will void any IGFA and other records.

• Federal law requires a boat 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 weigh-in.

• Registered anglers are responsible for obtaining a valid Alabama State 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.

• One day of fishing constitutes a complete tournament.

• In the event of inclement weather, Especially "Small Craft Advisory", any part of the tournament may be canceled or postponed

• 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.

• Payment of an entry fee, completion of the tournament registration, 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.

• All anglers are responsible for the proper disposal of any and all fish that they bring to the weigh dock.

## WEIGH DOCK

The official weigh dock for all tournaments is the MBGFC clubhouse dock. Weigh dock times vary with each tournament and are subject to change. All fish brought to the dock must be in edible and fresh condition. Any evidence of manipulation or freezing will disqualify any fish. The weighmaster 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 efficiency or 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.

The weigh board and catch stat do not necessarily reflect the official standings of the tournament. 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 to be able to pass freely. NO WAKE - Idle speed only. Please cut your engines once you are tied to the weigh dock. Keep Tournament VHF Channel 72 clear during weigh dock operation hours, Boats waiting to be called to weigh dock should carefully monitor VHF Channel 72 and when your boat/number is called, follow the directions of dock master. If a boat does not respond when called, the dock master may move you to the next boat in line. Once your boat is at the weigh dock, follow the directions of the weighmaster. 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 the weigh dock. Once all fish on your boat are weighed or videos reviewed, it is your responsibility to verify your catch including signing release and catch card documentation. The dock master will coordinate your departure to make room for the next boat.

## 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 on-site 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.

## LABOR DAY TOURNAMENT

There will be an 11 AM Perdido Pass Flare Start on Friday of the Tournament. Fishing may begin at 11:01 AM. 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 before the flare start time and must have video verification of departure clearly showing landmark from pass of departure and GPS Date /Time. Blue marlin meeting the 110" minimum are eligible to be weighed.

## 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. No sign out is necessary. All billfish are catch and release.

## 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. All billfish are catch and release.

## 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. Blue marlin meeting the 110" minimum are eligible 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

the tournament committee. The winner is determined by the MBGFC points system. All billfish are catch and release.

## QUALIFYING FISH

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

### Eligible for Catch & Release:

Blue Marlin Clear identification as Blue Marlin necessary to receive 500 points

White Marlin 200 Points

Sailfish 200 Points

Spearfish 200 Points

### Eligible for Weigh-in at Scales (do not apply to junior angler tournament)

Blue Marlin – 110" minimum (LJFL)

Tuna – 20 lbs. minimum weight

Wahoo – 20 lbs. minimum weight

Dolphin – 20 lbs. minimum weight

Boated Blue Marlin are allowed in the Gulf Coast Masters, Labor Day, and Ladies Day Tournaments but must measure at least 110 inches in length from the tip of the lower jaw to the fork of the tail (LJFL). Deck checking of billfish is strictly prohibited: A boated billfish is one that has been partially or totally pulled onto the boat and 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, including all categories entered, and forfeiture of all entry fees and may lead to disqualification from future participation in Mobile Big Game Fishing Club Tournaments. No angler or boat may be in possession of more than one blue marlin per at any given time. No retention of undersized White Marlin, Spearfish, Sailfish or undersized Blue Marlin at any tournament will be allowed. The tournament committees reserve 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 committee. THEIR DECISION IS FINAL.

Each boat is required to record and report all billfish that are boated or released. Report all boated and released billfish to the MBGFC phone number 251-207-1515 or email [mobilebiggame@gmail.com](mailto:mobilebiggame@gmail.com). If necessary, committee boats may be hailed. Be prepared and document 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

Not required to report Tuna, Dolphin, or Wahoo

Record all billfish released on the release form prior to video review if possible

Record all fish to be weighed released on the catch form if possible.

## WEIGH-IN-PROCEDURES

Tournament scales will be located at the Mobile Big Game

Clubhouse. Boats having fish to weigh must be checked in by official closing of scales and obtain weigh in number via VHF Ch72 or MBGFC phone number 251-207-1515. Anglers must remain with their fish until completion of the weigh-in procedure. The angler must sign the catch and/or release sheet to verify the catch after certification by the tournament committee, at which time this will make the catch official. All fish weighed at the scales will be returned to the boat. Failure to sign the weigh-in or release verification can lead to disqualification of the fish/team.

## TOURNAMENT AWARDS

Tournament Award estimates are based on 75 registered tournament boats. Payouts are subject to change depending on the number of entries. Awards for Heaviest Fish will be presented to the angler/boat for the top 3 fish caught in the following categories: Blue Marlin, Catch and Release, Tuna, Dolphin, Wahoo. Top boat, Top Small Boat (36 feet and under), Top Jr. Angler (18yrs or younger at the start of the tournament), Top Lady Angler, and Top Club Member awards will be determined by MBGFC point system below. It is the responsibility of the team to make sure that anglers eligible for junior, lady, or member status are listed as such in catch stat at registration. Ties will be broken using GPS time of release.

1 points per pound for weighed blue marlin

500 points per blue marlin release

200 points per white marlin, sailfish, spearfish, unidentified release

1 point per pound for largest 2 tuna (accrued points for up to 2 tuna)

2 point per pound for largest 2 wahoo (accrued points for up to 2 wahoo)

3 point per pound for largest 2 dolphin (accrued points for up to 2 dolphin)

## TOURNAMENT DESIGNATOR/IDENTIFICATION MARKER

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

## 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.

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 in a continuous video:

- Angler fighting fish, including video of rod and reel

- 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) If not clearly a blue marlin, 200 points will be awarded.



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

Verification video recordings must be submitted no later than the closing of the scales on the final day of fishing to the video judges at the designated judging location near the weigh station or in the clubhouse. 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 may be copied from digital hard drive cameras, tapes, CD's, and DVD's, etc. The team is responsible for the quality, viewability, and clarity of the video as well as the functionality or attachments needed for video review. If separate camera angles are to be used, the video requirements must be met on each.

## SCORECARDS – RELEASE CARD AND CATCH CARDS

All billfish released must be logged on the release card in the sequence in which they were caught. They will be verified and certified by a video reviewer. The scorecard must include boat name, angler's name, species, date and time of the release.

Fish to be weighed will be logged on the catch card.

Scorecards must be signed by a team representative indicating they agree to the information as recorded.

## POLYGRAPH POLICY

A Polygraph Test may be administered at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. Results of the polygraph are to be evaluated and enforced by the committee. By registering, each angler agrees and consents to submit to a polygraph examination(s). Polygraph testing will be conducted by a polygraph examiner selected by the MBGFC. No prizes or awards are official until polygraph and audits are completed. All team members agree to accept polygraph results of any team member as including the entire team and by registering, all team members forfeit the right to protest or challenge polygraph results and the resultant decisions by the tournament committee. If any registered angler or occupant of a vessel refuses to submit to a polygraph examination, or if any registered angler or occupant gives a response which, in the sole opinion of the polygraph examiner, is untruthful, then the offending angler(s) and the boat shall be immediately disqualified without further notice from the tournament in question. Any registered angler(s) or team that is disqualified shall not be entitled to any prizes, awards, or refund of the entry fees or cash award fees and may be refused entry to future MBGFC tournaments.

## PAYMENT FOR CASH AWARDS

During registration, each tournament boat must designate a representative payee who provides tax id to receive payment for all cash awards. MBGFC accepts no responsibility for the division of any cash awards between team members. Cash award winners will be announced at the end of the awards ceremony. Results at the awards ceremony are unaudited and subject to change. Cash award checks will be issued approximately 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.

## OPTIONAL ENTRY AWARDS

Optional Entry will be available online via Catchstat. These are optional awards separate from tournament awards. 90% of all optional entries are paid out as optional awards. 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	Divisions				
	1	2	3	4	5
Catch & Release	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
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Tuna		\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
Wahoo		\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
Dolphin		\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
Swordfish				\$1,000	\$500
No Sonar			\$1,000		
Crew Jackpot				\$500	

The Catch & Release, Blue Marlin, Tuna, Wahoo, Dolphin will pay 1st, 2nd, and 3rd with a 50%, 30%, 20%, split. The No Sonar is a winner take-all for the largest fish on dock caught by a boat not equipped with an omnidirectional or similar sonar. Crew Jackpot is winner take all using MBGFC points system. In the event of a TIE in any cash award category, cash awards will be split equally among the winners

## WEATHER: TOURNAMENT DELAY OR CANCELLATION

In the event the tournament committee feels that fishing is unsafe, most notably a Small Craft Advisory, the tournament may be canceled or delayed. If delayed, a new start time or date will be announced should weather conditions improve. If canceled, entry fees will be refunded less a prorated share of tournament expenses. 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 Mobile Big Game Fishing Club 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 ties of weighed fish, placement is determined by the order of time of weigh-in at scales. For ties in catch and release, placement is determined by the first angler to reach the higher point total as verified by the boat's GPS time.

## PROTEST

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 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. MBGFC reserves the right to make exceptions to any rule when the Tournament Committee decides it is in the best interest of the participants, spectators and anglers. In the event that the Tournament 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.

## WAIVER/DISCLAIMER

It is understood that all participants in the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club tournaments 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 team consents that the MBGFC may without payment or restriction, use any photographs in which 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 MBGFC, officers and directors, and all persons from injury, loss or damage which may result.

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# 47th Annual Gulf Coast Masters Memorial Day Tournament

Blue Marlin • Catch & Release • Tuna • Wahoo • Dolphin May 22 - 26, 2024

## Registration and Cash Awards via CatchStat

Entry Fee is \$6,000 per boat, covers entire team including crew and captain and mate attending all functions, Ditty Bag for 4 people, more available for purchase  
\$600 late fee after May 6, 2024

## Wednesday May 22, 2024

1pm-5:30pm Registration, Optionals, Pick up Ditty Bags & Captains Meeting  
5:30-6pm Captain's Meeting at Clubhouse  
6:00-10pm Party (Dinner, Drinks, Band) wrist bands from captains meeting

## Thursday May 23, 2024

8-10am Breakfast Grab & Go  
10am Optionals End  
11am Shotgun Start at Perdido Pass Farewell Buoy and Fishing Begins

Boats may not depart until the Thursday 11 AM Perdido Pass Shotgun Start of the Tournament. All boats must depart from Perdido Pass. The starting point will be north of the Farewell VHF check out required. Please remember that the owner, captain, or registered angler must sign out on the official sign out sheet at After the captains meeting. Please refer to Gulf Coast Masters Rules pages of tournament book for GCM specific rules, guidelines, fishing times, etc.

## Friday May 24, 2024

Fishing  
7-8pm Weigh Dock

## Saturday May 25, 2024

Fishing  
4-7pm Weigh Dock  
6pm Must check in at Perdido Pass Rocks / North of Bridge

## Sunday May 26, 2025

9am Awards Ceremony at Clubhouse

**Chairman:**  
Matthew Sayers

**Committee:**  
Angelo Depaola, Lee Jones, Shawn Park, and  
Robbie Carter

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# Memorial Day Tournament

2023  
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Winners

Category	Place	Weight	Points	Boat	Angler
CATCH AND RELEASE	1st Place		4500	QUANTIFIED	
	2nd Place		3200	REBECCA	
	3rd Place		1800	QUICK TIME	
TUNA	1st Place	189.6	189.6	JUST LOOKIN	GUS RANTZ
	2nd Place	153.2	153.2	MISS MA'AM	COOPER YANCY
	3rd Place	129.4	129.4	MISS MA'AM	COOPER YANCY
WAHOO	1st Place	31.6	31.6	MISS MA'AM	COOPER YANCY
	2nd Place	25.6	25.6	MISS MA'AM	COOPER YANCY
DOLPHIN	1st Place	33.6	33.6	JUST LOOKIN	GUS RANTZ
	2nd Place	31.6	31.6	JUST LOOKIN	GUS RANTZ
	3rd Place	26.6	26.6	JUST LOOKIN	GUS RANTZ





# GULF COAST MASTERS RULES

## TOURNAMENT EVENT MAY 22ND - 26TH, 2024

Entry Fee is \$6,000 per boat  
\$600 late fee after May 11, 2024

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 ([www.gulfcoastmasters.com](http://www.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 5:30 pm 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 to attend the kickoff party at the Clubhouse. Additional wristbands will be available for sale.

### PERMITS & LICENSES

An Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Angling Permit is required and participants must be familiar with and follow HMS regulations. 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 11am on Thursday. All boats are encouraged to attend the flare start.

### FISHING HOURS

Boats may begin fishing at 11:01am on Thursday morning and continue fishing until the scales close at 6:00pm on Saturday. All boats with catch & release videos and fish to be weighed, must return by water, and must be inside Perdido Pass jet-ties and check in by 6:00pm on Saturday. Boats are to remain in the water from the time of depar-

ture 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 7:00-8:00pm on Friday and Saturday 4:00-till the last fish is weighed. All billfish catch verification forms for boated and/or released fish must be turned in to officials before the scales close.

### QUALIFYING FISH

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

#### Eligible for Catch & Release

Blue Marlin  
White Marlin  
Sailfish  
Spearfish

#### Eligible for Weigh-in at Scales

Blue Marlin - 110" minimum (LJFL)  
Tuna - 20 lbs. minimum weight  
Wahoo - 20 lbs. minimum weight  
Dolphin - 20 lbs. minimum weight

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#### 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.

### WEIGH-IN-PROCEDURES

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### TOURNAMENT AWARDS

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

<b>Blue Marlin</b>	1st \$80,000	2nd \$40,000	3rd \$20,000
<b>Catch and Release</b>	1st \$40,000	2nd \$20,000	3rd \$10,000
<b>Tuna</b>	1st \$20,000	2nd \$10,000	3rd \$5,000
<b>Wahoo</b>	1st \$20,000	2nd \$10,000	3rd \$5,000
<b>Dolphin</b>	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 boat, Top Jr. Angler (18yrs or younger), Top Lady Angler, and Top Club Member awards will be determined by MBGFC point system below. It is the responsibility of the team to make sure that anglers eligible for junior, lady, or member status are listed as such in catch stat at registration. Ties will be broken using GPS time of release.

- 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)
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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 in a continuous video:

Angler fighting fish, including video of rod and reel

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)

A clear video of 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.

Verification video recordings must be submitted no later than the closing of the scales on final day of fishing immediately upon return to the marina to the video judges at the designated judging location near the weigh station or in the clubhouse. 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 may be copied from digital hard drive cameras, tapes, CD's, and DVD's, etc. The team is responsible for the quality, viewability, and clarity of the video. If separate camera angles are to be used, the video requirements must be met on each.

## 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 a team representative 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.

## POLYGRAPH POLICY

A Polygraph Test may be administered at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. By registering, each angler agrees and consents to submit to a polygraph examination(s). Polygraph testing will be conducted by a polygraph examiner selected by the GCM. No prizes or awards are official until polygraph and audits completed. All team members agree to accept polygraph results of any

team member as including the entire team and by registering forfeit rights to protest or challenge polygraph results and the resultant decisions by the tournament committee. If any registered angler or occupant of a vessel refuses to submit to a polygraph examination, or if any registered angler or occupant gives a response which, in the sole opinion of the polygraph examiner, is untruthful, then the offending angler(s) and the boat shall be immediately disqualified without further notice from the tournament in question and enforced by the committee. Any registered angler(s) or team that is disqualified shall not be entitled to any prizes, awards, or refund of the entry fees or cash award fees and may be refused entry to future GCM tournaments.

## PAYMENT FOR CASH AWARDS

During registration, each tournament boat must designate a representative payee who provides tax id to receive payment for all cash awards. Payment of cash awards is by check and mailed after audit. MBGFC and Gulf Coast Master's accept no responsibility for the division of any cash awards between team members.

## OPTIONAL ENTRY AWARDS

Optional Entry will be available online via Catchstat until 10am prior to tournament start. These are optional awards separate from tournament awards. 90% of all optional entries are paid out as optional awards. 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	Divisions				
	1	2	3	4	5
Blue Marlin	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
Catch & Release	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
Tuna		\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
Wahoo		\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
Dolphin		\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
No Sonar				\$1,000	
Crew Jackpot					\$500

The Catch & Release, Blue Marlin, Tuna, Wahoo, Dolphin will pay 1st, 2nd, and 3rd with a 50%, 30%, 20%, split. The No Sonar is a winner take-all for the largest fish on dock caught by a boat not equipped with an omnidirectional or similar sonar. Crew Jackpot is winner take all using MBGFC points system. In the event of a TIE in any cash award category, cash awards will be split equally among the winners

## WEATHER: TOURNAMENT DELAY OR CANCELLATION

In the event the tournament committee feels that fishing is unsafe, most notably a Small Craft Advisory, the tournament may be canceled or delayed. If delayed, a new start time or date will be announced should weather conditions improve. If canceled, entry fees will be refunded less a prorated share of tournament expenses. One day or part thereof of offshore fishing 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 ties of weighed fish, placement is determined by the order of time of weigh-in at scales. For ties in catch and release, placement is determined by the first angler to reach the higher point total as verified by the boat's GPS time.

## PROTEST

Any protests relating to the tournament must be submitted in writing along with a \$1,000 protest fee to the tournament committee no later than 30 minutes after the last fish is weighed on the final day of the tournament. All disputes are decided by the Tournament Director and Committee and their decision is final. Poor sportsmanship will be grounds for disqualification from the tournament 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 team consents that the Gulf Coast Masters may without payment or restriction, use any photographs in which 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 DECISIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AND COMMITTEE ARE FINAL AND KNOWN TO HAVE SUBJECTIVE**



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# Tribute to Bennett Long

## *“The Ambassador of Fun”*



Bennett’s legacy can be measured by the impact he had, not just on his family and friends, but everyone and everything he touched. His life exemplified the club’s three pillars: community, competition, and comradery.

Bennett’s community extended beyond his friends and family. He loved the places he called home and the people that made those places special.

Bennett’s passion for the places he lived, worked, and played led him to put down deep roots in those places, so his impact was amplified and multiplied. In Mobile, his law firm gave a voice to those that needed someone to fight for them. Anyone who ever spent time at Bennett’s camp in Arlington, AL would be struck by how many people knew him and loved him. In Orange Beach, the family’s marina

was known for its world class facilities and service. Bennett’s restaurants served the finest food, and it’s where you went to celebrate with friends and family. Those of us lucky enough to be part of Bennett’s community know he never did anything halfway. His plans were always big and ambitious.

The club stoked his sense of competition. Not only did he want to win the tournaments, but he wanted the club’s tournaments to be the best on the Gulf Coast. Through his senses of competition, he would enlist others to fulfill his vision there by deepening his relationships with those that shared his passion for hunting and fishing.

Bennett gave a lot and asked for little. In the end, what he always wanted was the comradery. He enjoyed what we all enjoy—sharing with others our hopes, dreams, and the things we’re passionate about. For Bennett, that included his faith, family, and friends.





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# 41st Annual Junior Angler Tournament

July 5 - 7, 2024

## CATEGORIES

C&R Billfish, Wahoo, Dolphin, Tuna, Spanish Mackerel, King Mackerel, Bonito, Cobia, Flounder, Trout, Pinfish, Triple Tail, and Croaker (Snapper if in season).

All Marlin are catch and release, all verified get flag

Fishing from boats, shore, piers, jetties, or other vessel types is allowed. Boats may depart after the Captain's Meeting No sign out is necessary.

## TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

All Registration will be done online at **CatchStat**

### Friday, July 5th, 2024

Registration Check-in: 4:00 to 6:30 pm MBGFC Clubhouse

Anglers Eligible to Enter Tournament must have been born on July 10, 2006 or later.

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

Cookout from 5:00 – 6:30 pm courtesy of MBGFC

Captain's Meeting at 6:30 pm

### Saturday, July 6th, 2024

Weigh Dock Open 6:30 – 8:00 pm

### Sunday, July 7th, 2024

Lines Out at 9:00 am

Weigh Dock Open 9:00 am – 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

Recognize all billfish with flag

Recognize all first billfish - Flag

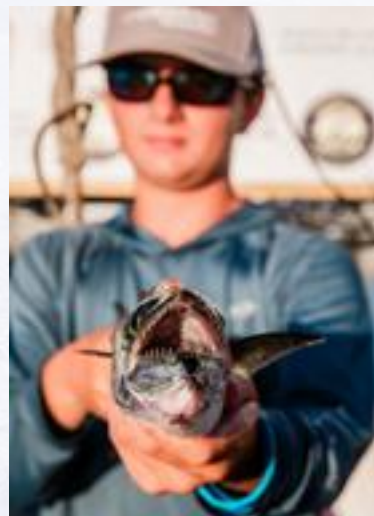
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Bill Haffner

#### **Comittee:**

Bob Schwarz, Todd Nicholas, Larry Hammett, Brad Tinny, Angelo DePaola  
Michael Cleveland, Michael Delaney – **Social Chair**-Brantley Devalk



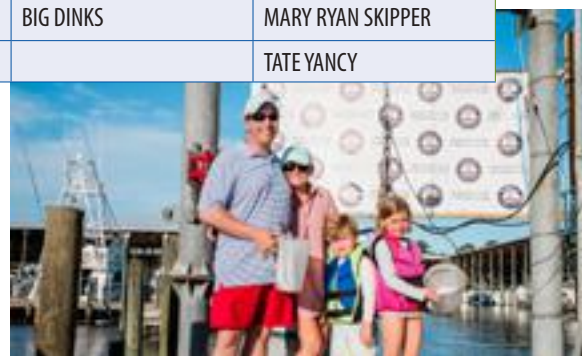




# 2023 Junior Anglers Winners



Category	Place	Weight	Points	Boat	Angler
CATCH & RELEASE	1st Place		1100	MISS MA'AM	TATE YANCEY
	2nd Place		500	BREATHE EASY	ABBY MCDONALD
	3rd Place		500	METAL MASHER	TED TINNEY
	4th Place		200	PATRON	OLIVIA SHUMATE
TUNA	1st Place	82.8	82.8	TIDE RUNNER	BETH BURCHFIELD
	2nd Place	51	51	EAGLE	LOCKE KENNEDY
	3rd Place	37.6	37.6	TIDE RUNNER	RUSSELL COLE
WAHOO	1st Place	20.6	20.6	THC	WINN TAPIA
	2nd Place	18.8	18.8	PATRON	MILAN GOODWIN
	3rd Place	18.4	18.4	THC	CHARLIE JANE DEPAOLA
DOLPHIN	1st Place	18.2	18.2	BRIAR PATCH	COLLINS ADAMS
	2nd Place	10	10	IT JUST TAKES TIME	OLIVIA PRATT
	3rd Place	4.6	4.6	MISS MA'AM	ANDREW YANCEY
KING MACKEREL	1st Place	16.2	16.2	REEL LOWE	GRAHAM DAVID LOWE
	2nd Place	9.8	9.8	REEL LOWE	GRAHAM DAVID LOWE
	3rd Place	8	8	REEL LOWE	GRAHAM DAVID LOWE
SPANISH MACKEREL	1st Place	3.6	3.6	SIX PACKED	ZANE REHR
	2nd Place	3.2	3.2	REEL LOWE	GRAHAM DAVID ROWE
	3rd Place	2.2	2.2	BLUE FLOUNDER	KILLIAN DELANEY
BONITO	1st Place	12.4	12.4	THC	GEORGE HACKNEY II
	2nd Place	9.6	9.6	TIDE RUNNER	JULIANNE JACKSON
	3rd Place	9.6	9.6	SIX PACKED	ZANE REHR
RED SNAPPER	1st Place	23.4	23.4	EAGLE	CATES KENNEDY
	2nd Place	22.8	22.8	IT JUST TAKES TIME	GRAHAM DUNNAM
	3rd Place	19.8	19.8	TIDE RUNNER	MARK NORRIS
TRIPLE TAIL	1st Place	6.6	6.6	FISH SLAYERS	THOMPSON SANDERS
FLOUNDER	1st Place	1.4	1.4	MULLET	JACK ROBINSON
	2nd Place	1.2	1.2	DEADBAIT	HARRISON JOHNSON
	3rd Place	1.2	1.2	MULLET	JACK ROBINSON
TROUT	1st Place	6.2	6.2	BIG DINKS	MARY RYAN SKIPPER
	2nd Place	2.8	2.8	POCO LOCO	PARKER SIMPSON
	3rd Place	2.6	2.6	POCO LOCO	PARKER SIMPSON
PINFISH	1st Place	0.4	0.4	MULLET	JACK ROBINSON
	2nd Place	0.4	0.4	DEAD BAIT	HARRISON JOHNSON
	3rd Place	0.4	0.4	THE REEL DEAL	ELIZABETH MABRY
CROAKER	1st Place	0.8	0.8	BIG DINKS	MARY RYAN SKIPPER
	2nd Place	0.6	0.6	BIG DINKS	MARY RYAN SKIPPER
	3rd Place	0.6	0.6	BIG DINKS	MARY RYAN SKIPPER
TOP CLUB MEMBER			1100		TATE YANCY





# IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS



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(251) 981-2094 Fax  
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P.O. Box 278  
Orange Beach, AL 36561

## RE: OVERNIGHT TOURNAMENT PARKING

The 2024 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. Again, this lack of available parking spots in the paved Marina parking lots is created by tournament participants leaving their cars parked in one of paved parking lots in the Marina Complex.

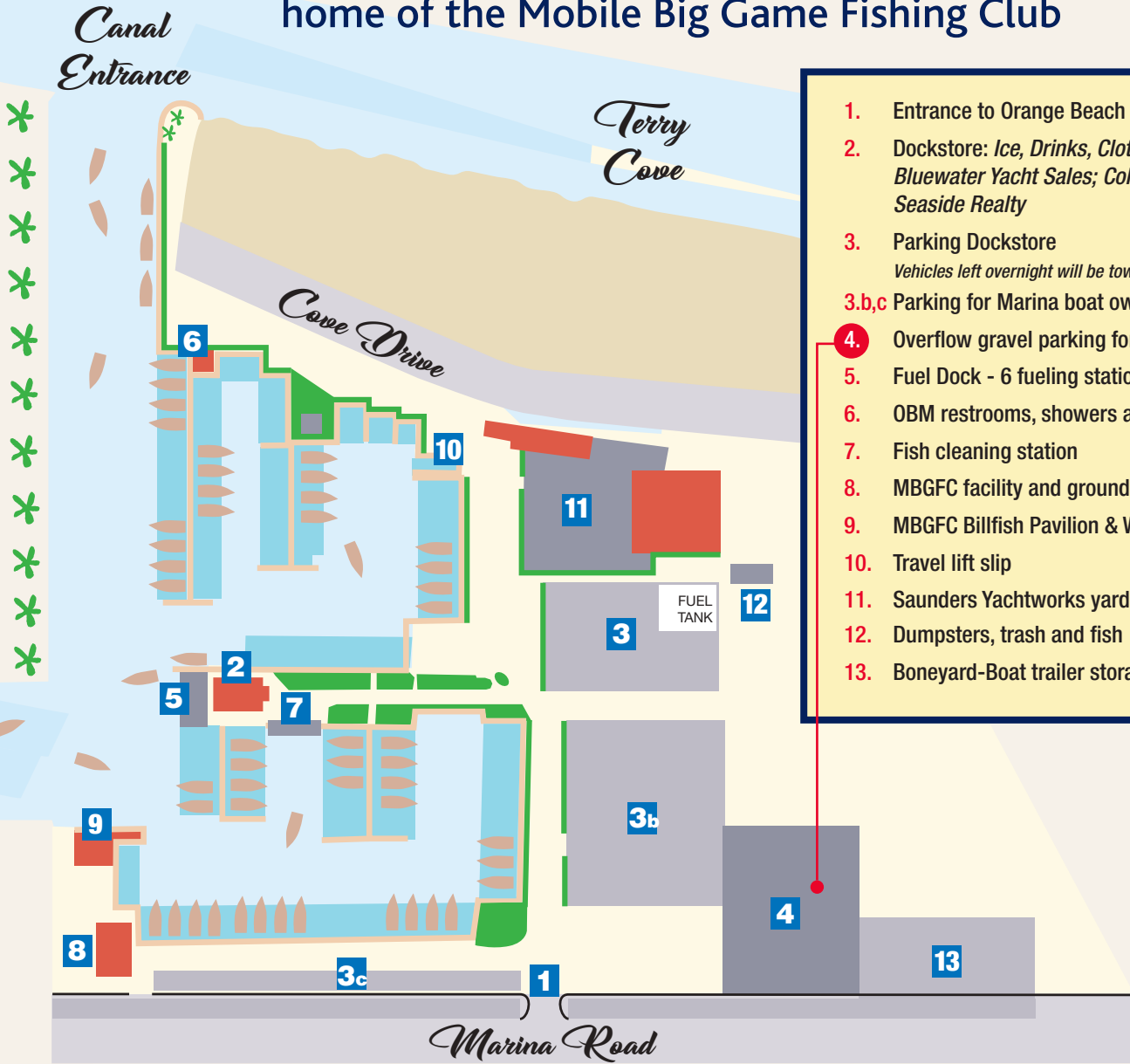
**All captains, mates and other fishermen must park in the designated gravel "Over Flow" parking area located at the southeast corner of the Marina Complex along Marina Road.** Only "Boat Owners" that lease permanent slips from Orange Beach Marina are permitted to park in the paved parking spots adjacent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





# Welcome to the Orange Beach Marina facility

home of the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club



1. Entrance to Orange Beach Marina
2. Dockstore: Ice, Drinks, Clothing, Beer, etc. Bluewater Yacht Sales; Coldwell Banker-Seaside Realty
3. Parking Dockstore  
*Vehicles left overnight will be towed at owners expense*
- 3.b,c Parking for Marina boat owners
4. Overflow gravel parking for fishermen
5. Fuel Dock - 6 fueling stations, pumpout
6. OBM restrooms, showers and laundry
7. Fish cleaning station
8. MBGFC facility and grounds
9. MBGFC Billfish Pavilion & Weigh Dock
10. Travel lift slip
11. Saunders Yachtworks yard
12. Dumpsters, trash and fish
13. Boneyard-Boat trailer storage

## Footnote Policy Et 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.

- 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 await your turn.

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

### TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Orange Beach Marina	981-4207
Saunders Dockside mechanical and engine	981-8691
MBGFC Tournament Channels	VHF 72, SSB 4125
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# 47th Annual Ladies Tournament

July 26 - 28, 2024

Blue Marlin • Catch & Release • Tuna • Wahoo • Dolphin

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.

## REGISTRATION

Registration and Cash Awards Performed Electronically via **Catchstat**

**\$2,500.00** Boat Entry Fee, Includes Captain and crew, unlimited anglers, swag for 4 people, additional for purchase as available.

**\$150** Discount for Early Registration if fully paid before July 19th, 2024 at 11:59 PM

Additional **\$150** Discount for **MBGFC Member Boat Entry**

OPTIONAL ENTRY AWARDS - same as GCM, Labor Day

And Closest Wahoo to 20lbs, not over, Closest Dolphin to 20lbs, not over

## FRIDAY: July 26, 2024

Registration Check-in, Cash room at Clubhouse:

5:00 pm until Captains 's meeting at 7:30 pm

Ladies Day Party Team theme 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Welcome Drinks and Pass arounds: 5:00 pm

Dinner opens: 6:00 pm

Fishing immediately after captains meeting

## SATURDAY, July 27, 2024

Fishing

MBGFC weigh dock Opens 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

## SUNDAY: July 28th, 2024

Fishing

MBGFC weigh dock Opens 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Boats must clear Perdido Pass Rocks by 3:00 pm

Awards ceremony at 5:30 pm

Top Boat wins the "Sea Cup"

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# Ladies Tournament

2023  
Ladies'  
Winners

Category	Place	Weight	Points	Boat	Angler
HEAVIEST BLUE MARLIN	1st Place	426	426	YELLOW STEEL	HELEN DELANEY
CATCH & RELEASE	1st Place		2100	YELLOW STEEL	
	2nd Place		1400	BET TRAIT	
	3rd Place		1000	REEL FIRE	
TUNA	1st Place	156.6	156.6	TIME OUT	EMMA CLAIRE HAYES
	2nd Place	62.4	62.4	TIME OUT	EMMA CLAIRE HAYES
	3rd Place	59.2	59.2	TIDE RUNNER	HAYLEY ROGERS
WAHOO	1st Place	70.6	70.6	TIDE RUNNER	JOHANNA COLE
	2nd Place	47.4	47.4	J-SEA	MELISSA HERNANDEZ
	3rd Place	23.2	23.2	J-SEA	TIFFANY BLACK
DOLPHIN	1st Place	25.4	25.4	MISS MA'AM	MARGARET YANCEY
TOP Lady				YELLOW STEEL	KATHARINE GOODLOE
TOP Junior				YELLOW STEEL	KATHARINE GOODLOE
TOP Large Boat			2100	YELLOW STEEL	







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# 25th Billfish Limited Tournament

August 2 - 4, 2024

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 ENTRY AWARDS - same as GCM, Labor Day – Cash Prize for Top Boat 27' and under.

## REGISTRATION

All Registration and Cash Optionals Performed Electronically via **Catchstat**.

**\$1,750.00** Boat Entry Fee

**\$150** Discount for Early Registration if fully paid before July 19th 2024 at 11:59 pm

Additional **\$150** Discount for **MBGFC Member Boat Entry**

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

## FRIDAY: August 2, 2024

Pre-Tournament Lunch Party 11 am- 12pm

Cocktails served

Captains Meeting at 12:00pm on Friday.

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.

Tournament officially begins after Captain's Meeting.

Boats may depart from Perdido Pass, Mobile Pass, Destin 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: August 3, 2024

Fishing

MBGFC weigh dock Opens 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Boats must clear Perdido Pass Rocks by 8:00pm.

## SUNDAY: August 4, 2024

Awards Breakfast at 9:30am at MBGFC Clubhouse

Chairman:

Morgan Nix

Committee:

Jack Edwards, Frank Terrell, Robert Cook

Social Chair-Morgan Nix







# Billfish Limited Tournament

2023 Billfish  
Limited  
Winners

Category	Place	Weight	Points	Boat	Angler
CATCH & RELEASE	1st Place		1200	FREE PLAY	
	2nd Place		700	SOMEDAY	
	3rd Place		500	BLUE FLOUNDER	
TUNA	1st Place	155	155	BLUE CRAB	JOHN LADD
	2nd Place	84.6	84.6	PSYCHO KILLER	CLAYTON BOOTH
	3rd Place	61.6	61,6	LADY K	JOHN STEVENS
WAHOO	1st Place	44.4	44.4	SUMMER HUNTER	CHARLIE LONG
	2nd Place	42.8	42.8	PATCHWORK	NIEL SIMPSON
	3rd Place	32.2	32.2	OUTCASTERS	JASON MITCHELL
DOLPHIN	1st Place	30	30	POP N' CORKS	MICHAEL CLEVELAND
TOP Junior			200	REELING AND DEALING	MONROE WHITEHEAD
TOP Large Boat			1251.6	FREEPLAY	
TOP Junior			221	PERRO CALIENTE	







*Good Luck and Best Wishes for all Anglers!*



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# Members Only Tournament

August 16th - 18th, 2024

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

*A no frills, brown bag throwback, members only tournament fishing competition with all Marlin catch and release, boats can depart from any port.*

## REGISTRATION

Registration: \$1500 per boat entry fee.

Please email [mobilebiggame@gmail.com](mailto:mobilebiggame@gmail.com) to register and either mail check, pay via:venmo@mobilebiggamefishingclub or Pay by check, cash, or credit card at the captains meeting.

## SCORING

The top boat using the MBGFC Points System wins half of the entry fee.

MBGFC Points System - the sum of standard release points, 1 point 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.

Trophy for the overall winner of the 2024 Members Only Tournament.  
Plaques for Top Catch and Release, Top Tuna, Top Dolphin, Top Wahoo.

## SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY: AUGUST 16, 2024

Party begins at 4:30 pm, open to all members, fishing or not.

All Cash Award entries must be completed by 6:30 pm.

Fishing begins immediately after 6:30 PM captains meeting live or virtual, any port departure but must have received registration entry to be eligible and video verify departure if do not sign out of captains meeting.

Photo contest before captains meeting 20 bonus points

Photo contest during tournament 20 bonus points

### SATURDAY: AUGUST 17, 2024

Fishing

### SUNDAY: AUGUST 18, 2024

Fishing

MBGFC weigh dock opens 1:00 pm

Boats must clear Perdido Pass by 3:00pm

Winner announced at 4:30 PM live and social media, later if still weighing

Chairman - Chris Park  
Committee - Robert Cook, Richard Delaney  
Social Chair - Chris Park







# 2023 Members Only Tournament

2023  
Members  
Only  
Tournament  
Winners

Category	Place	Weight	Points	Boat	Angler
TOURNAMENT POINTS	1st Place		75	DA'GRITS	
	2nd Place		71.4	BLUE FLOUNDER	
	3rd Place		60.4	DOCTORS ORDERS	
TUNA	1st Place	38.2	38.2	DA'GRITS	MARIA NATAL
	2nd Place	36.8	36.8	DA'GRITS	MIKE MOON
	3rd Place	36.6	36.6	DA'GRITS	REA MOON
WAHOO	1st Place	30.2	30.2	DOCTORS ORDERS	DANIEL WHITE
DOLPHIN	1st Place	23.8	23.8	BLUE FLOUNDER	CHRISTOPHER BROOK





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## THURSDAY: August 29, 2024

3:00-5:30 pm - Registration, Optionals, Pick up Ditty Bags  
5:30-6:00 pm - Mandatory Captain's Meeting at Clubhouse  
6:00-9:00 pm - Party (Dinner, Drinks, Band)

## FRIDAY: August 30, 2024

10:00 am - Optional awards close  
11:00 am - Shotgun Start at Perdido Pass Farewell Buoy

Boats may not depart until the Friday 11 PM Perdido Pass Flare Start of the Tournament. All boats must depart from Perdido Pass. The starting point will be north of the Farewell Buoy. VHF check out required. Please remember that the owner, captain, or registered angler must sign out on the official sign out sheet after the captains meeting. Please refer to Labor Day tournament pages of tournament book for specific rules, guidelines, fishing times, etc.

## SATURDAY: August 31, 2024

Fishing  
7:00 - 8:00 pm Weigh Dock

## SUNDAY: September 1, 2024

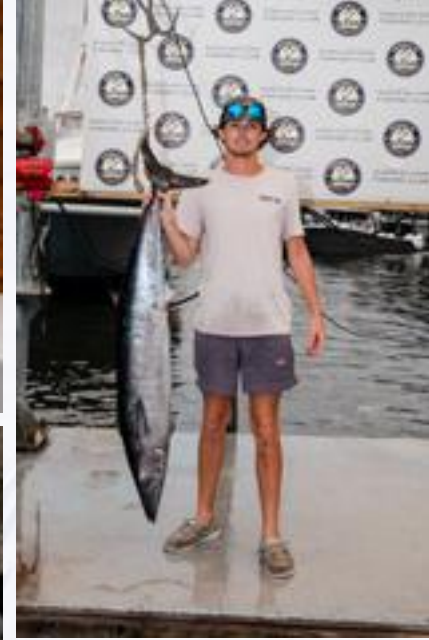
Fishing  
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## MONDAY: September 2, 2024

9:30am Awards Ceremony at Clubhouse

Chairman:  
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Committee:  
Todd Martin, Larry Hammett







# Labor Day Invitational

2023  
Labor Day  
Winners

Category	Place	Weight	Points	Boat	Angler
BLUE MARLIN	1st Place	680.8	680.8	CE	RYAN COOPER
	2nd Place	599	599	PERRA MALA	NATHAN ANDERSON
	3rd Place	550	550	SOUTHERN CHARM	RON DAVIS
CATCH & RELEASE	1st Place		2900	TEAM SUPREME	
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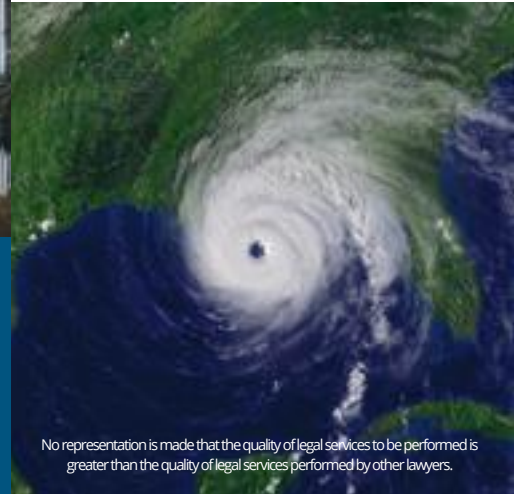
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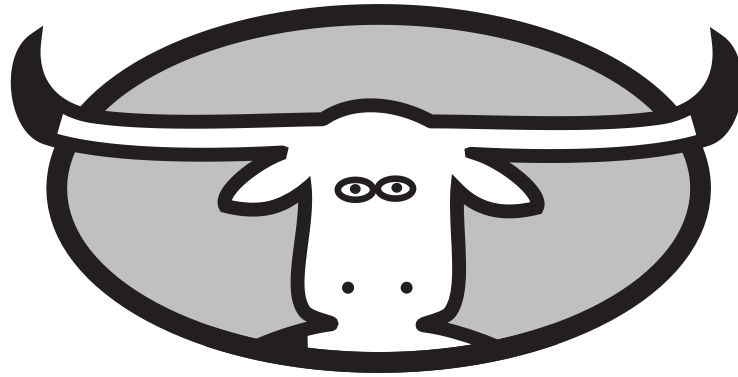
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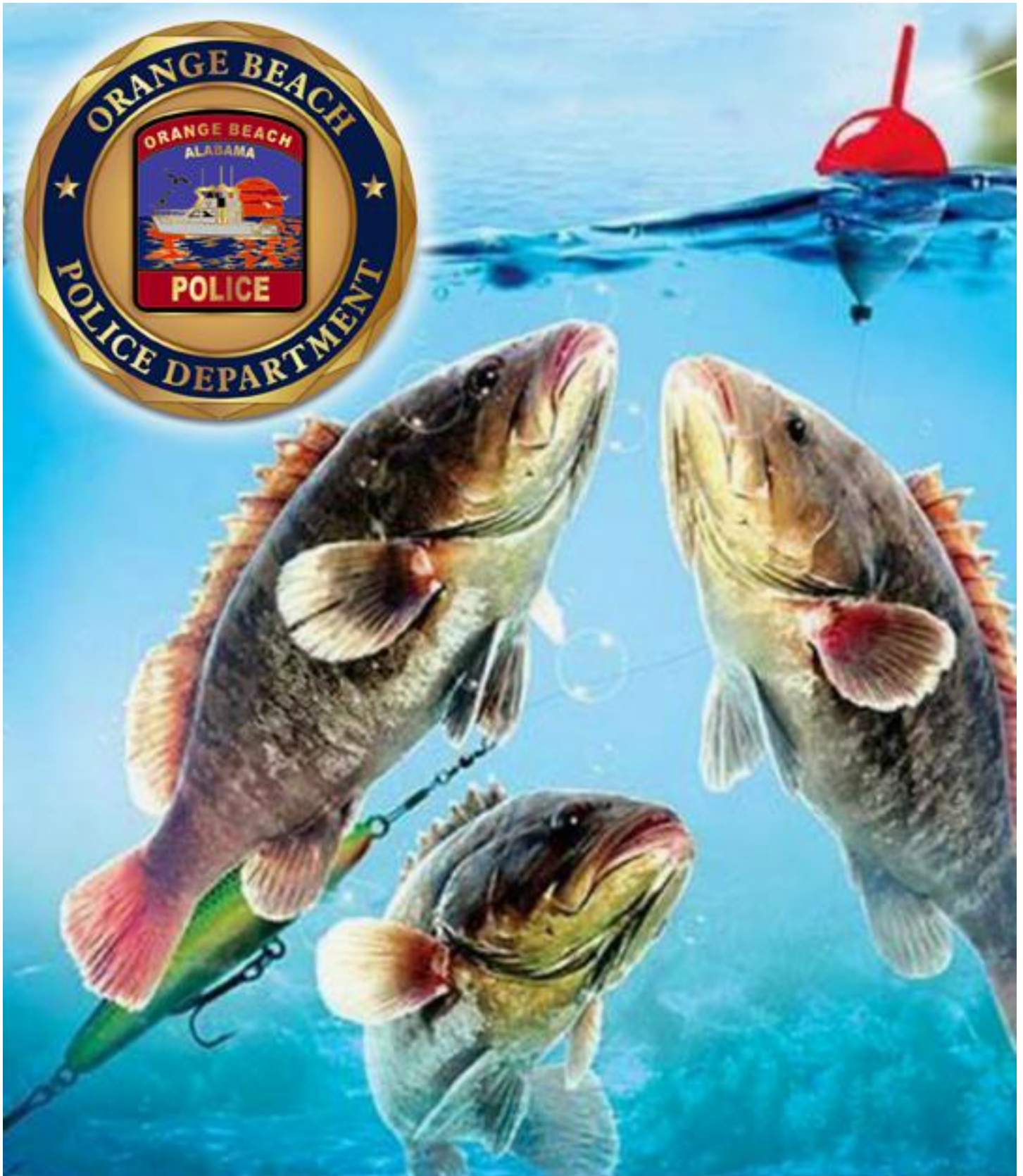


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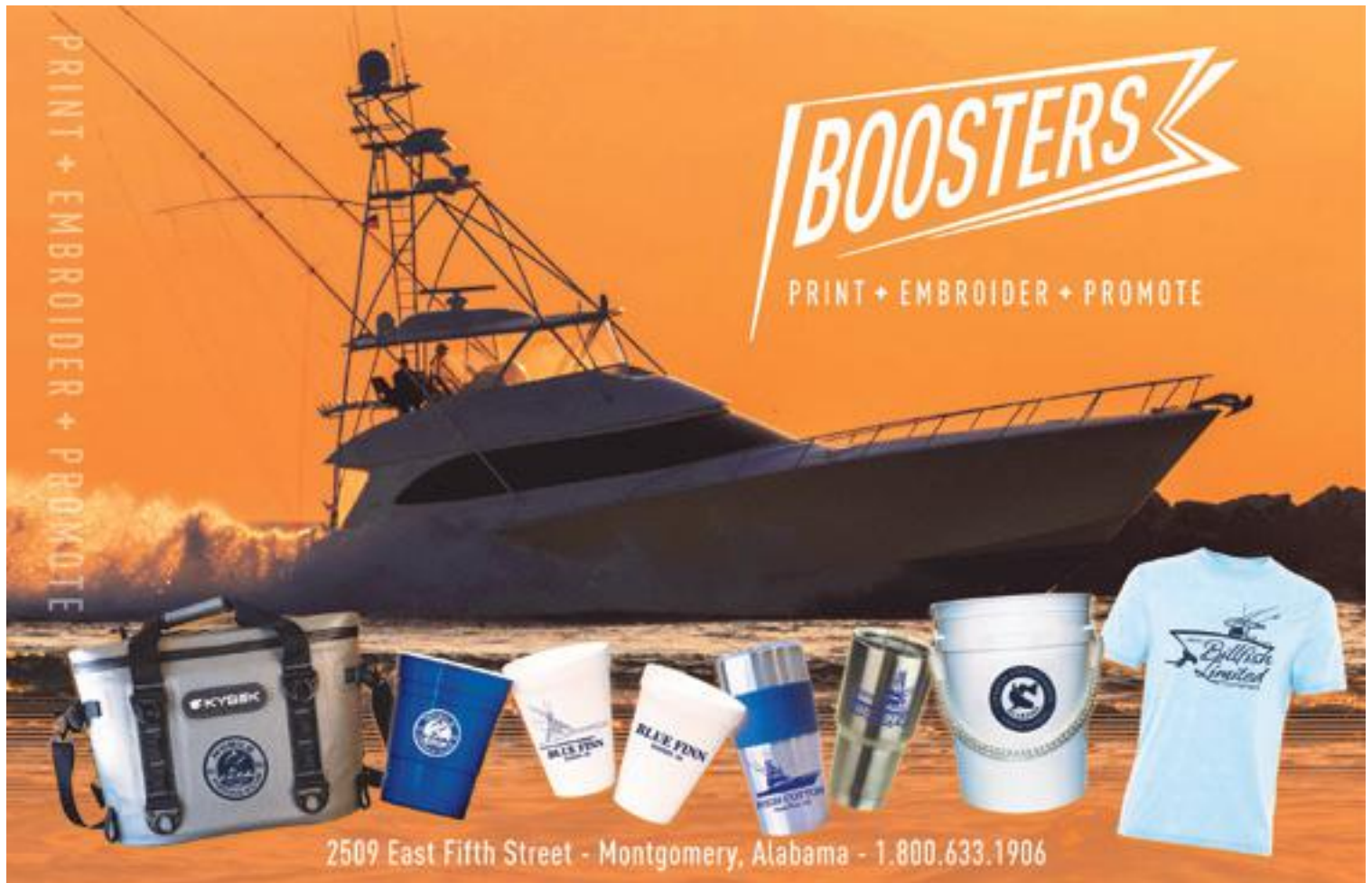
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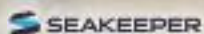
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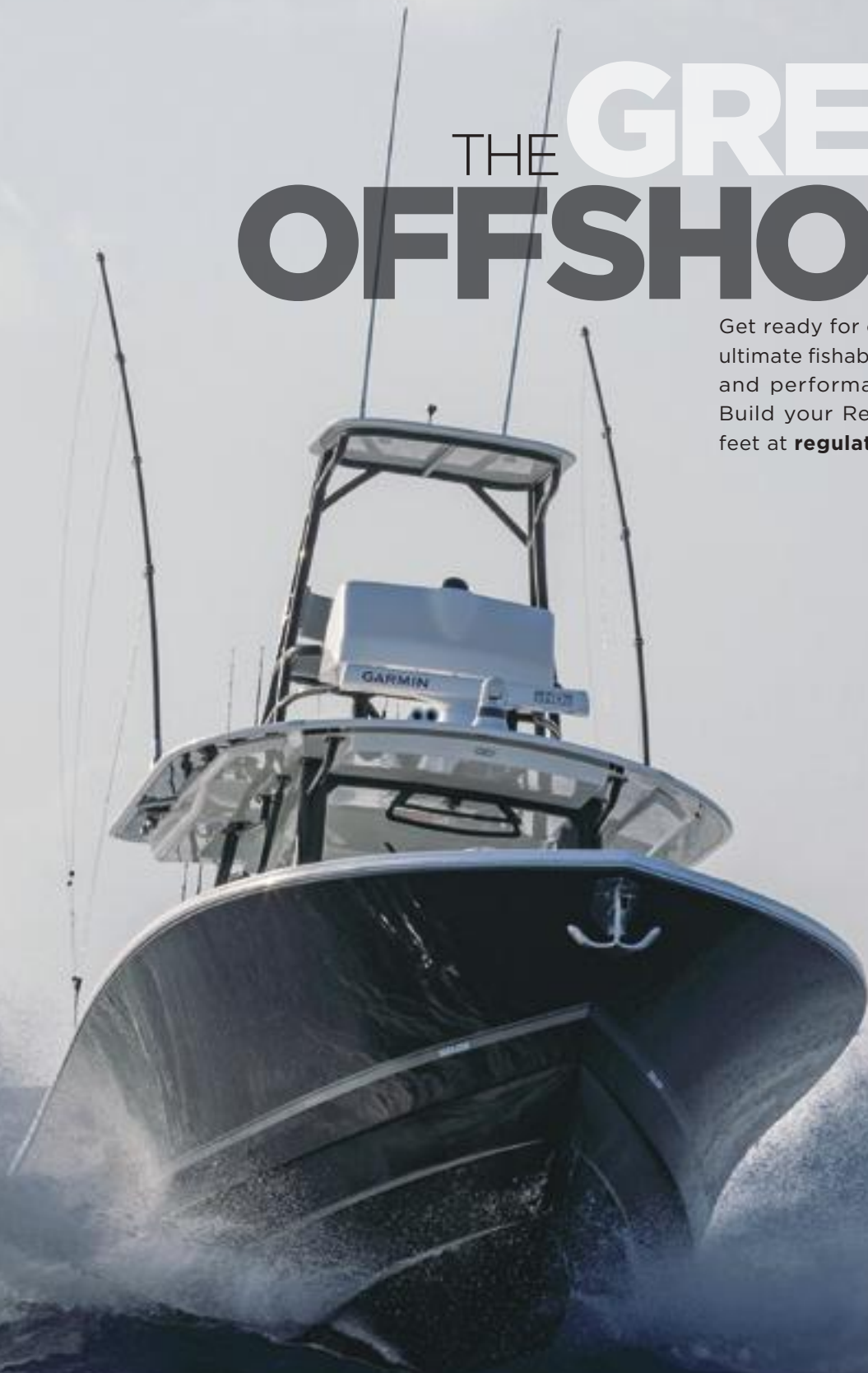
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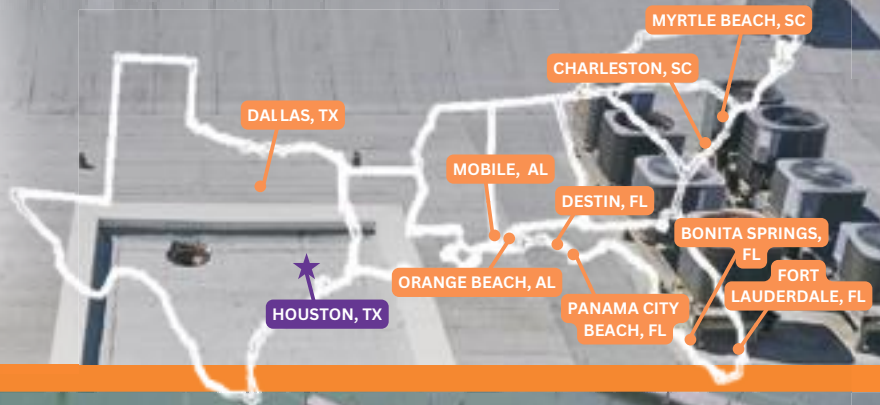
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