



MOBILE BIG GAME FISHING CLUB 2026 TOURNAMENTS

**49th Annual MBGFC Memorial Day,
6th Annual Gulf Coast Masters**
May 20th - 23rd, 2026

43rd Annual 2026 MBGFC Junior Angler
July 3rd - 5th, 2026

49th Annual 2026 MBGFC Ladies
July 24th - 26th, 2026

27th Annual 2026 MBGFC Billfish Limited
July 30th - August 1st, 2026

White Marlin Shootout
August 10th - 15th, 2026

59th Annual 2026 MBGFC Labor Day
September 3rd - 6th, 2026

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2026 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE



**GULF COAST MASTERS
MEMORIAL DAY
TOURNAMENT**
MAY 20-23

**JUNIOR ANGLER
TOURNAMENT**
JULY 3-5

LADIES TOURNAMENT
JULY 24-26

**BILLFISH LIMITED
TOURNAMENT**
JULY 30-AUGUST 1

WHITE MARLIN SHOOTOUT
AUGUST 10-15

LABOR DAY INVITATIONAL
SEPT 3-6

MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT



Daily Jackpot C&R
cost \$6,000

Divided into 3 days,
with one third payout each day.
Each day winner take all.

* see official rules

LABOR DAY TOURNAMENT

Discount Entry for Monkey Boat

Daily Jackpot C&R cost \$6,000

Divided into 3 days, with one third payout each day.
Each day winner take all

* see official rules

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Matthew Sayers
2026 President



On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club, it is a pleasure to welcome everyone to the 2026 MBGFC tournament season. I am truly honored to have been selected as President for another season, and I want to sincerely thank our members, sponsors, boat owners, captains, crews, and anglers for continuing to make MBGFC successful in the Gulf each year.

Our club continues to thrive because of the dedication and passion of those who support offshore sport fishing, conservation, and camaraderie along the Gulf Coast. Each season reflects the strength of our membership and the shared commitment to competition, tradition, and community that defines the MBGFC.

The 2026 tournament season will kick off with the Gulf Coast Masters, scheduled for May 20–23, setting the tone for another exciting year on the water. Our 43rd Annual 2026 Junior Anglers Tournament will follow on July 3–5, and we look forward to seeing the next generation of anglers showcase their skills. The always-energetic 49th Annual Ladies Tournament will be held July 24–26, continuing a tradition that brings excitement, sportsmanship, and great competition each year.

Our 27th Annual Billfish Limited Tournament will take place July 30–August 1, and continues to grow as one of our most competitive and well-supported events. The highly anticipated White Marlin Shootout is scheduled for August 10-15, offering one of the premier stages of our season for serious competition and memorable catches. We will conclude the season with the 59th Annual Labor Day Invitational, held September 3–6, providing a fantastic finish to another outstanding year of tournaments.

CatchStat will once again serve as our official registration platform. Please ensure all team, angler, and entry information is current and accurate to allow for a smooth and successful start to each tournament you are registered for.

I would like to personally thank each of you for being part of the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club. Your continued support allows our officers, chairmen, and volunteers to do what they love while hosting these exceptional tournaments. I have truly enjoyed learning more about all of you, speaking with, and celebrating alongside each one of you, and I look forward to continuing those connections throughout the 2026 season. We are also deeply grateful for our sponsors, whose support drives our efforts in conservation, education, and community involvement. Together, we continue to strengthen the future of offshore sport fishing and preserve the traditions that make this club so special.

Please be sure to like, follow, and share MBGFC on social media, as many tournament updates, announcements, and reminders are posted there first.

We look forward to another safe, competitive, and memorable season on the water.

Tight lines,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Sayers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

President

Mobile Big Game Fishing Club

2025 Member Annual Award Winners

Category	Angler Name or Team/Boat	Weight/Points	Boat
1st Place Blue Marlin Kill	Scott Cooper	640.2	CE
2nd Place Blue Marlin Kill	Jaselyn Bertholot	618.5	Rising Sons
3rd Place Blue Marlin Kill	J. Mike Riley	564.8	C'Mon Man
1st Place Wahoo	William Dodson	68	Yellow Steel
2nd Place Wahoo	Daniel White	64.8	Say When
3rd Place Wahoo	Beth Parker	22.5	Fish T
1st Place Tuna	Currie Cooper	187.6	CE
2nd Place Tuna	Woodie Beall	132.2	Code Vessel
3rd Place Tuna	Jaselyn Bertholot	132.2	Rising Sons
1st Place Dolphin	Noah Vickers	24.55	Miss Macy Juel
2nd Place Dolphin	Jack Dodson	22.2	Yellow Steel
3rd Place Dolphin	Jonah Vickers	21.85	Miss Macy Juel
1st Place C&R	Devotion	19000	Devotion
2nd Place C&R	Miss Ma'am	16900	Miss Ma'am
3rd Place C&R	It Just Takes Time	16400	It Just Takes Time
4th Place C&R	Fluer De Lis	13800	Fluer De Lis



Jere Austill Award - Top Male Angler of the Year
 Bill Orrell Award - Top Junior Angler of the Year
 Tommy Gleason Award - Top Small Boat of the Year
 Top Charter Boat of the Year
 Austin Lacy Award - Top Private Boat of the Year
 Top Lady Angler of the Year
 Tommy Praytor Award - Top Out of Area Angler
 Bennett Long Top Out of Area Captain/Boat
 Oliver George Sportsman of the Year Award

Jim Painter	9100	Fluer De Lis
William Dodson	6068	Yellow Steel
Jack Edwards	500	Blue Dog
Capt. Bill Staff	1234.4	Sea Spray
Capt. Jason Hallmark	19640.4	Devotion
Jaselyn Bertholot	13703.5	Rising Sons
Bruce Yancey	3000	Miss Ma'am
Capt. Myles Colley	83500	It Just Takes Time
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Good Luck and Best Wishes for all Anglers!



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2026 Mobile Big Game Fishing Club OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

1. AUTHORITY, RULE CHANGES, AND ACCEPTANCE

1.1. These Rules govern all tournaments conducted by the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club ("MBGFC").

1.2. Rules published in print, online, or announced verbally may be amended at any time **without prior notice by the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club**.

1.3. **All rule changes announced at the Captain's Meeting supersede all written rules.**

1.4. By registering, paying entry fees, and/or signing out, each Participant (angler, captain, owner, mate, crew member, or guest) **acknowledges, understands, and agrees** to comply with:

- All Tournament Rules
- All decisions of the Tournament Director and Rules Committee ("Committee"), which are **final, binding, and may include subjective judgment**
- MBGFC may keep any fish for display or research.
- MBGFC may use/edit/publish any submitted videos

1.5. Participants enter and fish in all MBGFC tournaments **voluntarily and at their own risk** and release MBGFC, OBM, sponsors, and staff from liability

2. REGISTRATION, IDENTITY VERIFICATION & MANDATORY CAPTAIN'S MEETING

2.1. Registration shall be completed online through MBGFC-approved systems (ie MBGFC.org, CatchStat).

2.2. Registered participants accept all rules and rule amendments, including changes made at the Captain's Meeting

2.3. MBGFC is not responsible for the consequences of team representative(s) failure to review and verify all angler information, including:

- Full legal names
- Date of birth
- Membership status
- Angler's Sex
- Contact information
- Boat specifications
- Social security or tax identification numbers (as require for award eligibility)

2.5. **Video Verification Departure of check out is mandatory. This video must include video of approved port of exit landmark, departure date, departure time, the captain, and designator.** Failure to provide approved video departure verification shall result in **full tournament disqualification without refund.**

3. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS UPON REGISTRATION

By signing out, the representative certifies that all Participants:

- (a) Have reviewed and understand all Rules;

- (b) Accept all Captain's Meeting changes;
- (c) Agree to assume all risks associated with participation;
- (d) Agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless MBGFC, its officers, directors, members, employees, volunteers, sponsors, and Orange Beach Marina ("OBM") from any liability, loss, injury, or property damage arising out of participation;
- (e) Understand that weigh-dock records must be verified and signed before departure;
- (f) Understand that all marlin caught (boated or released) require video documentation meeting Rule Section 14 requirements and must be promptly reported.
- (g) Understand that rule violations may lead to disqualification

4. REFUNDS & WITHDRAWAL

4.1. In order to withdraw from a tournament and in order to be eligible for refund, boats must send official withdrawal notice to mobilebiggame@gmail.com

4.2. Refund amount depends on the timing

- (a) Withdrawal before start of on-site registration: refund minus credit card fees.
- (b) Withdrawal after on-site registration closure but before official tournament start time: refund minus credit card fees and **\$300 per boat** for food/ditty bags.
- (c) Withdrawal after official tournament start time: **no refund** of any kind.

5. TOURNAMENT START, PORTS OF DEPARTURE, AND FISHING TIMES

5.1. Fishing may begin immediately following the Captain's Meeting unless otherwise stated.

5.2. Authorized departure ports (except Gulf Coast Masters which requires Perdido Pass):

- Mobile Pass
- Perdido Pass
- Pensacola Pass
- Destin Pass

Departure from ports other than Perdido Pass may be delayed at MBGFC's discretion.

5.3. Boats are to remain in the water from the time of departure after the captain's meeting until returning to the weigh dock. Boats may be lifted on a boat lift, hauled out, or placed on a trailer but must return to the water at the same location from which it left before proceeding to fish.

5.4. On the final tournament day, vessels must be **inside Perdido Pass Rocks** by the stated deadline and must immediately check in via VHF 68 or 251-207-1515.

6. LEGAL COMPLIANCE

- 6.1. All vessels must possess a valid NOAA Highly Migratory Species (HMS) permit.
- 6.2. All anglers must hold a valid Alabama fishing license.
- 6.3. Participants must comply with all federal and state laws relating to size limits, bag limits, seasons, safety, and licensing.
- 6.4. Violation of any law may result in **disqualification**.
- 6.5. IGFA rules apply in principle except that the rod may be handed off **once within the first 60 seconds** of the fight. Non-IGFA-compliant catches will be ineligible for IGFA or other external records

7. Discounts may include

- Early registration
- Member discount
- "Limited boat" discount (Masters and Labor Day)

8. FISH HANDLING & DISQUALIFYING OFFENSES

- 8.1. Absolutely no unnecessary harm to billfish is permitted.
- 8.2. Billfish intended for release may **not** be removed from the water.
- 8.3. A billfish pulled partially or fully onto the boat is considered **boated** and may not be released for points.
- 8.4. **Culling or discarding any previously boated marlin is strictly prohibited** and will result in disqualification and may result in future ban from MBGFC tournaments
- 8.5. No vessel may possess more than **one (1)** blue marlin at any time.
- 8.6. Boating a blue marlin that is shorter than MBGFC requirements disqualifies the boat and team from weighed blue marlin awards and weighed blue marlin optional awards.
- 8.7. White Marlin, Sailfish, Spearfish, and undersized Blue Marlin may **not** be retained.
- 8.8. Mutilated fish are not eligible for the tournament
- 8.9. The MBGFC has until the end of the calendar year to adjust payouts or ask for returned funds in order to allow for fiscal accounting related to disqualifications

9. WEATHER DELAY OR CANCELLATION

- 9.1. MBGFC may postpone or cancel any portion of the event due to unsafe conditions, including Small Craft Advisories.
- 9.2. One full day of fishing by at least one-third of registered vessels constitutes a completed tournament.
- 9.3. If canceled, refunds will be issued less a prorated share of tournament expenses.
- 9.4. Each Participant is solely responsible for determining seaworthiness and whether to fish. **Fish at your own risk.**

10. WEIGH DOCK RULES

- 10.1. Official weigh dock and video review location: MBGFC Club house
- 10.2. Boat must check in before scales close and get a weigh in number

- 10.3. All fish must be: Fresh, Unmutilated, and Not frozen.
- 10.4. The committee may reject any fish; its decisions are final.
- 10.5. Fish must arrive **by the boat that caught the fish**, unless tournament permission is granted to come in a different boat or by vehicle
- 10.6. A representative must remain with the fish during video review/ weighing, verify documentation, and sign catch/release and weigh sheets to finalize the catch before leaving the dock. Failure to sign may result in disqualification.
- 10.7. Vessels must follow dockmaster instructions, maintain no wake, and monitor VHF 68
- 10.8. Participants must possess: HMS permit, Licenses, Required video recordings (released and boated billfish, Completed release and catch cards
- 10.9. Release and catch cards must be signed prior to departure; failure may result in disqualification.
- 10.10. All weighed fish are returned to the boat. Disposal is the responsibility of the boat.

11. QUALIFYING FISH

11.1 Catch & Release Species

- Blue Marlin: 500 points (clear species identification required)
- White Marlin: 200 points
- Sailfish: 200 points
- Spearfish: 200 points

11.2 Weighable Species & Minimums

- Blue Marlin: 110" LJFL
- Tuna: ≥ 20 lbs
- Wahoo: ≥ 15 lbs
- Dolphin: ≥ 15 lbs

Committee decisions regarding eligibility and condition are final and binding.

12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- 12.1. All boated or released billfish must be reported within one hour of catch via one of the following:
 - Billy Pardue - 205-296-8211
 - Brantley Devalk - 251-270-9208
 - MBGFC backup number 251-207-1515
 - Tournament Chair, VP of Tournaments, or Social Media Liaison
 - mobilebiggame@gmail.com
 - VHF 68 if necessary
- 12.2. With the required information:
 - Boat name
 - Angler name
 - Species
 - Time of release/boating
 - Length (for boated blue marlin)

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

13. CATCH & RELEASE VIDEO REQUIREMENTS

13.1. A single continuous video must include:

- (a) Angler fighting the fish (rod and reel visible)
- (b) Tournament designator
- (c) The Catch: Points for catch and release are awarded when, in the process of the catch and release 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 be displayed in CDT.

(d) Species identification footage

(e) The Release: The billfish is considered released when, after being caught, 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.

(f) GPS date/time displayed clearly in CDT

13.2. Video must be submitted to MBGFC committee before scales close on the final day.

13.3. Teams are responsible for the clarity, quality, and full functionality of their recording.

13.4. All submitted media becomes property of MBGFC.

14. SCORECARD REQUIREMENTS

14.1. All billfish releases must be logged in chronological order.

14.2. All fish for weighing must be logged on the catch card.

14.3. Scorecards must be signed by a team representative; unsigned cards may not be scored

15. AWARDS & PAYMENTS

15.1. Tournament base awards and optional awards depend on final verified standings and may fluctuate based on participation.

15.2. Each vessel must designate a single payee with valid tax identification.

15.3. Cash awards will be issued approximately two (2) weeks post-tournament, pending audits and resolution of any disputes.

15.4. MBGFC is not responsible for internal division of winnings.

15.5. IRS Form 1099 will be issued to all applicable recipients

15.6 Typical tournament awards

- a) Heaviest Blue Marlin
- b) C&R total points
- c) Heaviest Tuna
- d) Heaviest Wahoo
- e) Heaviest Mahi

15.7. Additional awards based on MBGFC Point System

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

- Top Boat
- Top Small/Limited Boat
- Top Junior
- Top Lady
- Top Club Member

15.8. In the event that no qualifying fish are weighed in a given category above, the above tournament base cash awards may be assigned to the cash awards of the qualifying fish in the other Categories in a proportional manner as determined by the Tournament Committee. If no qualifying blue marlin is weighed, the tournament base cash awards for blue marlin will roll down and be divided evenly between four categories: Catch & Release, Tuna, Wahoo and Dolphin

15.9. All announcements and published payouts are tentative and percentages and amounts can be changed post audit and before checks mailed

15.10. Any tournament guaranteed pay out may affect additional payouts

16. MBGFC POINT SYSTEM

- Blue Marlin (weighed): 1 point/lb
- Blue Marlin Release: 500 points
- White/Sail/Spearfish Release: 200 points
- Tuna: 1 point/lb (top 2 fish combined)
- Wahoo: 2 points/lb (top 2 fish combined)
- Dolphin: 3 points/lb (top 2 fish combined)

17. OPTIONAL ENTRIES

- 17.1. Optional Entry categories are separate from tournament awards and are available through CatchStat.
- 17.2. 90% of Optional Entry funds are paid out.
- 17.3. Categories include Catch & Release, Blue Marlin, Tuna, Wahoo, Dolphin, Swordfish, No Sonar, and Crew Jackpot.
- 17.4. Standard payout split (subject to change):
 - 10 or more entries: 1st: 50%, 2nd: 30%, 3rd: 20%.
 - If 6- 9 entries, 1st: 60%, 2nd: 40%.
 - If less than 5 entries, 1st: 100%
- 17.5. No-Sonar and Crew Jackpot are winner-take-all.
- 17.6. Ties split equally.

18. TOURNAMENT VARIANCES

18.1. Gulf Coast Masters

- GCM Rules, including published rules in print or on the website (www.gulfcoastmasters.com), are subject to change without notice.

- Teams may depart from Perdido Pass only at or after 9:00 am on Thursday. All boats are encouraged to attend the flare start. Tournament fish must be caught after the official start time and before mandatory check in time at the conclusion of the tournament (at Perdido Pass at 6:00pm on Saturday)

- Limited boat category (same criteria as limited tournament) may occur at a discounted rate and altered hours of participation
- **Daily C&R Optional** (\$6,000 total entry fee, 1/3 paid per day winner-take-all). Pots roll forward on days with no fish

18.2. **Junior Angler Tournament** allows fishing from boats, shores, piers, jetties, etc and no sign-out is required. **All billfish catch-and-release only.**

18.3. **Limited Tournament** Open to: Outboards of any size and any vessel 36 ft or under

18.4. **Ladies Day Tournament** Female anglers only; crew may be any gender. No Flare Start but must sign out or complete virtual checkout.

18.5. Labor Day Tournament

- Limited boat category (same criteria as limited tournament) may occur at a discounted rate and altered hours of participation

- **Daily C&R Optional** (\$6,000 total entry fee → 1/3 paid per day, winner-take-all). Pots roll forward on days with no fish

19. TIE-BREAKING

- 19.1. Weighed fish: earliest weigh-in time prevails.
- 19.2. Catch & Release: earliest verified GPS release time reaching the applicable point total prevails.

20. PROTESTS & ARBITRATION

- 20.1. Protests must be submitted in writing within **30 minutes** of

scale closure, accompanied by a **non-refundable \$1,000 fee** unless upheld.

20.2. Committee decisions are final.

20.3. If the Committee declines to decide a dispute, the matter shall be resolved exclusively by **binding arbitration** under the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA).

20.4. The arbitration decision shall be final, binding, and enforceable, with no right to trial by judge or jury.

20.5. Arbitrated decisions have full **res judicata** effect.

21. POLYGRAPH POLICY

21.1. Any Participant may be required to submit to a polygraph examination.

21.2. Failure to submit, or any result deemed untruthful by the examiner, results in **immediate disqualification** of the angler and vessel, forfeiture of all fees and prizes, and possible refusal of future entry.

21.3. Polygraph results are final and not subject to challenge.

21.4. No award is official until all audits and polygraphs are complete.

22. LIABILITY WAIVER & MEDIA RELEASE

22.1. All Participants voluntarily assume all risks associated with participation.

22.2. MBGFC, its officers, directors, members, sponsors, agents, and OBM are released from all liability for injury, loss, death, or property damage.

22.3. MBGFC may use, reproduce, edit, or distribute any photographs or video of Participants without restriction or compensation.

22.4. The Participants expressly acknowledge that he/she has received, reviewed, and agrees to abide by the Tournament Rules and this Release. Furthermore, the Participants expressly acknowledge that activities relating to deep sea fishing are extremely dangerous and involve the risk of serious injury or death. Having so acknowledged, the Participants hereby assume full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury or death due to the negligence or gross negligence of the Releasees or any other cause connected with or occurring during the Tournament.

23. FINAL AUTHORITY

All decisions of the Tournament Director and Committee are final, binding, and may include subjective evaluation..



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Tribute to David Christopher DeLaney



David Christopher DeLaney, a lifelong resident of Mobile, Alabama, passed away peacefully on September 30, 2025 at the age of 78. David was a devoted member and proud supporter of the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club. David was a man who belonged on the water. He especially loved fishing in the Gulf, with long days of blue-water fishing topped off by a sunset and an overnight layout on the sea anchor.

Some of his favorite memories were born in those early years, making overnight white marlin and swordfish trips aboard the 31-foot Bertram Alibi. Those trips often started with swimming races from the Gulfgate Lodge out to the boats, the kind of moments that turn into stories told for a lifetime. He loved fishing Mobile Big Game Fishing Club tournaments with his friends and especially his three boys. Those times together meant just as much as anything they brought back to the dock.

His favorite boat was Cocoon which he captained for over 20 years, running trips through the Gulf and the Bahamas. On the Cocoon countless first billfish were caught, forming lasting memories for so many who stepped aboard. David also took great pride in his boats, keeping them in tip-top condition, with a particular eye to the engine room. Whether on Cocoon or the center console Coon Dog, he made sure his family was always close to the water. Those days were about being together, chasing billfish, sharing laughs, and building a life around something he loved deeply.

He was never one to wait on perfect weather. If there was a chance to go, he was going. Boating and fishing were not just hobbies to David, they were part of who he was. The water gave him peace, purpose and joy. It is where so many of his best memories and the memories he gave to others, were made.



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.



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

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

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
Blue Marlin	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
Tuna		\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
Wahoo		\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
Dolphin		\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
Swordfish				\$1,000	\$500
No Sonar				\$1,000	
Crew Jackpot					\$500

DAILY CATCH AND RELEASE

(Only Masters & Labor Day) (3 Daily Payouts - See Rules)

\$6,000

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.

LABOR DAY INVITATIONAL and GULF COAST MASTERS

Daily C&R Optional (\$6,000 total entry fee, 1/3 paid per day winner-take-all). Pots roll forward on days with no fish.

2026

TOURNAMENT

MAY 20-23



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BLUE MARLIN

\$40,000

CATCH & RELEASE

\$20,000

TUNA

\$20,000

WAHOO

\$20,000

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49th Annual Gulf Coast Masters Memorial Day Tournament

Blue Marlin • Catch & Release
Tuna • Wahoo • Dolphin



Chairmen: Larry Hammett,
Robbie Carter & Austin Green

May 20 – 23, 2026

Registration and Cash Awards via CatchStat

Entry Fee is **\$6,500.00** per boat.

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

\$500.00 Discount for Early Registration.

Base entry must be paid in full by **May 6th, 2026**, by 11:59 pm.

\$150 Discount for **MBGFC Member Boats Entry**.

\$1000.00 Discount for Limited Criteria boats.
(All outboards and inboards 36' and under)

110' minimum on Blue Marlin Harvest



Wednesday May 20, 2026

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Registration, Optionals, Pick up Ditty Bags
5:30 pm - 9:00 pm Party (Dinner, Drinks, Band)
8:00 pm Captains Meeting (**Mandatory**).

Thursday May 21, 2026

9:00 am Shotgun Start at Perdido Pass Farewell Buoy

Boats may not depart until the Thursday 9:00 AM Perdido Pass Shotgun Start of the Tournament. All boats must depart from Perdido Pass. If not in the shotgun start, must video verify departure if leaving after shotgun start.

Friday May 22, 2026

Fishing

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Weigh Dock open if needed, must contact us.

Saturday May 23, 2026

Fishing

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Weigh Dock open.

6:00 pm

Must check in at Perdido Pass Rocks / North of Bridge

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Post Tournament celebration with live music and bar.

8:30 pm

Awards announcement

Daily C&R Optional (\$6,000 total entry fee, 1/3 paid per day winner-take-all). Pots roll forward on days with no fish



Gulf Coast Masters Memorial Day Tournament

2025
Gulf Coast
Masters/
Memorial Day
Winners

Category	Place	Weight	Points	Boat	Angler
BLUE MARLIN	1st Place	565.8	565.8	C'mom man	J. Mike Riley
	2nd Place	554.2	554.2	It Just Take Time	Nick Pratt
CATCH AND RELEASE	1st Place		2700	Team Supreme	
	2nd Place		1000	Code Vessel	
	3rd Place		1000	Mollie	
TUNA	1st Place	63.8	63.8	Lady D	Jason Bush
	2nd Place	63.6	63.6	Lady D	Greg Stakianos
	3rd Place	62.6	62.6	Fat Chick	David Gaston
WAHOO	1st Place	31.5	31.5	Miss Macy Juel	Zachary Vickers
TOP JUNIOR ANGLER			1000	Breathe Easy	Madison Ivie
TOP LADY ANGLER			1000	Breathe Easy	Madison Ivie
TOP BOAT			2700	Team Supreme	



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43rd Annual Junior Angler Tournament



Chairmen: Michael Cleveland, Bill Haffner,
Larry Hammett & Bob Schwarz

July 3 – 5, 2026

CATEGORIES

C&R Billfish (boat award), 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 a flag. **Catch and Release is a boat award.**

Fishing from boats, shores, 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 3rd, 2026

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Registration, Check-in Part: MBGFC Clubhouse.

Anglers Eligible to Enter Tournament must have been born on July 3rd, 2008, or later.

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

2:00 pm Captain's Meeting, you can leave after.

SATURDAY: July 4th, 2026

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Weigh Dock Open

SUNDAY: July 5th, 2026

10:00 Lines Out

11:00 am - 1:00 pm Weigh Dock open.

Must clear Perdido Pass Rocks by 12:00 pm noon.

2:00 pm Sunday. The awards presentation will be held at the clubhouse.

Recognize all billfish with a Flag

Recognize all first billfish with a Flag



2025 Junior Anglers Winners



Category	Place	Weight	Points	Boat	Angler
CATCH & RELEASE	1st Place		1000	Fat Chick	
	2nd Place		500	Summer Hunter	
	3rd Place		500	Fatso	
	4th Place		500	CE Kids	
TUNA	1st Place	78.8	78.8	Briar Patch	Collins Adams
	2nd Place	67.8	67.8	Tide Runner	Ella Phifer
	3rd Place	59.4	59.4	Tide Runner	Nolan Crew
WAHOO	1st Place	28.8	28.8	Say When	Lilly Nichols
	2nd Place	23.4	23.4	Say When	Kylleigh Quick
DOLPHIN	1st Place	22.2	22.2	Yellow Steel	Jack Dodson
	2nd Place	21.2	21.2	Kelkat 2025	Caroline Pope
	3rd Place	21.05	21.05	It Just Takes Time	Graham Dunn
KING MACKEREL	1st Place	23.2	23.2	ReelLowe	Ace Miller
	2nd Place	20.4	20.4	ReelLowe	Palmer Miller
	3rd Place	19.4	19.4	Metal Masher	Cates Kennedy
SPANISH MACKERAL	1st Place	2.7	2.7	DeadBait	Harrison Johnson
	2nd Place	2.7	2.7	Long Braids	Ella Rose Beech
	3rd Place	2.35	2.35	Never Surrender	Hudson Cleveland
BONITO	1st Place	14.55	14.55	Briar Patch	Brantley Adams
	2nd Place	11	11	Flashback	Finn Ward
	3rd Place	10.25	10,25	Summer Hunter	Charlie Jane DePaola
RED SNAPPER	1st Place	23.3	23.3	Tide Runner	Parker Phillips
	2nd Place	22.25	22.25	Bet Fishing Co.	Bessie Achee
	3rd Place	21.95	21.95	Bet Fishing Co.	Thompson Sanders
TRIPLE TAIL	1st Place	13.3	13.3	Contagious	Cade Lewis
	2nd Place	6.95	6.95	Bet Fishing Co.	Reese Turner
FLOUNDER	1st Place	2.35	2.35	Never Surrender	Reese Bedgood
	2nd Place	1.35	1.35	Never Surrender	Logan Bedgood
TROUT	1st Place	4.05	4.05	Contagious	Cade Lewis
	2nd Place	1.4	1.4	BayBoyz	Henry Lieb
	3rd Place	1.35	1.35	BayBoyz	William Watson
PINFISH	1st Place	1.05	1.05	Triple Chaos	Warner Delaney
	2nd Place	0.4	0.4	Big Dinks	Mary Ryan Skipper
	3rd Place	0.35	0.35	The Problem Child	Mac Nix
CROAKER	1st Place	1.1	1.1	Big Dinks	Mary Ryan Skipper
	2nd Place	1	1	Big Dinks	Madeline Pennington
	3rd Place	0.7	0.7	Y Knot	Wyatt Lamont
TOP CLUB MEMBER					Mary Ryan Skipper



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS



(251) 981-4207
(251) 981-2094 Fax
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Orange Beach, AL 36561

RE: OVERNIGHT TOURNAMENT PARKING

The 2026 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 America.

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 Shipp's Dockside Grill 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

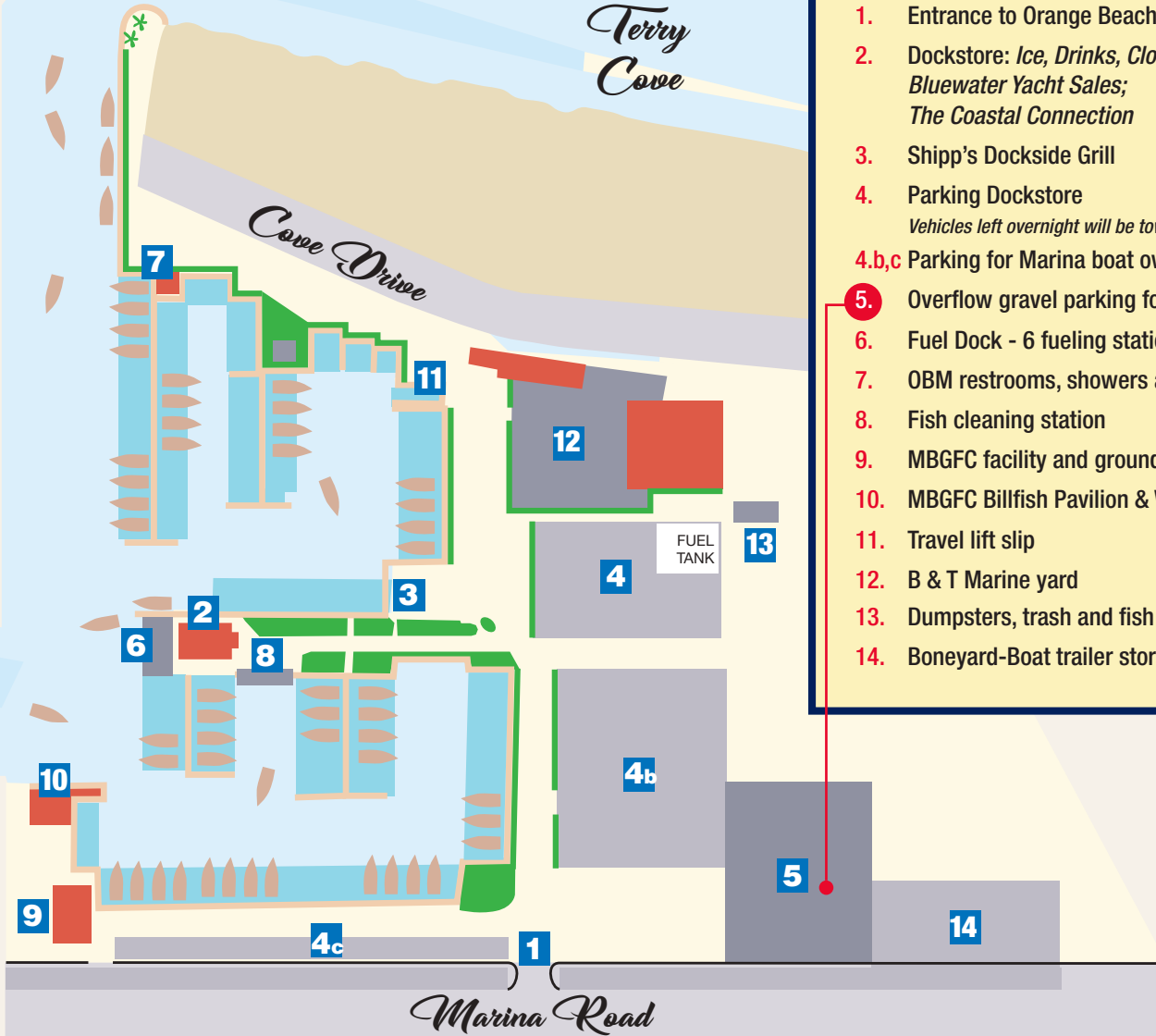
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Canal Entrance

Terry Cove

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3. Shipp's Dockside Grill
4. Parking Dockstore
Vehicles left overnight will be towed at owners expense
- 4.b,c Parking for Marina boat owners
5. Overflow gravel parking for fishermen
6. Fuel Dock - 6 fueling stations, pumpout
7. OBM restrooms, showers and laundry
8. Fish cleaning station
9. MBGFC facility and grounds
10. MBGFC Billfish Pavilion & Weigh Dock
11. Travel lift slip
12. B & T Marine yard
13. Dumpsters, trash and fish
14. 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 B&T Marine.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Orange Beach Marina	981-4207
Shipp's Dockside Grill	412-7447
B & T Marine	981-9200
MBGFC Tournament Channels	VHF 68, SSB 4125
Orange Beach Marina	Monitor 16, 69

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49th Annual Ladies Tournament

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July 24 – 26, 2026

Chairperson: Marcie Sayers, April DePaola, Megan Cobb, Candice Broughton and Brantley Devalk

The Ladies tournament is open to female anglers. Owners, captain, mates, and crew of any sex are allowed.

REGISTRATION

Registration and Cash Awards via **Catchstat**

Entry Fee **\$4,000.00** per boat.

(Allots cash prize of **\$900.00** per boat for largest weighed blue marlin, **\$450.00** per boat to top boat)

Registration includes Captain and crew, and all anglers attending functions, swag for 4, additional for purchase as available.

\$250.00 Discount for Early Registration

Base entry must be paid in full by July 10th, 2026 by 11:59 PM

\$150.00 Discount for MBGFC Member Boat Entry

\$500.00 Discount for Limited Criteria Boats

(All outboard and inboards 36' and Under)

110" minimum on Blue Marlin Harvest

Tournament Award /Payouts will be presented to the angler/boat for fish caught in the following categories:

Blue Marlin, C&R, Tuna, Wahoo, Dolphin - 1st, 2nd, 3rd – Top Jr. Angler

Cash Prize for Top Boat

Optional Entry Awards -

Blue Marlin, C&R, Tuna, Wahoo, Dolphin, No Sonar, Swordfish, Crew Jackpot.

Winner Take All Fish, and Boat Winner Take all

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

FRIDAY: July 24th, 2026

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Registrartion Check-in, Cash room Clubhouse.

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Ladies Day Party - (Food and Drinks)

Team Theme Contest (To be determined)

7:00 pm Captain's Meeting .

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 the tournament committee.

Fishing immediately after captains meeting.

SATURDAY, July 25th, 2026

Fishing

6:00 pm –7:00 pm MBGFC weigh dock Open call if needed.

SUNDAY: July 26th, 2026

Fishing

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm MBGFC weigh dock Open.

Boats must clear Perdido Pass Rocks by 3:00 pm

5:30 pm Awards ceremony.

Top Boat wins the **"Sea Cup"**

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Ladies Tournament

2025
Ladies'
Winners

Category	Place	Weight	Points	Boat	Angler
CATCH & RELEASE	1st Place		3200	Never Surrender	
	2nd Place		2500	Pearl	
	3rd Place		1000	SNAFU	
TUNA	1st Place	21.6	21.6	Da' Grits	Maria Natal
	2nd Place	21.55	21.55	Tide Runner	Alison Phillips
WAHOO	1st Place	20.8	20.8	Da' Grits	Rae Moon
DOLPHIN	1st Place	22.3	22.3	Catastrophe	Maddie Barnette
	2nd Place	20.4	20.4	Reel Joy	Elizabeth Dindo
	3rd Place	19.25	19.25	Code Vessel	Ann Marie Carmichael
TOP Lady			1000	Never Surrender	Angie Cleveland
TOP Boat			3200	Never Surrender	





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July 30 – August 1, 2026

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

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

Cash Prize for Top Boat 32' and under.

REGISTRATION

Registration and Cash Awards via **Catchstat**.

Entry Fee is **\$2,500.00** Boat

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

\$150.00 Discount for Early Registration.

Base entry must be paid in full by **July 16th 2026** by 11:59 pm.

\$150.00 Discount for **MBGFC Member Boat Entry**.

110" minimum on Blue Marlin Harvest

THURSDAY: July 30, 2026

5:30 pm - 9:00 pm Registration and Party - Cash Awards - Check-in.
(Food and Bar)

FRIDAY: July 31, 2026

Cash Awards via Catchstat open until 8 am.

8:00 am Captain's Meeting - Virtual.

There is NO Flare Start for the Limited Tournament.

The tournament officially begins after the Captain's Meeting.

Boats may depart from Perdido Pass, Mobile Pass, Destin Pass, or Pensacola Pass.

Boats must have video verification of their departure with time stamp, identifiable feature, indicator, and boat name/captain prior to departure.

Boats must not be south of the sea bouy if leaving from Perdido Pass, the lighthouse if leaving from Mobile Pass, the rocks if leaving from Destin Pass, the rocks if leaving from Pensacola pass.

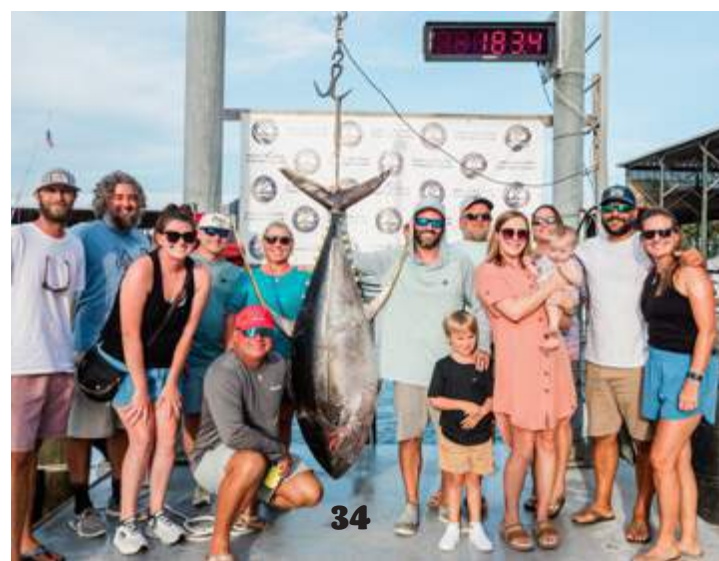
SATURDAY: August 1, 2026

Fishing

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm MBGFC weigh dock Open.

Boats must clear Perdido Pass Rocks by 5:00 pm.

7:30 pm Awards Presentation.



Billfish Limited Tournament

2025
Billfish
Limited
Winners

Category	Place	Weight	Points	Boat	Angler
CATCH & RELEASE	1st Place		1000	Sugar Shaker	
	2nd Place		700	Free Play	
	3rd Place		500	High pressure	
TUNA	1st Place	183.4	183.4	Join or Die	Andy Summers
	2nd Place	175.4	175.4	L.L.'s T. H. Sea	Rob Atkinson
	3rd Place	72.8	72.8	Wirenut 47	Brayden Jenner
WAHOO	1st Place	41.6	41.6	Front Runner	Addison McDaniel
	2nd Place	41.2	41.2	G Spot	Craig Rogers
	3rd Place	35.4	35.4	Moon Dogg	Griffin Moon
DOLPHIN	1st Place	38.2	38.2	Truth Oar Adair	Justin Irvin
	2nd Place	24.55	24.55	Miss Macy Juel	Noah Vickers
	3rd Place	21.85	21.85	Miss Macy Juel	Jonah Vickers
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TOP Boat		1000	1000	Sugar Shaker	



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

Entry Fee is **\$6,000.00** Boat Entry

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

\$500.00 Discount for Early Registration.

Base entry must be paid in full by **August 15th, 2026** by 11:59 pm.

\$250.00 Discount for MBGFC Member Boats.

\$1000.00 Discount for Limited Criteria boats.

(All outboards and inboards 36' and under)

THURSDAY: September 3rd, 2026

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Registration, optionals, Pick up Ditty Bags.

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Kick-off Party MBGFC Clubhouse (Dinner, Drinks, Music)

8:00 pm Captain's meeting in person (**Mandatory**)

The 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 of departure.

FRIDAY: September 4th, 2026

Base Entry Registration Closed.

Optional Cash award Entry via Catchstat Open until 9:00 am

9:00 am Flare Start Perdido Pass on Friday of the Tournament.

The starting point of the Flare Start in Perdido Pass is inside the Farewell Bouy.

* 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 other passes until 11:00 am with video verification of departure clearly showing landmarks from pass of departure and GPS Date/Time.

SATURDAY: September 5th, 2026

Fishing

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm MBGFC weigh dock Open if needed must contact us.

SUNDAY : September 6th, 2026

Fishing

4:00 pm until 7:00 pm MBGFC weigh dock Open

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

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Post Tournament celebration with live music and bar.

8:30 pm Awards Presentation MBGFC Clubhouse.

Daily C&R Optional (\$6,000 total entry fee, 1/3 paid per day winner-take-all). Pots roll forward on days with no fish



Labor Day Invitational

2025
Labor
Day
Winners

Category	Place	Weight	Points	Boat	Angler
BLUE MARLIN	1st Place	476.2	476.2	Code Blue	
CATCH & RELEASE	1st Place		3000	Bootsie	
	2nd Place		2500	Southern Charm All-In	
	3rd Place		2400	Grocery Isle	
TUNA	1st Place	223.6	223.6	Code Blue	David Garstecki
	2nd Place	187.6	187.6	CE	Currie Cooper
	3rd Place	132.2	132.2	Code Vessel	Woodie Beall
WAHOO	1st Place	77.2	77.2	Patriot	David King
	2nd Place	46.6	46.6	Rockstar	Christian Burger
	3rd Place	27	27	Freebird	Chamy Perez
DOLPHIN	1st Place	23.25	23.25	Heads N Tails	Chance Cabler
	2nd Place	22	22	Get Reel	William Bean
	3rd Place	20.05	20.05	Heads N Tails	Eric Campo
TOP Lady			500	Share-E	Sherry Polk
TOP Junior			1187.6	CE	Curry Cooper
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A Tribute to

Robert Michael Huddle



Robert Michael Huddle, known to many as Mike, passed away on June 23, 2025. A retired physician with a lifelong mechanic's heart, Mike was a devoted boat enthusiast who found his greatest joy on the water and in the garage.

Mike grew up in Bristol, Tennessee, and in 1974 moved from Nashville to Mobile, where he established his private medical practice. While medicine was his profession, working on hot rods—especially old Fords and 1969 Camaros—was his first love. Any time he wasn't fixing people, he was fixing cars. Countless hours were spent in his garage on Old Shell Road, a place that became a gathering spot for friends stopping by to lend a hand or share a good laugh.

Raised in East Tennessee, Mike's early boating and fishing experiences were limited to freshwater lakes. That changed quickly after moving to the Gulf Coast. The open water captured his heart, and before long, his free time was happily divided between the garage and Orange Beach.

Mike grew to love heading offshore with his sons on the weekends. It never mattered what they were chasing — snapper, mackerel, marlin, or tuna — because simply being out on the water together was enough.

Those early days trolling cigar minnows eventually gave way to larger plastics blue-water fishing for much bigger game.

Mike developed a particular passion for billfishing and became an active member of the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club. He eagerly anticipated the tournaments and gatherings held around Memorial Day and Labor Day each year, savoring the preparation, the competition, and the long days offshore spent with people he loved. In 1993, his 50-foot Viking, *Patience*, was honored with the coveted Tag and Release Boat of the Year award.



A Tribute to

Ross Elkins Hutchisson, Jr.



Ross was born on October 28, 1942, in Mobile, AL and passed away July 22, 2025.

Ross was an honorary member of the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club, started helping with the weigh dock at all the tournaments where he later became the weigh master for several years. Because of his being a lifelong outdoorsman, his most memorable and passionate work was as the owner of *Bow to Stern* and *Ross Rod & Reel* businesses. Most of his customers were either members of the club or tournament participants. Ross was always willing to help fellow fishermen; he loved providing for and listening to his customer's fishing exploits and "tall tales".

As a lifelong area resident, he loved his faith, his family and treasured the simple moments of life. Ross was a graduate of McGill Institute and a proud U.S. Army veteran.

His Catholic faith and devoted prayer were the foundation of his life; he was a founding member of Holy Family Parish and longtime member of the Knights of Columbus. As a member of three mystic Mardi Gras societies (1922), he loved the City of Mobile's history and legacy. He found immense joy in volunteering, especially cooking and providing food to all at every event possible. Ross loved his family and enjoyed the simple pleasure of the gathering of friends and family to eat, drink and celebrate life. Especially his children, Trey, Andy, Christopher and Leslie and his nine grandchildren and great grandchild.

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The only thing bigger than Brian Bailey's hands was his heart. Those big hands were built to fix things, and he did. Boats, motors, problems, days that felt off. He would look at it. Take a breath. Then get to work. No noise. Just action.

Even though his life was cut short. It was full. The kind of full that makes you look at your own life and think, "Am I doing this right?". If you spent time with Brian, you were better for it. He did not hold grudges. He did not take himself too seriously. He laughed easily. He let things go. That is a gift most of us never learn.



He was competitive. No doubt. He liked winning. But fishing was never just about winning. It was about the water. The ride out. The quiet. The jokes. The time with his good buddies, as he would say. There was one person he loved being with the most - his son, Brian Jr. You could see it right away. They were close. Real close. Judy would smile and say they were each other's drug of choice. She was right.

Brian grew up in Mobile. He met Judy at the counter of an auto parts store next to Bailey's TV. Six months later they were married. Just like that. They built a life the same way. Simple, Strong and Together. They raised three kids: Brooke, Jordan and Brian Jr. They showed up and worked hard. They bet on themselves, made time for each other and made time for what they loved.



For Brian, that was fishing. He and Jr, through every version of the "High Definition", were a force on the SKA tournament trail. They were locked in and they were sharp. He loved all of it. Later the "High Definition" became a 43 Viking. Bigger boat. Same soul. Brian loved fishing in the Club tournaments as well as serving as a board member. And those hands. They were always at work. Rigging lines. Fixing gear. Cooking meals. Shaking hands. Hugging friends. Holding his family close.

He was part of a crew that boated an 843.7lb Blue Marlin in Biloxi and plenty of big fish before and after. But if you asked him, that was not the best part of fishing. The best part was on the back deck at night in Gulf of Mexico, stars overhead, food cooking on the grill, drinks in hand. Friends close by.

That was the win. He took that same spirit to his camp in Faunsdale, AL. Fire pits. Good food. Good people. Good hunting. No rush. Just time well spent.

When things got hard, he stayed the same. Calm, Kind and Steady. His faith in Jesus was real. It shined when his time grew short. He stayed upbeat. He showed people how to face it. He showed people how to live. Fully there. Not half in. Not looking past today. He made every moment count. He spent time with his people and spoke the truth. You do not forget a man like that. You carry him with you.



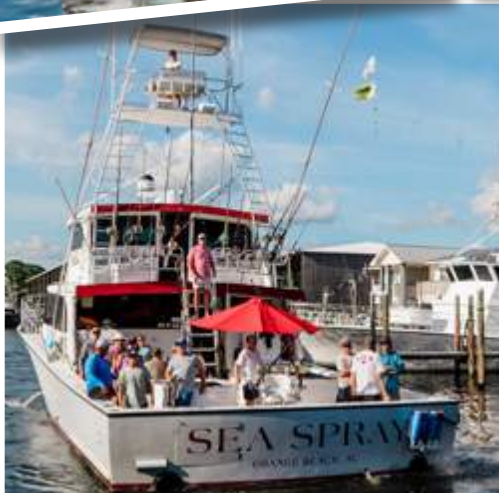
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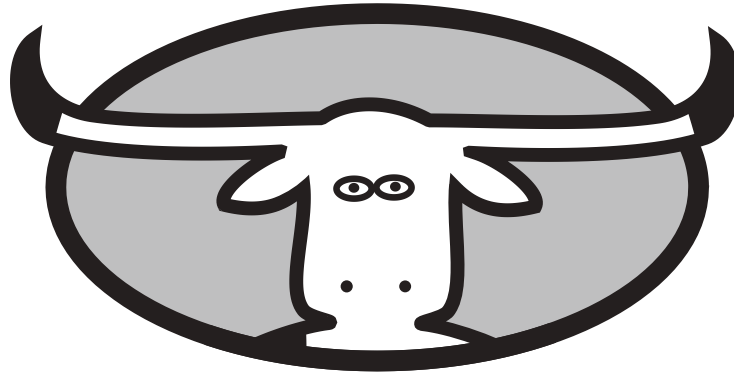
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