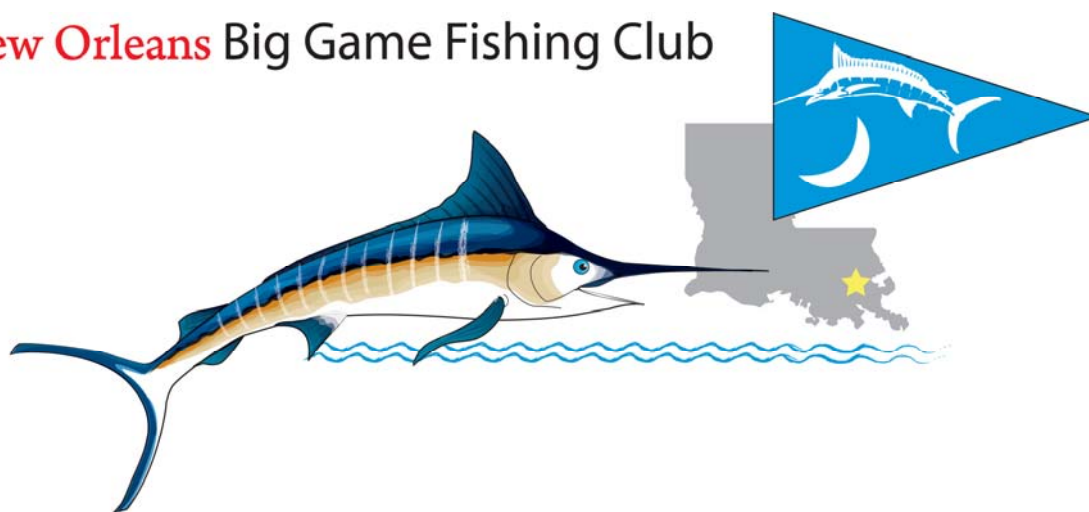




38th New Orleans Invitational Billfish Tournament

New Orleans Big Game Fishing Club



June 12 and 13, 2009

Cypress Cove Marina

Captain's Meeting 5:30pm June 11th

Lines in the Water 6am June 12th

Lines Out 4pm June 13th, scales close 7pm, June 13th

Awards 9pm June 13th



NEW ORLEANS INVITATIONAL BILLFISH TOURNAMENT 2008 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Top Angler (1st Place) – Most Billfish Points and Weighed Points

John Passentine “First Choice” Tagged and Released one Blue Marlin and 110# yellowfin tuna - 610 pts.

Judge Leander H. Perez Memorial Trophy – Most Billfish Points

Boyd Mothe, Jr. “Big Boyd” Tagged and Released one Blue Marlin – 500 pts.

Second Place Angler

Murphy Banks. “Brother In Law” Tagged and Released one Blue Marlin - 500 pts.

Third Place Angler

John Passentine “First Choice” Tagged and Released one Blue Marlin 500 pts.

WBS Angler Award

Boyd Mothe, Jr. “Big Boyd” Tagged and Released one Blue Marlin- 500 pts.

Top Lady Angler

Annette Adams “Top Gun”

Top Youth Angler

Matthew Robicheaux “High Risk”

TEAM AWARDS

First Place Team “First Choice” Tagged and Released one Blue Marlin and one White Marlin - 650 pts.

Dennis Passentine, John Passentine, Jordan Smith, John Williams, David Cascio, Mike Roberto, Mike Akii

Second Place Team “Big Boyd” Tagged and Released one Blue Marlin – 500 pts.

Boyd Mothe, Sr., Boyd Mothe, Jr., Arnold Boudreaux, Paul Levinie

Third Place Team “Brother In Law” Tagged and Released one Blue Marlin - 500 pts.

John Garrity, Blaine Garrity, Murphy Banks, Bobby Rockwell, Wit Hinckley, Paul Hendry, Casey Cromond

Swordfish Tag and Release

David Wilkins “Desperado”, two Swordfish Tagged and Released

Sailfish Tag and Release

Avery Lirette “Revolution”, one Sailfish Tagged and Released

White Marlin Tag and Release

Billy Schoen "Tia II", one White Marlin Tagged and Released

FISH AWARDS

Largest Yellowfin Tuna: Wayne Kilborn "Rocket" 143 lbs.

Largest Wahoo: Carl Waddell "Méchant" 75 lbs.

Largest Dolphin: Nick Icamina "Four Reel" 45 lbs.

TOURNAMENT TOTALS:

4 Blue Marlin Tagged and Released (none weighed)

4 White Marlin Tagged and Released

2 Swordfish Tagged and Released

2 Sailfish Tagged and Released

THE JUDGE LEANDER H. PEREZ MEMORIAL TROPHY

The New Orleans Invitational Billfish Tournament is respectfully dedicated to the memory of the late Judge Leander H. Perez who was singularly responsible for the physical development of South Pass as a major sport fishing center.

Born in Plaquemines Parish on July 16, 1891, Judge Perez was educated at Louisiana State University and Tulane University. He served with distinction in the U.S. Army in World War I, and was appointed by Governor Pleasant to serve as Judge for the 25th Judicial District of Louisiana comprising St. Bernard and neighboring Plaquemines Parishes. He was re-elected in 1920 to succeed himself for a full four-year term. In 1924, he was elected district attorney and was continually re-elected to the same position until he became the first president of Plaquemines Parish under a revised system of councilmanic government.

Judge Perez played an extremely active role in local, state and national politics for nearly 50 years, and at the time of his death in 1969, was one of the most powerful and respected voices in the National Democratic Party.

Long before the first marlin and tuna were taken on rod and reel from South Pass waters, Judge Perez was a regular participant in the annual "tarpon rodeo" at nearby Southwest Pass where his firm handshake, bright smile and ever-present cigar were familiar sights to scores of sports fishing enthusiasts.

Several years after big game fishing was discovered at South Pass, the "Rear Range Light Station" was automated and the Coast Guard facility was turned over to Plaquemines Parish, which sub-leased one small frame residence to the New Orleans Big Game Fishing Club.

Judge Perez recognized the acute need for docking facilities and completed a one-man campaign to create the first such public installation ever constructed at the mouth of the Mississippi.

In recognition of his innumerable contributions toward the development of big game fishing, Judge Perez was awarded lifetime honorary membership in the New Orleans Big Game Fishing Club.

The principal trophy to be awarded at this annual invitational fishing tournament will bear the likeness and name of Judge Perez. A permanent trophy remaining on display in the Club's lounge will be inscribed with the names of each yearly tournament's winner. A marker trophy to be given to the outstanding angler at the tournament's conclusion becomes the angler's personal property.

The Judge Leander H. Perez Memorial Trophy is awarded to the angler with the most billfish points.

THE TOURNAMENT

This is the Thirty Eighth New Orleans Invitational Billfish Tournament and will continue as Billfish Tag & Release only. The New Orleans Big Game Fishing Club organized this tournament in an effort to share our waters with serious big game anglers by invitation. These waters in past years have been quite productive of large Blue Marlin, White Marlin, Tuna, Dolphin and Wahoo.

The tournament is particularly indebted to Guy C. Billups, Jr., Founder of the Tournament. Past Chairmen also include P. Richard Grant, John R. Peters, Jr., Maumus F. Claverie, and Devereux P. Moring.

The Tournament includes team and individual awards. Points are earned toward different awards based on: a) weight and b) species tagged and released.

This Tournament encourages the gathering of scientific data relative to fishing in our area. Your attention is called to the requirement for Daily Log Sheets by each vessel for each day's fishing. The New Orleans Big Game Fishing Club has long been committed to collection of scientific data of which these forms are a crucial part. This commitment may be mandated by Federal Law. The tournament directors may be under a legal obligation to report this information so non-compliance will not be allowed. We also urge cooperation with our Weigh Master and with any scientist who may be seeking to obtain data during the Tournament.

The scoring system includes BILLFISH counting towards points and all other fish will be determined by weight. Winning teams participating in the World Billfish Series will receive points towards the WBS US Divisional Championship.

FACT SHEET

ENTRY

To enter, complete and return the enclosed entry form together with a check payable to New Orleans Big Game Fishing Club on or before June 11. Entries received after June 11 will not be assured of entry.

DOCKAGE

Dockage for the 2009 tournament is at the sole discretion of the captain. Tournament rules do not require that each vessel leave out of Cypress Cove but must enter their fish or proof of their tag and releases at Cypress Cove before the scales close at 7pm on June 13th. The Cypress Cove Marina facilities are complete including restaurant, electricity, fuel, water, and ice. Boats are advised to submit their entries early, as slip availability is limited and reservations are necessary. Boats may berth in any marina, however, functions and weighstations are only at Cypress Cove.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Privately owned motels, restaurants and fishing camp type facilities are available on a limited basis in the Venice area. Arrangement for these facilities must be made on an individual basis and are the responsibility of the participant.

The Cypress Cove Marina Hotel phone number is 504-534-9289. Rooms are limited and in great demand. Reservations are highly recommended.

LATE ARRIVALS

Any team that has been properly registered and cannot arrive until after the captain's meeting on Thursday may start fishing after they have notified the Weighmaster or a committee boat of their arrival. You are reminded that each angler must be registered by name prior to fishing. Names can be changed, added, or deleted during registration on Thursday, June 11th at Venice.

NEW ORLEANS INVITATIONAL BILLFISH TOURNAMENT TOURNAMENT RULES

FISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. The New Orleans Big Game Fishing Club Invitational Tournament is an invitational tournament open only to boats and anglers properly registered by the Tournament Committee, which reserves the right to deny entry to any boat or individual.
2. The tournament is scheduled to consist of two days of fishing, from 6:00 a.m. on June 12th to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 13th. There will be no weather day. The decision to fish or not to fish will be left solely to the Captain and crew of each vessel.
3. Since this is a Tag & Release only tournament, video proof must be provided as evidence of the proper tagging of billfish. This video proof must be provided to the weighmaster in Cypress Cove before scales close for the billfish to be eligible for points. The video should have the digital date on the footage to prove the tagging date. A tag stick designator will be provided to each team at the captain's meeting and this designator should be clearly visible in the video along with the tag.
Teams that cannot attend the captain's meeting should call Charlie Caplinger on his cell at 504.237.4030 to get a designator signal as proof for tagging.
4. Each boat may fish any number of lines. No angler may fish more than one line unless the team agrees upon a rotation method that gives each team member an equal time on the rods.
5. Each group of registered anglers fishing the same boat will be a team. A team will consist of no less than two anglers at any one time. There may be additional anglers on the team, but team awards will not exceed four awards per team.
6. Only those fish caught in accordance with Federal Regulations, I.G.F.A. rules and tournament rules will be considered eligible in this tournament. All anglers and crew members are expected to be familiar with the rules. No line heavier than 80lb. I.G.F.A. class may be used.
7. Fishing Day: Fishing begins at 6:00 a.m. on June 12th and no fish baited or hooked prior to this time will be eligible. Tournament fishing will end promptly at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 13th. A fish hooked prior to this time may be fought until landed or lost, provided notification of hookup is communicated to a committee boat, or any boat with a tournament official aboard, prior to the end of fishing time, and the fish or Tag & Release Tournament Entry Form and postcard is presented by the Angler to the Weighmaster prior to the scales closing on the last day of fishing. Scales close on the last day of fishing promptly at 7:00 p.m. Boats within the marina at closing scale time will be allowed to weight their catch and present their tag card and video proof.
8. Any single fish hooked and fought by two or more anglers is disqualified.
9. Upon tagging and releasing an eligible billfish, it shall be reported to one of the committee boats the specie of fish, time of release, the estimated location of the catch, and the name of the angler. In the event communication with a committee boat is impossible, this information may be given to any tournament or club official on any other boat. Communication may be established on Channel 16, 68 or 69 VHF.
10. WEATHER DAY: There will be **no** weather day. Fishing is at the discretion of the Captain and crew of each vessel.
11. Tournament Fish Entry Forms: For each fish weighed or tagged and released a Member or Guest TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM completed and signed by the angler must be turned into the Weighmaster. The Weigh Station will be maintained at Cypress Cove in Venice, Louisiana on Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13, 2008.

12. **AWARDS AND PRESENTATION:** Awards will be presented after 9 p.m. on the last day of fishing. Only fish and Tag & Release Tournament Entry Forms and postcards delivered to the weigh station prior to 7:00 p.m. that day will be weighed in and eligible for the Tournament. YOU OR A REPRESENTATIVE DESIGNATED BY YOU MUST BE PRESENT IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE YOUR AWARD.
13. **DEADLINE:** Please note that all fish to be weighed, Fish Tournament Entry Forms (for fish weighed or tagged and released), Tag and Release postcards and Daily Boat Logs must be DELIVERED BY THE ANGLER TO THE WEIGH STATION PRIOR TO 7:00 P.M. ON THE LAST DAY OF FISHING! Boats in line at the weigh station at closing time will be considered as timely.
14. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be condoned, and will be grounds for disqualification of any contestant or team by final decision of the tournament committee.
15. Any team seeking World Billfish Series points must also abide by 2009 WBS Rules. WBS points are issued according to those rules.

GENERAL:

1. Anglers will be responsible for supplying their own rods, reels, terminal tackle, bait, hooks, etc.
2. The entry fee will be \$1000.00 per team. Only anglers properly registered prior to fishing are eligible to participate. You may enter as many anglers as you wish.
3. The weigh station for the Tournament will be at Cypress Cove. All fish are to be weighed at, and all tag cards must be turned in at Cypress Cove.
4. The capability of each vessel, its crew and equipment, to safely operate in the weather conditions and distances traveled offshore are unknown and each vessel owner must apprise himself of his boat's adequacy for both weather and distances traveled offshore each day.

CHANGES:

Due to uncertainties regarding fuel supplies, weather, and the location of fishing areas, or for any other contingency, the committee may make changes during the tournament to conserve fuel or for other expediencies. Notification will be promulgated by radio, word of mouth, and by posting notice on the score board and on the bulletin board at the Clubhouse. Such changes might encompass, for instance: a later start in the morning, allowing overnight stay at sea, shortening the tournament one or more days, etc.

SCORING:

NOTE: This is a tag and release only tournament.

1. Points will be based on the type of billfish landed with one line class, 80#, for properly tagged and released as set forth below. No line above 80# to be used.

2. ELIGIBLE FISHTAG AND RELEASE POINTS

- A. Blue Marlin 500
- B. White Marlin 150
- C. Sailfish 150
- D. Swordfish 100—does not count toward billfish points, and has a separate tagging award
- E. Spearfish 100
- F. Mako Shark 0
- G. Bluefin Tuna 0
- H. Yellowfin Tuna (min. 27" CFL) 0
- I. Wahoo (min. 20#) 0
- J. Dolphin (min. 20#) 0

3. **WEIGHT POINTS** for eligible tuna, wahoo, and dolphin weighed at the rate of one point per whole pound of fish (no points for fractions of a pound, and no fractional points).

4. **NOLINE BONUS** is awarded for the use of lighter tackle.

5. In the event of a tie the fish tagged or landed and reported first will be declared the winner.

6. In case of a tie in points, then the team or individual accumulating the (most points first) at the earliest point in the tournament will be declared the winner.

7. Teams and individuals will be penalized 500 points from their team and individual scores if their boat cuts off another team's fish.

AWARDS:

A. ANGLER AWARDS

1. Judge Leander H. Perez Memorial Trophy presented to the angler with the most points for billfish Tag & Release points (less any penalty points) whose name will also be engraved on the permanent trophy.
2. Second place award for the angler with second most points for billfish Tag & Release points (less any penalty points).
3. Third place award for the angler with the third most points for billfish Tag & Release points (less any penalty points).
4. Top Angler is presented to the angler with the most billfish tag and release points and weighed fish points.
5. Top Lady Angler is presented to the female angler with the most for billfish Tag & Release points.
6. Top Youth Angler is presented to the youth angler under 18-years old with the most for billfish Tag & Release points.
7. Blue Marlin Award presented to the angler with the most Blue Marlin Tag & Release points.
8. Swordfish Tag and Release award to the angler with the most swordfish tag and release points
9. Sailfish Tag and Release award to the angler with the most sailfish tag and release points
10. White Marlin Tag and Release award to the angler with the most white marlin tag and release points

B. TEAM AWARDS:

First, Second and Third Place Team Awards to the teams scoring the most billfish points, Tag & Release points both subject to line bonus (less any penalty points).

C. FISH AWARDS:

WEIGHT — Awarded to the angler catching the largest eligible fish of each species.

2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Thursday, June 11 Registration Cypress Cove, Venice, Louisiana, 3:30pm till 7:30 P.M.
- Captain's Meeting 5:30 P.M. at Cypress Cove Marina,

- Cocktails from 4:00 P.M. and Seafood Dinner under the hotel.
- Times and locations of other tournament activities will be announced at the Captain's Meeting
- Friday, June 12 Fishing — 6:00 A.M. Lines In
- Saturday, June 13 Lines Out at 4:00 P.M.
- Scales closed at 7:00 P.M.
- Cocktails from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. and awards presentation followed by dinner under the hotel.

There will be **NO** weather day. The decision to fish is at the sole discretion of the Captain and crew of each vessel.

GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

TIME: Fishing Friday, June 12 through Saturday, June 13, 2009.

Captain's Meeting Thursday evening, June 11.

PLACE: Cypress Cove Marina, Venice, Louisiana

ENTRY: By individual invitations. Invitations issued by the Tournament Committee, applications to be submitted for its approval.

FEE: Entry fee is \$1000 per boat. Entry does not include cost of boat slip, fuel, ice, etc. There will be a voluntary \$25.00 per boat donation collected for the IGFA as well as an additional \$25.00 voluntary contribution to the Billfish Association. This practice was started several years ago and to date thousands of dollars has been raised and contributed to marine conservation efforts.

RULES: Complete rules are set out in this booklet and include IGFA Rules.

PAYMENTS: All general correspondence and advance payments to be sent to:

New Orleans Big Game Fishing Club

c/o Charlie Caplinger, Co-Chairman

1100 Poydras, Suite 3500

New Orleans, Louisiana 70163

Telephone: (504)582.2557

NOTE

You or someone representing you must be present at the Awards Ceremony if you are to receive a trophy.

Visit our Web Page at www.nobgfc.com for additional updates and other information.

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
NEW ORLEANS INVITATIONAL BILLFISH TOURNAMENT
PORT EADS, LOUISIANA
June 12 - 13, 2008**

Club Affiliations

Boat & Power Information:			
Boat Name:		Year:	
Make:	Length:	Beam:	Draft:
Engine:	Model:	HP:	
# of Engines:	I/B Diesel:	I/B Gas:	O/B Gas:
Home Marina:			State:
Private:	Charter:	Combo:	
Documentation:		Power:	
Registration:			State:
Hull Color:		Top Color:	

Team Leader (must complete):		
Name: <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Home Tel:		Work Tel:
Cell:		
Arrival Date:		Departure Date:
SS/FEIN#:		
Email:		
Shirt Size: L <input type="radio"/> XL <input type="radio"/> XXL <input type="radio"/> XXXL <input type="radio"/>		

Boat Captain:		
Name: <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Home Tel:		Work Tel:
Cell:		
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Email:		

Mate:		
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Home Tel:		Work Tel:
Cell:		
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Email:		

Angler #1:		
Name: <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Jr. Angler Age		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Home Tel:		Work Tel:
Cell:		
Shirt Size: <input type="radio"/> L <input type="radio"/> XL <input type="radio"/> XXL <input type="radio"/> XXXL		
Email:		

Angler #2:		
Name: <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Jr. Angler Age		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Home Tel:		Work Tel:
Cell:		
Shirt Size: <input type="radio"/> L <input type="radio"/> XL <input type="radio"/> XXL <input type="radio"/> XXXL		
Email:		

Angler #3:		
Name: <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Jr. Angler Age		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Home Tel:		Work Tel:
Cell:		
Shirt Size: <input type="radio"/> L <input type="radio"/> XL <input type="radio"/> XXL <input type="radio"/> XXXL		
Email:		

Angler #4:		
Name: <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Jr. Angler Age		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Home Tel:		Work Tel:
Cell:		
Shirt Size: <input type="radio"/> L <input type="radio"/> XL <input type="radio"/> XXL <input type="radio"/> XXXL		
Email:		

For Additional Anglers please print this page twice
 Base Entry = 1 Capt., 1 Mate, 4 Anglers • Please Print All Information Clearly • Page 1 of 2

Signed: _____

Checks for the Entry fee must be mailed with this entry form in time to be received by June 10, 2009 to insure receipt of a full compliment of handouts. Mail check payable to **New Orleans Big Game Fishing Club** with this entry form at the earliest possible moment to:

Charlie Caplinger, Co-Chairmen
New Orleans Invitational Billfish Tournament
1100 Poydras Street, Suite 3500
New Orleans, Louisiana 70163
Hometown Newspaper:

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, NOTIFY:

Name

Telephone (_____) _____

City & State _____

*All contributions will be sent to IGFA and the Billfish Foundation for marine conservation.

NOTE: You are **NOT** limited to four anglers - you may enter as many anglers as you wish; but **ALL** anglers must be registered prior to fishing. Use back of form to list additional anglers.