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∞ WELCOME ∞

This is our 28th annual Ladies International Fishing Tournament (FUN) in San Carlos, Sonora. The focus of the organizing committee has always been to make this an enjoyable tournament. We welcome your suggestions.

We hope the information contained herein will only help to enhance your fun and fishing.

Communications are vital to a successful Tournament, therefore Channel 63 VHF will be the Tournament Channel.

At 10:00 AM, 1:00 PM, and at closing time, we will have check-in reports. Please report your activity for that time period as follows:

- For billfish (Marlin and Sailfish), number released. Also, this is to be reported on all fish (including Dorado, Yellowfin Tuna and Wahoo) as you land a fish, providing they qualify.
- Please listen for your boat name, and then give the angler's name and report.

Club Deportivo de San Carlos, A.C. would like to extend a special "Thank You" for all the support from our raffle contributors, Marina San Carlos, CONAPESCA Port Captain , and volunteers.

Thank you for your support of this Tournament. Have a good time and Buena Suerte...



∞ AGENDA ∞

There will be a “No Host” Cocktail Party from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM on Friday, May 27th at San Carlos Yacht Club for Registration.

The Fishing Tournament will begin at 7:00 AM each day. It will end at 3:00 PM each day.

The Awards will be presented on Sunday, May 29th at 5:30 PM at the Awards Banquet at the San Carlos Yacht Club. You are encouraged to bring your spouse and captain. However, extra tickets for Guests are limited to availability.

∞ RULES ∞

THIS IS A LURE TOURNAMENT ONLY! NO DEAD OR LIVE BAIT IS PERMITTED ON THE BOAT AT ANY TIME DURING THE TOURNAMENT. USE OF BAIT OF ANY KIND ON HOOKS, DREDGES OR TEASERS WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION. No entangling devices (including mops, ropes, etc.).

International Angling Rules shall govern this Tournament and are stated herein.

This Tournament is limited to Marlin, Sailfish, Dorado, Yellowfin Tuna and Wahoo.

1. Fishing Hours:

- Saturday 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Sunday 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Note: Scales will open at 2:00 pm each day.

Scales will close at 5:00 PM Saturday* and Sunday. *If you are “hooked-up” at 3:00 PM on Saturday, the scales will stay open for you. The scales WILL CLOSE at 5:00 PM Sunday – no exceptions.*

2. Starting times relate to leaving Marina San Carlos outer harbor or Marina Real outer harbor. A “start” boat will be assigned to each point. Any boat leaving ahead of the official starting time will be automatically disqualified from the Tournament for that day.
3. Closing hours relate to bringing ALL LINES IN. At closing time, all lines must be brought in, and you MUST proceed back to the Marina. If you are fighting a fish at closing time, it must be reported via the Official radio.

The tournament radio will keep the official time.

4. All anglers must return to Marina San Carlos to weigh or report “released” fish and sign the fish caught report prior to 5:00 PM or be disqualified. You shall show proof of fishing license at that time. You are responsible for checking in each day. If you do not have fish to report, you must check in by radio to Tournament Control.

5. Please report all Tournament fish over the Tournament Channel 63 VHF.

6. Mexican fishing law in effect for Dorado – limit of 2 each day. Yellowfin Tuna and Wahoo will be limited to 3 each day. There is no limit on released Marlin or Sailfish.

7. All eligible fish weighed in will count for one (1) point per pound. Minimum weight to qualify is 15 pounds per fish. Fish under 15 pounds will not qualify.

8. Marlin and Sailfish (“Billfish”) count as follows: 150 points.

9. For a Billfish to be counted, one of the following must be completed:

- a) A member of the crew MUST touch the leader,

- b) The swivel hits the rod tip, or
- c) The connection (knot, splice, etc.) between the leader and the main line/double line passes through the rod tip.

You must report the fish to Tournament Control at that time. WE ENCOURAGE CATCH AND RELEASE OF BILLFISH; however, if the fish dies, or you and your crew wish to keep the fish, do not bring it to the scales. The weight of the fish is NOT a factor. Remember to report your catch to Tournament Control as soon as possible after one of the above occurs.

10. In case of a conflict, English rules will take precedence.

DISPUTES: Any disputes, complaints, or deviations must be submitted in writing to the weigh station and given to the weigh master prior to the scales closing each day. If a member of the Rules Committee is involved in the incident, she will not participate in the final decision of the incident.

∞ TROPHIES ∞

Trophies shall be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place boats based on the overall points of the anglers on each boat. Each angler will receive an award. One individual trophy shall be awarded to the high point angler of the tournament. Fish will count as points per Rules 8 and 9. Mexican Fishing License Required.

TOTAL OVERALL POINTS TROPHIES

1st Place Trophy

2nd Place Trophy

3rd Place Trophy

Individual High Point Angler Trophy

Note: Additional prizes will be added in the category.

LARGEST FISH TROPHIES

The Largest Fish Trophies shall be determined by the weight of each fish weighed in. There shall be trophies for:

1st , 2nd and 3rd Place DORADO

1st and 2nd Place TUNA

1st Place WAHOO

Note: There will not be a trophy given for largest Billfish. This is a release Tournament for Billfish.

Ties: The first angler to call in a released Billfish or weighed in with the Weigh Master on a weighable fish shall take priority.



∞ INTERNATIONAL ANGLING RULES ∞

The following angling rules have been formulated by the International Game Fish Association to promote ethical and sporting angling practices, to establish uniform regulations for the compilation of world game fish records, and to provide basic angling guidelines for use in fishing tournaments and any other group angling activities.

Only fish caught in accordance with IGFA international angling rules, and within the intent of these rules, will be considered for world records and this tournament.

ANGLING REGULATIONS

1. From the time that a fish strikes or takes a bait or lure, the angler must hook, fight, and land or boat the fish to gaff without the aid of any person, except as provided in these regulations.
2. If a rod holder is used and a fish strikes or takes the bait or lure, the angler must remove the rod from the holder as quickly as possible. The intent of this rule is that the angler shall strike and hook the fish with the rod in hand.
3. In the event of a multiple strike on separate lines being fished by a single angler, only the first fish fought by the angler will be considered for a world record.
4. If a double line is used, the intent of the regulations is that the fish will be fought on the single line most of the time that it takes to land the fish.
5. A harness may be attached to the reel or rod, but not to the fighting chair. The harness may be replaced or adjusted by a person other than the angler.
6. Use of rod belt or gimbal is permitted.
7. When angling from a boat, once the leader is brought within the grasp of the mate, or the end of the leader is wound to the rod tip, more than one person is permitted to hold the leader.
8. One or more gaffers may be used in addition to persons holding the leader. The gaff handle must be in the hand when the fish is gaffed.

9. The angling and equipment regulations shall apply until the fish is weighed.

RULES FOR FISHING IN SALT WATER

Equipment Regulations

A. Line

1. Monofilament, multifilament, and lead core multifilament lines may be used. For line classes, see World Record Requirements in the IGFA text.

B. Line Backing

1. Backing not attached to the fishing line is permissible with no restrictions as to size or material.

2. If the fishing line is attached to the backing, the catch shall be classified under the heavier of the two lines. The backing may not exceed the 130 lb. (60 kg) line class and must be of a type of line approved for use in the angling rules.

C. Double Line

The use of a double line is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications:

1. A double line must consist of the actual line used to catch the fish.
2. Double lines are measured from the start of the knot, braid, roll or splice making the double, to the furthestmost end of the knot, splice, snap, swivel, or other device used for securing the trace, leader, lure, or hook to the double line.

Saltwater Species: In all line classes up to and including 20 lb. (10 kg), the double line shall be limited to 15 feet (4.57 meters). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 20 feet (6.1 meters).

The double line on all classes of tackle over 20 lb. (10 kg) shall be limited to 30 feet (9.14 meters). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 40 feet (12.19 meters).

D. Leader

The use of a leader is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications:

1. The length of the leader is the overall length including any lure, hook arrangement of other device. The leader must be connected to the line with a snap, knot, splice, swivel or other device. Holding devices are prohibited. There are no regulations regarding the material or strength of the leader.

Saltwater Species: In all line classes up to and including 20 lb. (10 kg), the leader shall be limited to 15 feet (4.57 meters). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 20 ft. (6.1 meters).

The leader on all classes of tackle over 20 lbs. (10kg) shall be limited to 30 feet (9.14 meters). Combined length of the double line and leader shall be limited to 40 feet (12.19 meters).

E. Rod

1. Rods must comply with sporting ethics and customs. Considerable latitude is allowed in the choice of a rod, but rods giving the angler and unfair advantage will be disqualified. The rule is intended to eliminate the use of unconventional rods.

2. The rod tip must be a minimum of 40 inches (101.6 cm) in length. The rod butt cannot exceed 27 inches (68.58 cm) in length. These measurements must be made from a point directly beneath the center of the reel. A curved butt is measured in a straight line. (The above measurements do not apply to surf casting rods.)

F. Reel

1. Reels must comply with sporting ethics and customs.

2. Power driven reels of any kind are prohibited. This includes motor, hydraulic, or electrically driven reels, and any device which gives the angler an unfair advantage.

3. Ratchet handle reels are prohibited.

4. Reels designed to be cranked with both hands at the same time are prohibited.

G. Hooks and Lures

1. When using an artificial lure with a skirt or trailing material, no more than two single hooks may be attached to the line, leader, or trace. The hooks need not be attached separately. The eyes of the hooks must be no less than an overall hook's length (the overall length of the largest hook used) apart and no further than 12 inches (30.48 cm) apart. The trailing hook may not extend more than a hook's length beyond the skirt of the lure. A photograph or sketch showing the hook arrangement must accompany a record application.

2. Gang hooks are permitted when attached to plugs and other artificial lures that are specifically designed for this use. Gang hooks must be free swinging and shall be limited to a maximum of three hooks (either single, double, or treble, or a combination of any three). Baits may not be used with gang hooks. A photograph or sketch of the plug or lure must be submitted with record applications.

I. Other Equipment

1. **Fighting Chairs** may not have any mechanically propelled devices which aid the angler in fighting a fish.

2. **Gimbals** must be free swinging, which included gimbals that swing in a vertical plane only. Any gimbal that allows the angler to reduce strain or to rest while fighting the fish is prohibited.

3. **Gaffs and Nets** used to boat or land a fish must not exceed 8 feet (2.49 meters) in overall length. In using a flying or detachable gaff, the rope may not exceed 30 feet (9.14 meters). The gaff rope must be measured from the point where it is secured to the detachable head to the other end. Only the effective length will be considered. If a fixed head gaff is used, the same limitations shall apply and the gaff rope shall be measured from the same location on the gaff hook. Only a single hook is permitted on any gaff. Harpoon or lance attachments are prohibited. Tail ropes are limited to 30 feet (9.14 meters). When fishing from a bridge, pier, or other high platform of structure, this length limitation does not apply.

4. **Floats** are prohibited with the exception of any small floatation device attached to the line or leader for the sole purpose of regulating the depth

of the bait. The floatation device must not in any way hamper the fighting ability of the fish.

5. **Entangling Devices**, either with or without a hook, are prohibited and may not be used for any purpose including baiting, hooking, fighting, or landing the fish.

6. **Outriggers, Downriggers, and Kites** are permitted to be used provided that the actual fishing line is attached to the snap or other release device, either directly or with some other material. The leader or double line may not be connected to the release mechanism either directly or with the use of a connecting device.

The following acts will disqualify a catch:

1. Failure to comply with equipment or angling regulations.
2. The act of persons other than the angler in touching any part of the rod, reel, or line either bodily or with any device, from the time a fish strikes or takes the bait or lure, until the fish is either landed or released, or in giving any aid other than allowed in the rules and regulations. If an obstacle to the passage of the line through the rod guides has to be removed from the line, then the obstacle (whether chum, floatline, rubber band, or other material) shall be held and cut free. Under no circumstances should the line be held or touched by anyone other than the angler during this process.
3. Resting the rod in a rod holder, on the gunwale of the boat, or any other object while playing the fish.
4. Hand lining or using a hand line or rope attached in any manner to the angler's line or leader for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.
5. Shooting, harpooning, or lancing any fish (including shark and halibut) at any stage of the catch.
6. Chumming with or using as bait the flesh, blood, skin, or any part of mammals other than hair or pork rind used in lures designed for trolling or casting.
7. Using a boat or device to beach or drive a fish into shallow water in order to deprive the fish of its normal ability to swim.
8. Changing the rod or reel while the fish is being played.

9. Splicing, removing, or adding to the line while the fish is being played.
10. Intentionally foul-hooking a fish.
11. Catching a fish in a manner that the double line never leaves the rod tip.
12. Using a size or kind of bait that is illegal to possess.
13. Attaching the angler's line or leader to part of a boat or other object for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.
14. If a fish escapes before gaffing or netting and is recaptured by any method other than is outlined in the angling rules.

The following situations will disqualify a catch:

1. When a rod breaks (while the fish is being played) in a manner that reduces the length of the tip below minimum dimensions or severely impairs its angling characteristics.
2. Mutilation to the fish, prior to landing or boating the catch, caused by sharks, other fish, mammals, or propellers that remove or penetrate the flesh. (Injuries caused by leader or line, scratches, old healed scars, or regeneration deformities are not considered to be disqualifying injuries). Any mutilation on the fish must be shown in a photograph and fully explained in a separate report accompanying the record application.
3. When a fish is hooked or entangled on more than one line.



☞ LIFT HISTORY ☞

This tournament (LIFT) is sponsored by Club Deportivo de San Carlos A.C. (the Mexican equivalent to a Sportsman's Club in the U.S.). The Club has over 800 members.

San Carlos, Sonora, Mexico is located 325 miles due South of Tucson, Arizona on the Sea of Cortez (Gulf of California) and has two marinas consisting of 60-70% sport fishing boats.

The Ladies' International Fishing Tournament was started by Susan Frost and Dolores Ruppel in 1994 to fulfill the Charter of Club Deportivo which had no sportsman activities at that time. It is a non-profit event, so Club Deportivo pays for any debt incurred and also furnishes the facility for the gatherings: i.e., registration, awards' dinner, etc. The tournament has held its own financially and has even managed to show a small profit, which is donated to one of the conservation groups in the area (there are currently three) to promote realistic fishing goals for the Sea of Cortez, both commercial and sport fishing.

Our current, as well as future, plans are to try and increase participation levels, bring in women who have a desire to fish and love to have fun. This includes women who have not had the opportunity to participate in the past. We also would like to increase our raffle items to raise additional funds for conservation. For all of these reasons mentioned above, we decided to have a boat tournament to allow more ladies to win.

This tournament is a 100% release of Billfish (Marlin and Sail). At the current time, other species (Dorado, Tuna and Wahoo) must weigh 15 lbs. to qualify. It is a lure only event;

no live or dead bait are allowed. Entry fees are kept at a minimum (\$60.00 USD) in order to encourage participation. There are no jackpots, calcuttas, or monetary prizes; only trophies are awarded.

∞ PARTICIPATION AND CATCH HISTORY ∞

Year	No. of Anglers/Boats	No. of Fish Caught/Billfish Released
1994	40 women/22 boats	15 Dorado, 4 Tuna
1995	33 women/25 boats	59 Dorado, 1 Sailfish
1996	58 women/35 boats	18 Dorado, 1 Wahoo, 29 Marlin, 34sailfish
1997	71 women/40 boats	117 Dorado, 44 Marlin, 12 Sailfish
1998	65 women/38 boats	17 Dorado, 55 Tuna, 4 Marlin, 3 Sailfish
1999	55 women/35 boats	14 Dorado, 6 Marlin, 3 Sailfish
2000	67 women/40 boats	113 Dorado, 2 Marlin, 3 Sailfish
2001	65 women/38 boats	61 Dorado, 5 Marlin, 8 Sailfish
2002	82 women/51 boats	123 Dorado, 1 Marlin, 4 Sailfish
2003	76 women/42 boats	152 Dorado, 43 Tuna, 8 Wahoo, 23 Marlin, 8 Sailfish
2004	72 women/39 boats	26 Dorado, 5 Marlin, 1 Sailfish
2005	65 women/35 boats	4 Dorado, 23 Marlin, 2 Sailfish
2006	63 women/34 boats	7 Dorado, 19 Marlin
2007	72 women/37 boats	26 Dorado, 17 Marlin, 8 Sailfish
2008	57 women/32 boats	32 Dorado, 10 Marlin, 5 Sailfish
2009	48 women/28 boats	17 Dorado, 1 Marlin, 9 Sailfish
2010	47 women/29 boats	2 Dorado, 2 Tuna, 21 Marlin, 2 Sailfish

2011	35 women/27 boats	3 Dorado, 7 Marlin, 2 Sailfish
2012	39 women/28 boats	11 Dorado, 19 Marlin and Sailfish
2013	45 women/27 boats	6 Dorado, 16 Marlin and Sailfish
2014	30 women/21 boats	14 Dorado, 5 Marlin and 8 Sailfish
2015	27 women/17 boats	2 Dorado, 4 Marlin and 24 Sailfish
2016	19 women/17 boats	1 Dorado, 29 Marlin and 18 Sailfish
2017	34 women/14 boats	1 Dorado, 2 Marlin and 3 Sailfish
2018	32 women/15 boats	Port closed both days of fishing.