

WELCOME

Welcome to the 22nd Annual Yacht Club/Rescate Fishing Tournament. The Tournament is co-sponsored by the San Carlos Yacht Club and Rescate de San Carlos. The Organizing Committee wants to thank you for participating and hopes you will have an enjoyable Tournament.

Please read all of the Tournament Rules. There have been a few changes. Roll Call will be at 10:00AM, 1:00 PM, and at 10 minutes before lines in. Each boat must report their activity at these times.

Each Angler is limited to 2 Dorado, 5 Yellow Fin Tuna, and 5 Wahoo per day, and is required to have a valid Mexican Fishing Permit.

Communications are vital to a successful Tournament. VHF Channel 65(USA) will be the official Tournament Channel with channel 66 as the backup. Please do NOT use the Tournament channel for boat to boat chat - move to alternative channel.

Verification of all released billfish will be done by use of an approved, digital camera with appropriate cable provided by each entrant. **Only released billfish** catches need to be verified with a **“still”** camera or video as these rules permit.

Points will be awarded for Dorado, Yellow Fin Tuna, and Wahoo based on weight of the fish at the weigh station.

We are pleased to add a junior division to encourage future anglers - junior rules addendum will be found at the end of the booklet.

Good luck to All !!!!!

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Kathy Rodgers
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REGISTRATION

Kathy Rodgers & Team

HOSPITALITY

Kathy & Team

CAMERA CONTROL/CONTROL DE CÁMARAS

Gustavo Valdez, Pete Fusco

TOURNAMENT CONTROL/CONTROL DE TORNEO

Kathy Rodgers & Team

WEIGHMASTER /PESAJE

Danny Grover,
Gustavo Valdez

Fish Reports - TBA

SCORING/PUNTAJE

Kathy Rodgers , Paulina Godinez

TOURNAMENT AGENDA

Registration

Tournament Registration and Cocktails , is at the San Carlos Yacht Club on Friday June 3rd, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The Tournament Committee will be available at Registration to answer questions.

Saturday, June 4th, fishing starts at 7:00 AM and ends at 3:00PM

Sunday, June 5th fishing starts at 7:00 AM and ends at 3:00 PM

Awards Dinner

The Awards Dinner will be held at the San Carlos Yacht Club Sunday, June 5

The bar will open at 6:00 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM and Awards after Dinner.

The winners may be presented with a “check” for photographic purposes, but the awards will be available at the Yacht Club after the photos have been downloaded and the catch verified.*****

***** NOTE *****

The Committee reserve the right to delay publication of awards or announcement of awards if there are delays to authenticating catches due to number of pictures to be reviewed.

SCYC / Rescate Fishing Tournament Rules

Release rules & recommendations from the International Game Fishing Association (IGFA) shall apply to this tournament. Any exceptions are delineated in these rules. The fish that count towards awards are: Marlin, Sailfish, Wahoo, Dorado, and Yellow Fin Tuna. This is both an “**Angler Tournament**” and a “**Boat Tournament**”. The Tournament may be shortened or delayed in the event of bad weather for the safety of the participants at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. Observers may be placed on boats at the discretion of the Tournament Rules Committee.

The maximum number of fish per boat, per day that will be considered for award points is Four (4) Dorado, Ten (10) Yellow Fin Tuna, and Ten (10) Wahoo and an unlimited number of released Billfish . (Rule 12 applies for weight) (this is only for boat jackpots or awards)

Jackpots will be awarded to the Teams based on number of award points accumulated for all eligible fish caught during the two day tournament. In the event of a tie, the largest award will be given to the team with the earliest released Billfish that qualified for ****total**** points. (Tie breaker for FunFish will be largest individual fish , **if of equal weight , second fun fish weight , if none a draw will decide winners**)

Jackpots : Twenty (20) per cent of the value of each jackpot is retained by the sponsors. Five(5) percent of the value of each jackpot is retained for the Captains Award. The remaining 75% is divided as follows for each of the Jackpots; 60% for First Place, 30% for Second Place, and 10% for Third Place (Excluding FunFish daily Jackpots).

Entry Money, Captain’s Package.

The entry Fee is \$150 per Angler. Which entitles each Angler to be eligible for the “**Daily Award**”, an awards dinner ticket, and souvenir clothing to commemorate the Tournament.

The Captain’s Package may be purchased for \$50 entitling the Captain of the boat to a dinner ticket and souvenir clothing. The Captain cannot be one of the Anglers.

Extra dinner tickets are available for friends and family at \$20 each, and shirts at \$20.

NB: All entry money, Captains Package money, jackpots entries, and addition dinner tickets must be paid in cash, US Dollars or the equivalent Mexican Pesos. Exchange rate will be that quoted for the day of registration on the International Currency Exchange and will be posted at Registration.

1.) Angler Daily Awards (**included in entry fee**)

The entry fee automatically enters each Angler into the **\$500 “Angler Daily Award”**, for the Angler with the largest Dorado, Yellow Fin Tuna or Wahoo – (*15 pound minimum weight*)

AND

Automatic entry for the **\$500 Daily Award** to the Angler that catches the **First Bill Fish of the day**, in compliance with all rules for Billfish catch and release.

If the daily award is not awarded on Day 1, it will rollover to Day 2, and if not awarded on Day 2, there will be draws for the awards at the banquet dinner.

2) Fun Fish Boat Jackpots (buy in)

i) **\$300 Daily Jackpot** - the boat that catches the biggest Dorado, Yellow Fin Tuna, or Wahoo for the day (*minimum weight 15 pounds*) wins 50% of the jackpot. If the daily award is not awarded on Day 1, it will rollover to Day 2, and if not awarded on Day 2, will roll back , if no qualifying fish there will be draws for the ****daily**** awards

ii) **\$300 Overall Jackpot per boat** for **total** overall points winner for Dorado, Yellow Fin Tuna and Wahoo (*minimum weight 15 pounds*) — there will be 3 places paid, however boats will be restricted to win one place only. In other words you can win 1st place, but you can't win 2nd and 3rd also. This is a boat jackpot - each boat is considered a team and the total eligible points on a boat will determine the awards. ****In the event of no qualifying fish , draw will be made for 1st , 2nd and 3rd place , as required****

3) Tournament Jackpots

a) **\$300 Boat Jackpot** (*winners of first ,second or third place in the last three years can not enter*)

b) **\$600 Boat Jackpot** — any boat can enter

c) **\$900 Boat Jackpot** — any boat can enter

These are **Boat Jackpots**. Each boat is considered a team and the total eligible points of all registered anglers on a boat will determine the awards. Points awarded as per **rule 10** Billfish and **rule 12** for Dorado, Yellow Fin Tuna and Wahoo.

4) Fishing hours:

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

5) Start Times:

Start Times are when the boats may leave the San Carlos Marina or Marina Real. A Start Boat will be in the Marina San Carlos Outer Harbor and another in the bay just beyond the breakwater at Marina Real. The Tournament Radio Operator (**Tournament Control**) will give the official start time. All boats must be behind the Start Boat. Any boat leaving the area prior to the official start time will be disqualified for that day.

6) Lines in:

All lines must be in your boat at 3:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday. If you are fighting a fish at the appointed "lines in" time, you must notify Tournament Control.

7) Weigh Station:

The Weigh Station is located at Marina San Carlos near the Marina fish cleaning station. The Weigh Station must weigh all fish to be considered for awards, except for bill fish as noted later in the rules. This includes Dorado, Wahoo, and Yellow Fin Tuna. The Weigh Station will be open at 3:00 pm Daily. The Weigh Station will close at 5:00 PM Saturday and Sunday. Your fish must be weighed and fish caught reports signed by the weigh station during their hours of operation to be considered for awards.

8) Official Time and Radio Channel

The official Time is kept by Tournament Control. The official communications channel will be VHF Channel 65(USA) with channel 66 as the backup

9) Reporting

All Boats Participating in the Tournament must check in with Tournament Control prior to leaving their respective Marina and returning to the marina at the end of the day. If you have any fish to weigh, **OR** if you have released billfish, you must go to the Weigh Station to sign your "fish caught" report prior to weigh station closing time. Failure to sign your report will result in the disqualification of the days' catch.

10) Billfish

Marlin and Sailfish are classified together as Billfish. This is a Release tournament for Billfish. Each released Billfish is awarded 150 points if properly documented according to IFGA release Rules and Recommendations and Camera rules.. Any Billfish that dies must be brought into the Weigh Station. Billfish brought into the Weigh Station for release points become the property of the Tournament.

11) Use of Camera

Each registered boat must have an approved digital date and time stamped camera with the ability to transfer photos to a computer. **Absolutely NO cell phone cameras will be allowed. Video is permitted as by rules stated herein.** You will be given a control number to display from tournament control when you call in your hookup.

The following rules apply to the use of the cameras:

- A. The first photo taken with the camera will be of the stern of the boat, ensuring that the full name of the boat appears in the photo or a crew member appears in the photo. Same applies to day 2.
- B. When a Billfish is being caught and prior to bringing it alongside the boat, you must call tournament control and request a control number. With that number, a crew member must hold up their hand with the appropriate number of fingers visible in the photo. If it is necessary to take more than one photo to ensure accuracy, each photo MUST show the same control number. The fish must be identifiable as a Billfish, the control number shown and a crew member's hand on the leader or swivel at rod tip, in the same photo. It is not necessary to hold the fish. The photo must show the fish at a distance no longer than the length of the leader.
- C. Day 2 – A photo must be taken of the stern end of the boat with a crew member holding two (2) fingers visible by camera. All catches will be photographed in the same manner as the previous day.
- D. All cameras must be formatted for time and date

11a Video Cameras : (NEW 2018 Season)

Video Rules.

All teams must provide their own video camera(s) and know how to operate them to verify releases.

Accepted video format - Go Pro h264 , mp4 - or mp3 : **NOT Go Pro HERO6 Black .**

All video recording equipment must be synchronized to the official tournament time and checked in by the tournament organizers. **** Organizers will NOT adjust for you.**

Teams must video their boat name and team member with all release cameras each day before departing to go fishing. (same as still cameras)

To score an official release, the video footage must include sufficient continuous footage to :

1. clearly identify the species;
2. show a team member, angler or crew touching the leader while the fish is still hooked;
3. identify the time and date of the catch; and any security code issued.
4. show the catch and full release of the fish.

The video must be continuous, with no breaks in recording, and identify all of these elements. Do not delete any video taken during fishing hours, even if it does not include the above elements and will not be used to prove a catch.

After the release video is taken, the official time, species and angler name will be written on the catch-report to be signed at weigh station.

At the end of the day's fishing, the video camera, camera connections used to plug into a computer, catch-report and all video footage taken must be brought to the weigh station **or other designated place** for verification of official release points.

Catch reports should be signed by close of Weigh Station

Failure to turn in a catch report will result in disqualification of that day's catch.

12) Dorado, Yellow Fin Tuna, and Wahoo

Points are awarded for these fish based on the weight of the fish. Each fish is weighed at the Weigh Station and one (1) point per pound is awarded. In accordance with Mexican Fishing Regulations, Dorado are limited to two (2) per angler per day and must be greater than 15 pounds to qualify for award points. Yellow Fin Tuna and Wahoo are limited to five (5) per angler per day and must weigh 15 pounds to qualify for points.

12a) Jungle Rules - any registered angler (not captain or non angler mate) can hook the fish and pass the rod to any other registered angler. The rod **MUST** be passed immediately after fish is hooked. Rod remains with angler it is passed to until fish is boated or released.

13) Captain's Award

This award is given to the persons registered as "Captains" of the boats with the three largest total points scored in the Tournament regardless of jackpots entered. The Captain cannot be an angler and must be registered as Captain on the entry form prior to the beginning of the Tournament. If a winning boat does not have a captain registered, then this award will pass to the next highest boat with a registered Captain. It is not necessary to buy a "Captains Package" for the Captain to be eligible for this award. There will be three places awarded. 60% of the award pool for first place, 30% of the award pool for Second Place, and 10% of the award pool for third.

14) Disputes

Any disputes or complaints must be submitted in writing to a member of the Rules Committee prior to the start of fishing on Sunday for Saturday's fishing, or by 5:30 PM Sunday for Sunday's fishing or the Tournament in general. If a member of the Rules Committee is involved in the incident, he/she will not participate in the final decision regarding the incident. The Chairman of the Rules Committee will not have a vote except in the case of a tie. By entering the tournament all anglers agree the rules committee decisions shall be final and binding.

"The Rules Committee" will act as Judge and its rulings will be final when a situation not specifically regulated arises, the criteria of the Judge as well as the Organizing Committee will be final.

Any protest from a duly registered participant related to this competition must be submitted by the team captain in writing and signed to the Judge by 5:00PM on the same day the reason for the same is registered.

The mere fact of registering and participating in this Fishing Tournament obliges the participant to read, know and comply with the rules of this Tournament.

15) Mechanical Failure

In case of a mechanical failure, the vessel can return with all its participants on board to its Marina and substitute another boat. The tournament radio will coordinate this procedure. There will be no contact between any vessels for the purpose of transferring bait, rods, reels, et cetera. Tournament radio control must be notified if contact needs to be made in an emergency situation.

16) Calling in Hookups :

Please convey to your radio operators :

a) Call “ **Tournament Control , Tournament Control , This is(boat name)
NEED A CODE - hookup** “

b) Tournament control will then immediately know you require a hookup code .

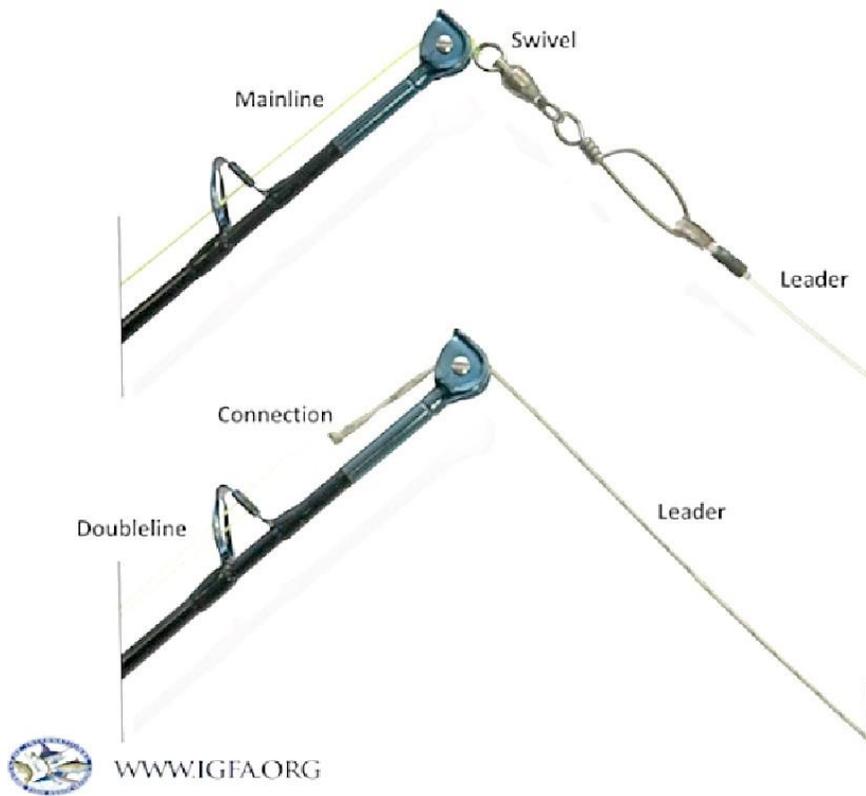
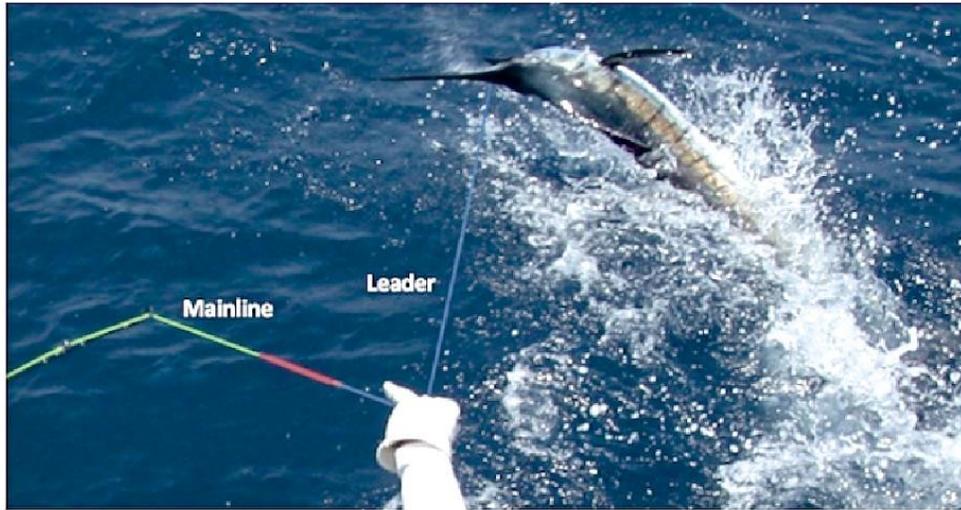
Your cooperation on this will be of a huge help to TC as clarity and precision in communications is vital to a good Tournament for you all. It is the Boat owner or Team Leader's responsibility to ensure this message is passed along and understood.

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 (including the double 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 that allowed in these 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, float line, 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 sharks and halibuts) 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 as outlined in the angling rules.

*Rules herein take precedence (12a Jungle Rules)

Example of picture without code.



All IFGA Release RULES apply except where noted.

Fish is **officially released** when one of the following is completed :

- a) The mate is able to grab the leader
- b) The swivel hits the rod tip
- c) The connection (knot, splice, etc) between the leader and the main line / double line passes through the rod tip.

AND

- d) Control number and fish appear in the photo. * or video rules are complied with.

Leader lengths must conform to current IGFA tackle requirements. For lines over 10kg (20lbs) the leader may not be in excess of 30 feet.

In addition to the suggested rule above , IFGA also recommends the following best practices for safe and ethical release of fish

Circle hooks are encouraged when fishing with live or dead natural bait.

The hook should be removed if possible.

If the hook cannot be removed, the leader should be cut as close to the hook as possible.

Ample time should be taken to revive exhausted fish .

JUNIOR DIVISION RULES:

1. Age brackets :

Under 15 years at time of Tournament registration.

2. All adult fishing rules apply , regarding catches , limits and species.

3. Exclusive prizes for Junior Division :

a) Top Angler award.

b) \$50 US cash prize for top points

c) \$25 US cash prize for second highest points

d) Other prizes to later details

4. Entry Fee - Junior Division :

\$25 per entrant for **Junior Division ONLY** - includes shirt .

5. **OPTION** - Play like a big guy ! - Juniors may elect to pay full entry fee and be treated as a full angler with access to all awards - PLUS at no extra charge they are eligible for Junior awards as well.