

The Chuck Byron Commemorative Fish On! Anglers Tournament Saturday, September 18th, 2010

Tournament Rules

1. The Captain or a registered angler from each boat **must attend a mandatory skippers meeting** held on Friday September 17th from 6:00-7:00 pm. at the San Diego Marlin Club on Shelter Island drive. **Call 619-301-3193** for any information. At this meeting you will receive your tournament angler bag. This includes the rules, tournament premiums, tournament T- shirts, and banquet tickets for all participants. This check in / registration by either the team skipper or at least one of the registered anglers will be strictly adhered to. Failure for a team to get checked off on the Tournament participant list will disqualify every skipper and angler on that particular vessel and result in forfeiture of said teams registration monies for this tournament. Due to their fishing schedule, exception to this rule will be granted to the "sportboats" that will be participating in this event. A Tournament official will visit each participating landing and sport boat to drop off all angler tournament bags to each boat captain or crew prior to tournament departure. A tournament director will be on the boat to check in each angler.
2. Tournament fishing hours commence Saturday, September 18th, 12:01 a.m. (**lines in**) and terminates on Saturday September 18th, at 7:00 p.m. (lines out) sharp. Boats may leave from their slips or launch after mandatory meeting on Friday September 17th.
3. Weigh-in time is as follows: Saturday September 18th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Weigh masters time is official. If there are too many boats at the scale to prevent you from being at the scale you must call in and be in site of the Weigh master by 7:00 p.m.
4. Private boat fish will be weighed in at the Marlin Club and Seaforth Landing scales. Sport boat fish will be weighed in at H & M Landing. Anglers who are weighing in fish must personally report to the weighmaster with his/her fish. Anglers may present more than one Tournament class of fish for weigh in. Anglers may only win one category with each fish. There will be no ties. In the event of a tie the first fish weighed in wins.

5. All fish must be weighed in by the termination of the tournament, except for the following event: the Weigh master can allow a representative from the boat to report a fish for weigh in by VHF, to the Weigh master, if the Weigh master is notified BEFORE the weigh in deadline, and the vessel is within view of the weigh station before the time deadline. In this situation the vessel must be acknowledged by the designated Weigh master of receipt of the VHF transmission. This is also how a fish may be qualified to be weighed in the event the weigh station is full. Weigh in must be done at the designated weigh stations by boat. Weight receipts from any other weigh station will not be accepted.
6. Fishing during this Tournament is permitted in any water that is legally open to sportfishing and that the angler can reach and return from within the time limits of the Tournament. All boats MUST depart from and return to a port within the limits of the State of California.
7. Every angler on a registered boat must be Tournament registered and paid in full. Professional paid Captains and professional paid Crew do not need to be a paid registered participant provided they are not angling in this tournament. They must be registered as non-fishing Crew. When registered as non-fishing Crew they are not allowed to fish or put a line in or out during this tournament. Captain and Crew are only permitted to do crew functions such as boat operation, gaffing fish, untangling lines and general Crew duties. Captain and Crew are strictly forbidden to "hook and hand off" fish.
8. Every angler must hook and land their fish from start to finish. Exception to this rule is that Captain or Crew may assist in tangles and may touch rod and reel but only in a manner to untangle lines or when passenger safety is at risk such as going around the anchor line. This is to be done in as quick a manner as safely possible and rod and reel must be returned to said angler immediately. Captain or crews are not permitted to gain line or "rest" anglers while assisting in tangles or safety issues. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in the disqualification of every angler aboard said boat. Troll fish count on both private boats and sportboats.
9. This is an IGFA sanctioned event therefore IGFA rules do apply with the exception of double tuna hooks and treble hooks and length of gaff on the sportfishing boats. In addition to all listed tournament rules, anglers fishing California and/or Mexican waters are bound by angling rules, limits and tackle restrictions set forth by the respective California and/or Mexican regulations that may apply.

10. **IGFA Open category** will be won, not by biggest fish caught, but by the IGFA category point system. Point systems are based on the percentage of the existing IGFA world all tackle record. Most points win this category. Example (weights are intended for sample only)

POINT SYSTEM:

If a sand bass is weighed in at 6 pounds and the all tackle record is 10 pounds, the formula would be $6/10 \times 100 = 60$ points.

If a striped Marlin was weighed in at 120 pounds and the all tackle record is 300 pounds, the formula is again $120/300 \times 100 = 40$ points.

In other words, the fish that is closest to its' specie record will win this category.

IGFA records will be available at the weigh in stations and in your angler bags. **Sharks are excluded** from this category as they are not recognized by IGFA as a game fish.

11. Tournament anglers may use live bait, artificial bait, teasers or lures.

Live bait may be caught or purchased, as available prior to the commencement of the tournament. Bait may be kept aboard Tournament boats, used or transferred at the discretion of the anglers or captains, throughout the Tournament. Chumming is permitted.

12. All anglers must possess a valid and current license or permit as required by law for the respective waters they fish.

13. The following acts will disqualify a fish:

A. Mutilation caused by sharks, marine mammals, propellers, Firearms or any other act that removes or penetrates the flesh, except as occurs from the result of gaffing fish in order to bring said fish on board vessel.

B. Frozen and/or defrosted fish presented for weigh-in are prohibited and will result in the entire disqualification of all participants on the offending boat.

C. Failure to comply with any rule or regulation.

14. Transferring of anglers and fish from a disabled boat is allowed. In this situation the Tournament Weigh master must be notified and must acknowledge receipt of the VHF transmission regarding the situation.

15. The Tournament Rules Committee reserves the right to disqualify any angler who exhibits un-sportsmanlike conduct or illegal activity.

16. All anglers must fill out and register their name on a tournament application prior to the start of the tournament.

17. Official Tournament channel is **VHF #68**. If weighing in call Fish On tournament control at VHF # 68 before arriving or for any questions. Or Lori Byron at **619-301-3193**

All entries are final, no refunds. You may substitute an individual entry upon specific pre approval of the tournament committee. No Changes will be permitted after close of the skippers meeting on the 18th!

18. **Sea Tow** is offering free towing during tournament fishing hours and And can be reached on VHF channel # 16 or call 889-SEATOW.

Protests

1. Any protest relative to the weight of the fish or manner of weighing must be made before the fish is removed from the scale. This protest must be made to the Tournament Weigh master at that time.

2. Any protest except weight must be made to a member of the Tournament Rules Committee. All protests other than weight must be made in writing and submitted to a member of the Tournament Rules Committee within 6 hours of the close of the Tournament.

3. The Tournament Rules Committee shall make the final determination. The Rules Committee members are:

John Rowe	Doug Kern
Tom Gruber	Lori Byron