



SSFC ★ Heineken® FUNFISH SLAM 2021

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **VENUE** – Seychelles Yacht Club (according to SOP of SYC)
2. **STARTING DATE & TIME** – Saturday 24th April 2021 any time AFTER 5:00 am (Boats may depart from Eden Island Marina, Wharf Hotel & Marina, Marine Charter Association or Providence Industrial Estate). Note that 5:00 am has been selected due to current curfew regulations.
3. **ENDING DATE & TIME** – Saturday 24th April 2021 at 5:00PM at Seychelles Yacht Club.
4. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE** – Friday 23rd April 2021 at 6:00PM. Entry forms and registration fees must be paid by the deadline.
5. **REGISTRATION FEES** – SR 1,500.00 per Boat.
6. **FISHING METHOD** –All fish must be caught using a rod and reel only (no hand lines or electric reels are allowed to catch fish in this competition). All recognised game fishing methods using a Rod and Reel will be permitted i.e. Trolling, Jigging, Popping, Casting and Fly Fishing will be permitted. Hookless teasers can be used. Tassles are not allowed.
7. **IGFA RULES APPLY** - For more information on IGFA, contact Faizal Suleman 2711994 (IGFA Representative). Participants are encouraged to focus on the IGFA Offshore Grand Slam, IGFA Super Offshore Grand Slam, 50lb Dorado Club and Billfish Slam during the tournament.
8. **FISHING TACKLE** –Rod and Reel only. *Hand lines may be used for hookless teasers only.*
9. **BAIT/LURES** – Live bait, dead bait or artificial lures are allowed
10. **ANGLERS** – A team must consist of a minimum of 2 anglers
11. **SKIPPERS MEETING** – A meeting will be held at Seychelles Yacht Club starting at 5:00PM on Friday 23rd April 2021. All teams must be represented by at least 1 member.

12. DISQUALIFICATION

- a. A boat will be disqualified prior to the start of the tournament if it does not have a representative at the Skipper's Meeting;
- b. A boat will be disqualified if it arrives outside the area below after the deadline of GPS Time 5:00PM Saturday, 24th April 2021.



- c. A boat will be disqualified if during the tournament, it receives fuel from another vessel or refuels from a source other than regular fuel depots on Mahe;
- d. A boat must catch, store and return to the weighing station with fish caught by the team members on that boat only, and during the tournament only. A boat will be disqualified if it weighs in fish from any other source, or if it weighs fish caught prior to the start of the tournament;
- e. A boat will be disqualified if a non-registered person other than pre-approved members of the media joins the boat or is discovered on the boat during the tournament;
- f. A boat will be disqualified if a team member joins the boat after the tournament has started. Note that all members of a team must be onboard when the boat departs and the same team members must be onboard when the boat returns to the weigh-in station.
- g. A boat will be disqualified if a team member disembarks from the boat during the tournament and then rejoins the boat from a different location;
- h. A boat will be disqualified if a team member disembarks from the boat during the tournament. The only exception is when during the tournament, a boat informs the Tournament Organizer that it is offloading a sick or injured team member (or members), or offloading a team member due to an emergency situation. In such cases, the boat will be allowed to continue participating in the tournament without being disqualified.
- i. A boat will be disqualified if it does not return to the weigh station under its own power.
- j. A boat will be disqualified if it passes within the channel between Praslin <-> La Digue before 2pm on Saturday, 24th April. This area is off limits due to the Felicity Passon – Mind Over Matter Challenge.
- k. A boat that is disqualified will not be eligible for prizes.

13. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES - Each team must leave a sealed envelope by 6:00 PM on Friday 23rd April 2021 with the weigh master stating the area where the boat plans to fish during the competition. This information will only be used in the event of an emergency. Boats should also ensure that they have necessary emergency equipment onboard such as life-jackets, flares, anchor, rope, VHF/SSB radios etc...VHF Radio (Channel 16) must be on at all times and navigation lights must be used at night.

In the event of an emergency, engine failure or where a vessel has requested assistance to be towed back to Mahé, we encourage all boats in the vicinity to respond immediately. Note that any boat providing such assistance to a distressed vessel will not be penalized for arriving past the competition deadline, and the

boat will be eligible for weigh-in and prizes. Any boat accepting parts, maintenance, or any type of material assistance from any other boat will be automatically disqualified.

14. **ELIGIBLE FISH** – Only the 3 following species of fish are eligible for points and prizes: Dorado – Wahoo – Yellowfin Tuna (YFT). Therefore, we encourage teams to release as many fish as possible. Mutilated fish will not be accepted. IGFA rules are in effect in regards to the determination of a mutilated fish.
15. **SCORING** – Dorado, Wahoo, and Yellowfin Tuna will earn one point per kilo (fractions of a kilo will also count). The weigh master’s decision is final.
16. **HEINEKEN SLAM BONUS** – A team catching a slam will be awarded a 500 point bonus for each slam, up to a maximum of 5 slams per boat or a maximum of 2500 points. A slam is defined as three (3) fish of a different species (Dorado, Wahoo and Yellowfin Tuna). For example, if a team catches 3 Dorados, 2 Wahoos and 1 Yellowfin tuna, they would have caught only 1 slam and thus will earn 500 bonus points only. If a team catches 2 Dorados, 2 Wahoos and 2 Yellowfin Tunas then the team would have caught 2 slams and will earn 1000 bonus points. See below for scoring example:

Scoring example for “Team X”

Fish #	Dorado	Wahoo	YFT	Slam Total	Slam Bonus	Total Points
1	9.0	11.3	22.4	42.7	500.0	
2	8.5	10.0	19.5	38.0	500.0	
3	7.0	6.0	16.4	29.4	500.00	
4	6.2	5.5	10.2	21.9	500.00	
5	3.5	5	8.7	17.2	500.00	
Totals	34.2	37.8	77.2	149.2	2500.00	2649.2

17. **Number of Fish to be Weighed** – A maximum of 5 fish per species/category may be weighed, for a total of 15 fish altogether.
18. **WEIGH-IN** - Weigh-in shall commence at 2:00 P.M. Saturday 24th April 2021 on a first-come first-serve basis. Teams will be allowed to weigh their five (5) heaviest fish only in each of the eligible categories for a total of fifteen (15) fish. Only the Team whose catch is being currently weighed will be allowed to the designated weighing area. The Team Captain will sign the prescribed form after the weighing is completed signifying his agreement thereto. No results will be issued during the weigh-in process.
19. **FISH** – Once your fish has been weighed, they are yours to keep. Please return the fish into your boat or remove them from the premises immediately. Please do not leave any fish at Seychelles Yacht Club and do not dump any fish into the lagoon.
20. **PROTESTS** - All protests must be lodged in writing by the team captain to the Weigh Masters within one hour of the last boat weighing-in on Saturday 24th April 2021. A deposit of SR 2,500 must accompany the protest. If the protest is determined as valid, the SR 2,500 will be refunded. The Weigh Masters will consult with the tournament officials and their decision will be final and only announced at the prize-giving ceremony.
21. **PRIZES** – There are 6 prizes overall to be won in the tournament:
 - Prize 1 - Heaviest Dorado
 - Prize 2 - Heaviest Wahoo
 - Prize 3 - Heaviest Yellowfin Tuna

Prizes above will be awarded to the team who has caught the heaviest of the 3 fish species, even if the team does not catch a slam. If two teams are tied with the same weight within a category

(species), then the team that has caught the most slams will win the category. If neither team has caught a slam or they have caught the same number of slams, then the team with the second heaviest qualifying fish of that category will win. If still tied, the team with the heaviest fish weighed in the tournament wins.

Prize 4 – Heaviest Individual Slam

Prize 5 - Tournament Runner-Up (based on points – see next rule)

Prize 6 - Tournament Winner (based on points – see next rule)

22. TOURNAMENT WINNER & RUNNER-UP – The overall tournament winner and runner-up will be determined as follows:

- a. If no slam is caught in the tournament, then the teams with the most Total Overall Points will win the tournament, and the Runner-up will be awarded to the team with the second highest point total. If there are any ties, then the team with the heaviest single ELIGIBLE FISH in the tournament will win.
- b. If only one team brings in a slam, the team will be declared the automatic winner;
- c. If there are multiple slams, the team with the most points will be declared the winner; (Only slams are eligible, if two or more teams are tied on points, then the heaviest fish will win)

23. PRIZE GIVING - will be held at Seychelles Yacht Club after all the fish have been weighed, as a dock party. There will be food and drinks on sale.

. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Tarak Patel – Chairman Seychelles Sports Fishing Club

Grant Heyer – Secretary Seychelles Sports Fishing Club

Faizal Suleman – IGFA Representative Seychelles

Fred Payet - Official Weigh master



SSFC/WWF Billfish Release Challenge 2021

SSFC together with World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) are actively promoting all SSFC members and participants of the tournament to conserve the Seychelles Marine Environment. Each team can do its part in conserving the marine environment by tagging and releasing all sailfish and marlin caught during the tournament. This will preserve the Seychelles marine environment for us to all enjoy for many years to come and also add to scientific research should a tagged fish ever be caught again.

Participants who RELEASE sailfish, marlin or swordfish during the tournament will be eligible to be declared BILLFISH RELEASE WINNER and have their team name entered on the custom SSFC/WWF perpetual trophy.

Detailed rules are as follows:



1. **RULES:** All rules previously stated remain in full effect.
2. **ELIGIBLE FISH** – All sailfish, all marlin and all swordfish caught during the tournament are eligible.
3. **SCORING** – A “release” of a sailfish/spearfish is awarded 100 points, a “release” of any marlin is awarded 300 points and a “release” of any swordfish is awarded 400 points. All billfish that are “released” must be filmed on video with the SSFC number card in view as evidence for review by the weigh master to be eligible for the award of points for successful “release”. The video MUST show the SSFC tournament identification provided by SSFC, tag on the billfish, and the release of the billfish.

Scoring example for “Team X”

Fish #	Swordfish	Marlin	Sailfish/Spearfish	Total Points
1	400			
2		300		
3			100	
Totals	400	300	100	800

4. **PRIZES** – There is 1 prize to be won for the BILLFISH RELEASE WINNER:

Prize – BILLFISH RELEASE WINNER – Winning team will have their names engraved on the SSFC/WWF perpetual trophy and receive a plaque that the team will keep. The perpetual trophy will remain with SSFC.

5. BILLFISH RELEASE WINNER – The billfish release winner will be determined based on points. Should there be a tie, teams will be declared as joint winners and have both team names engraved on the SSFC/WWF perpetual trophy



SSFC  **Heineken®** **FUNFISH SLAM**
Saturday 24th April 2021

REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 6:00 P.M. Friday, 24th April 2021

NAME OF BOAT _____

SKIPPER'S NAME _____

TEAM CAPTAIN _____

PHONE / MOBILE _____

TOTAL ON BOARD _____ **(including crew)**

FISHING TEAM

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
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10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____

REGISTRATION FEE SR 1500.00
per boat _____

PRIZE-GIVING Seychelles Yacht Club – Saturday 24th June, 2021
Respect SOP at Seychelles Yacht Club

We have read and fully understand the rules governing our participation in this competition and agree to abide by them. In the event of a matter arising that is not covered by the rules, we accept that “fair play” shall apply and that the subsequent decision of the tournament officials shall be final.

All boats registered do so at their own risk. By registering as an angler in the tournament, the angler holds harmless the Tournament Committee, Tournament Judges, Organizers, Sponsors and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the Tournament from any liability for libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury, or death suffered by any participant, entrant, sports fisherman, their companions, boat captains, crew members, family, vessels and equipment which occur during or in conjunction with the Tournament.

TEAM CAPTAIN

TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL