



SSFC & RATTAN CORNER **SOUTH EAST MONSOON SAILFISH TOURNAMENT 2021**

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **VENUE** – Seychelles Yacht Club. Please respect all rules and regulations of the Marina.
2. **STARTING DATE & TIME** – Saturday 24th July 2021. Boats are allowed to depart at 3:00AM from Marine Charter, Eden Island and Providence.
3. **ENDING DATE & TIME** –Return to the weigh-in station at Seychelles Yacht Club is required by 5:00PM. Prize giving will immediately follow the completion of weigh-in.
4. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE** – Friday 23rd July 2021 at 6:00PM. Entry forms and registration fees must be paid by the deadline.

5. REGISTRATION FEES –

- 1,000 SCR

No refund will be issued once a team has registered. However, a team may switch to another boat prior to the start time by informing the weigh master.

6. IGFA Rules apply

7. **STYLE** – Trolling Only. **Kite fishing is allowed. This is a full release sailfish/billfish tournament.** Teams are only permitted to fish within the following demarcated fishing zone. Failure to fish within this area will result in disqualification.





8. **SAILFISH/BILLFISH RELEASE CRITERIA** - All billfish must be properly released in order to score points for the registered angler and his or her team. All of these requirements must be captured on video. Uninterrupted video footage should show:
- a. The last few minutes of the fight including the angler and proof of the billfish species
 - At the end of the release, video must capture GPS time on the boat console GPS or handheld GPS, For absence of doubt, the official time of the release will be determined by video captured GPS recorded time on the screen of the boat console GPS or handheld GPS.



IGFA Release Rules stipulate a fish is released when a team member grabs the leader, the swivel touches the rod tip, or the connection (knot, splice, etc.) between the leader and the mainline/double line passes through the rod tip and the billfish being released either by cutting the leader or removing the hook(s)

9. **FISHING TACKLE** – Rod and reels only using live bait, dead bait or artificial lures. Lines not to exceed 130lbs. **Hand lines without hooks may be used for teasers only.** Tassles are not permitted. Tassles are not allowed. **A boat will be disqualified for life if a tassle is found on any boat.**
10. **ANGLERS** - A team must consist of a minimum of 2 anglers.
11. **SKIPPER'S MEETING** – A meeting will be held at Seychelles Yacht Club starting at 5:00PM on Friday 23rd July 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 of the location within the box after the deadline of GPS Time 5:00pm 24th July 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 at Port Victoria, Mahé;
- 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 it fishes outside of the allowed demarcated fishing zone for the tournament. Should this be called into question, skipper will need to present their track during the tournament to WEIGHMASTER for verification. All boats are required to save their track during the tournament.



f. 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;

g. 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.

h. 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.



- i . 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.
 - j. A boat will be disqualified if it does not return to the weigh station under its own power
 - k. A boat that is disqualified will not be eligible for prizes.
13. **EMERGENCY ON THE OPEN SEAS** - In the event of an emergency, engine failure or where a vessel has requested assistance to be towed back into Port, 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.
14. **WEIGH-IN** - Weigh-in shall commence at 2:00 P.M. Saturday 24th July 2021 on a first-come first-serve basis. **Teams will not be permitted to weigh any sailfish, marlin, spearfish or swordfish.** Teams will be allowed to weigh only their two heaviest fish. Only the Team whose catch is being currently weighed will be allowed to the designated weighing area. The team must identify their 2 heaviest fish from each qualifying species. 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.
15. **FISH** – Once your fish has been weighed, you are free to take your fish home. Please return the fish into your boat or feel free to take them offsite as quickly as possible. Please do not leave any fish at the Marina premises and do not dump any fish inside the Marina lagoon.
16. **PROTESTS** - All protests must be lodged in writing by the team captain only to the Weighmaster 1 hour after the weigh-in of the last boat on Saturday 24th July 2021. A deposit of 2,500SR per protest must be lodged with the Weighmaster and the deposit will be refundable should the protest be valid. The Weigh master will consult with the tournament officials and their decision will be final and only announced at the prize-giving ceremony.



17. PRIZES –There are 8 prize categories in the tournament:

- Tournament Winner
- Tournament Runner-Up
- Heaviest Barracuda
- Heaviest Dorado
- Heaviest Bonito
- Heaviest Tuna Yellowfin
- Heaviest Wahoo
- Most released Billfish

TOURNAMENT WINNER & RUNNER-UP - The winning team (Best Team) and Runner-up (Best Team Runner-Up) will be determined on a point-based system to be calculated as follows:

Sailfish are caught by a team(s):

- Sailfish released per rules – 2000 points
- If two or more teams are tied with the same points, the winner and runner-up will be determined by establishing the earliest caught sailfish of the tied sailfish. Official time will be established by the video recorded GPS boat console or handheld GPS time.
- A scoring example is as follows:

Scoring example for a team tied with equal released sailfish:

Sailfish #	Team A	Team B
1	GPS Time Filmed @ Time of Release 7:30am	GPS Time Filmed @ Time of Release 8:00am
2	GPS Time Filmed @ Time of Release 11:30am	GPS Time Filmed @ Time of Release 10:30am
3	GPS Time Filmed @ Time of Release 1:00pm	GPS Time Filmed @ Time of Release 12:30pm
Result	RUNNER-UP	WINNER

- In the event that the last sailfish are caught at the exact same recorded time HH:MM:SS, the tie will be broken if one of the tied teams has released a marlin.
- In the event a tie remains, the winner and runner-up will be determined by adding the total point combination from the following 5 species:

One (x 1) point will be awarded per kilo and only two (x 2) fish per species will be weighed.

1. Barracuda
2. Dorado
3. Bonito
4. Yellowfin Tuna
5. Wahoo



- If no sailfish has been released by the respective teams but marlin have been released, the tournament rankings will be determined by adding the total point combination from the following 6 species (MARLIN WILL ONLY BE COUNTED IF NO SAILFISH HAVE BEEN RELEASED):

1. In this instance, a released marlin according to the rules will be awarded 500 points each.

One (x1) point will be awarded per kilo and only two (x 2) fish per species will be weighed

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| 2. Barracuda | 3. Dorado |
| 4. Bonito | 5. Yellowfin Tuna |
| 6. Wahoo | |

- If no sailfish or marlin has been released by the respective teams, the tournament rankings will be determined by adding the total point combination from the following 5 species:

One (x1) point will be awarded per kilo and only two (x 2) fish per species will be weighed

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| 1. Barracuda | 2. Dorado |
| 3. Bonito | 4. Yellowfin Tuna |
| 5. Wahoo | |

- For the skipper's and team league, the total of sailfish points will first be used to determine the actual tournament rankings. Other species points will only be used to determine rankings when there is no sailfish caught in the tournament or where certain teams that are participating in the tournament and the league(s) have not caught a sailfish.



18. **BILLFISH RELEASE WINNER** - A release of a sailfish/spearfish is awarded 100 points and a release of any marlin will be awarded 300 points and release of any swordfish will be awarded 400 points. All billfish that are released must be filmed on video per conditions listed as evidence for review by the weigh master to be eligible for the award of points for successful release.

Billfish Release Criteria: All conditions apply in Point 8.

Scoring example for “Team X”

Fish #	Swordfish	Marlin	Sailfish and Spearfish	Total Points
1		300		
2			100	
3			100	
4	400			
Totals	400	300	200	900

19. **TOURNAMENT PRIZE-GIVING** - The prize-giving ceremony will be held at Seychelles Yacht Club immediately following the weigh-in on Saturday, 24th July 2021.

20. TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS

SSFC Executive Committee

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Fred Payet – Official Weighmaster
 Captain Alain Khan –Weighmaster
 Captain Philip Hoareau–Weighmaster
 Faizal Suleman –IGFA Representative



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REGISTRATION FORM**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 6:00 P.M. Friday 23rd July 2021

NAME OF TEAM _____

NAME OF BOAT _____

SKIPPER'S NAME _____

TEAM CAPTAIN _____

PHONE / MOBILE _____

TOTAL ON BOARD _____ *(including crew)*

FISHING TEAM 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
 6. _____
 7. _____
 8. _____
 9. _____
 10. _____
 11. _____
 12. _____

REGISTRATION FEE SR 1,000 per Boat

CHEQUE NO/CASH _____ Cheque payable to: **Seychelles Sports Fishing Club**

PRIZE-GIVING Immediately following the weigh-in on Saturday, 24th July 2021

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 _____