



SEYCHELLES SPORTS FISHING CLUB
BIG GAME CLASSIC FISHING TOURNAMENT
Sponsored by TROPICAL BAY, HEINEKEN
& TEAM TSUNAMI
SATURDAY 3rd December 2022

RULES & ENTRY FORM

1. **STYLE**- This is a trolling only competition and fish must be caught on rod & reel only using live bait, dead bait or artificial lures. Jigging and popping is allowed. Electric reels are not allowed except for use with hookless teasers. Hand lines will be allowed for running hookless teasers only.
2. **ANGLERS** - A team must consist of a minimum of 2 anglers.
3. **STARTING TIME** - Departure time is 2:00 A.M. on Saturday 3rd December 2022 from Eden Island Marina, Marine Charter Association, Providence, Bel Ombre, Baie Ste Anne Praslin, La Passe Jetty La Digue only. Departure from any location must be confirmed by SSFC via an approved inspector for each area.
4. **ENDING TIME** - Return time to Marine Charter Association is 5:00 P.M. on Saturday 3rd December 2022.
5. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE** - The deadline for registration is 6:00 P.M on Friday, 3rd December 2022.
6. **REGISTRATION FEE** - The entrance fee is SR 2,000 per boat. No refund will be issued once a team has registered. However, a team may switch to another boat prior to the Registration Deadline.
7. **DESIGNATED FISHING GRID**: All teams are required to fish within this fishing grid. Fishing outside of this grid will result in disqualification. Weighmaster may request all teams to show their tracks to verify the team fished within the grid. Failure to display the fishing track upon request can also result in disqualification.



8. **PRIZE-GIVING** – The prize-giving will be held on Saturday 10th December 2022 at La Plage Beau Vallon starting at 6pm.
9. **SKIPPERS MEETING** - A skippers/team meeting will be held at Marine Charter Association at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday 1st December 2022. All teams must be represented by at least 1 team member.

10. 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 3rd December 2022.



- c. 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, Praslin or La Digue;
 - 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. If tassles are found on a participating boat and/or the weigh master determines that tassles have been used, the boat will be disqualified from the tournament and banned from future SSFC tournaments.
 - j. A boat will be disqualified if it does not return to the weigh station under its own power;
 - k. A boat will be disqualified if the fishing team fishes outside of the designated fishing grid.
 - l. A boat that is disqualified will not be eligible for prizes.
11. **PRE-INSPECTION OF BOATS** - A member of the Tournament Committee/Officials has the right to board any boat for inspection prior to departure. The boat will be automatically disqualified if fish other than bait or tassles are found onboard.
 12. **EMERGENCY INFORMATION** - Each team must leave a sealed envelope by 6:00 P.M. Friday, 2nd December 2022 with the Tournament Officials stating the area where the boat plans to fish during the competition. This information will only be used in the event of an emergency. In the event of an emergency, engine failure or where a vessel has requested assistance to be towed back to Mahe, 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.
 13. **WEIGH-IN** - Weigh-in shall commence at 3:00 P.M. Saturday 3rd December 2022. 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. Boats must leave the weigh station pontoon as quickly as possible after the weigh-in to make room for others. You may keep all the fish



that you have caught so please remove from the Weigh Station and jetty prior to departure.

14. **PROTESTS** – All protests must be lodged in writing to the Weighmaster by the captain of the team only within one hour of the last boat weighing-in by Saturday 3rd December 2022. 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 Weighmaster will consult with the tournament officials and their decision will be final and only announced at the prize-giving ceremony. In all cases the decisions made by the Committee are irrevocable and final.

15. **IGFA RULES** - IGFA equipment rules apply to all. IGFA angling rules apply to all except in the following circumstances:

- Once a fish is hooked, the rod can be passed to only 1 angler. Once the rod is passed to the angler, it cannot be transferred to another angler.
- IGFA equipment rules apply but IGFA angling rules do not apply to ladies and juniors.

For team members with a computer and internet access, please log onto www.igfa.org for IGFA rules. Those with no access to a computer should contact Mr. Faizal Suleman on 2711994 (Seychelles IGFA Representative) for a set of printed rules.

16. **SPECIAL BILLFISH RULES:**

- This is an all release billfish tournament
- All billfish caught must be released
- All billfish caught must be filmed on video as evidence in order to be eligible for points
- Under all circumstances, the team must do its utmost to revive a fish prior to release

17. **RELEASE RULES & PROCEDURES** - 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 billfish will be considered as released according to the IGFA rules as well as to Tournament Release Procedures::

- A fish is considered officially released when one of the following actions is completed;
 - The crew is able to grab the leader;
 - The swivel hits the rod tip;
 - The connection (knot, splice, etc.) between the leader and the mainline/double passes through the rod tip;
 - Record the catch and release as per the release video camera requirements below.

18. **RELEASE VIDEO CAMERA REQUIREMENTS** - To score an official release, uninterrupted video footage must show:

- Show a team member or crew with the leader in hand while the fish is still hooked;
- Show a team member or crew with the SSFC Identification of the day while the fish is still hooked
- Show part of the fight and full release of the healthy fish swimming away;
- Clearly identify the species of billfish.
- 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.



f. At the end of the day's fishing, the video camera, its connection devices and all video footage must be brought to the weigh station for verification of official release or boated points.

19. **WINNING TEAM & RUNNER-UP**- The Winning Team and Runner-up will be determined on a point-based system to be calculated as follows:

A released Marlin - 300 points

A released Sailfish/Spearfish – 100 points

A boated Marlin – 0 points

A boated Sailfish – 0 points

A boat Spearfish – 0 points

A boated Swordfish – 0 points

Bonito, Barracuda, Dorado, Kingfish-Wahoo, Dogtooth Tuna & Yellowfin Tuna – 1 point per Kilogram (only 2 fish from each of the 6 categories above will be eligible for weighing).

Bonito, Barracuda, Dorado, Kingfish-Wahoo, Dogtooth Tuna & Yellowfin: Should there be a tie in the individual species categories, the tie will be broken by weighing the 3rd fish of the same species. This will continue until the tie is broken.

Marlin: Should there be a tie for marlin, the boat with the earliest released of the tying marlin will be declared winner. This will be decided based on GPS time shown on the video.

Sailfish: Should there be a tie for sailfish, the boat with the earliest released of the tying sailfish will be declared winner. This will be decided based on GPS time shown on the video.

Tournament: Should there be a tie between 2 or more boats with the same number of points at the end of the tournament, the team who has released the most Billfish shall be declared the winner. Should there still be a tie, the boat who has released the earliest of the tying billfish shall be declared winner.

20. **PRIZES** – There are ten (11) trophies overall to be awarded in the tournament. Prizes will be split evenly between boats for any ties in weight:

Heaviest Bonito – Trophies + SCR 2000

Heaviest Barracuda- Trophies + SCR 2000

Heaviest Dorado- Trophies + SCR 2000

Heaviest Kingfish-Wahoo-Trophies + SCR 2000

Heaviest Tuna Dogtooth - Trophies + SCR 2000

Heaviest Tuna Yellowfin- Trophies + SCR 2000

Marlin – Most Points - Trophies + SCR 2000

Sailfish - Most Points - Trophies + SCR 2000

Tournament 3rd Place- Trophies + SCR 25,000

Tournament Runner-up- Trophies + SCR 50,000

Tournament Winner- Trophies + SCR 75,000

21. **TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS & ORGANISERS**

2522106 – Tarak Patel – Chairman Seychelles Sports Fishing Club

2519351 – Grant Heyer – Secretary Seychelles Sports Fishing Club

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Fred Payet - Official Weighmaster

