



SSFC ★ Heineken® FUNFISH SLAM 2024

TOURNAMENT RULES

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. All recognised game fishing methods using a Rod and Reel will be permitted. Electric reels are not allowed except for use with hookless teasers. Hand lines will be allowed for running hookless teasers only. Tassles are not allowed.
2. **ANGLERS** - A team must consist of a minimum of 2 anglers.
3. **STARTING DATE & TIME** – Saturday 27th January 2024 any time AFTER 2:00 am (Boats may depart from Eden Island Marina, Wharf Hotel & Marina, Marine Charter Association or Providence Industrial Estate).
4. **ENDING DATE & TIME** – Saturday 27th January 2024 at 5:00PM at Marine Charter Association.
5. **SKIPPERS MEETING** – A meeting will be held at Marine Charter Association starting At 5:00PM on Thursday 25th January 2024. All teams must be represented by at least 1 member.
6. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE** – Friday 26th January 2024 at 6:00PM. Entry forms and registration fees must be paid by the deadline.
7. **REGISTRATION FEES** – SR 1,500.00 per Boat.
8. **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.



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

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, 27th January 2024.



- 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 that fishes outside of the designated fishing area will be disqualified.
- k. A boat that is disqualified will not be eligible for prizes.

11. **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES** - Each team must leave a sealed envelope by 6:00 PM on Friday 26th January 2024 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.

12. **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.
13. **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.
14. **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

15. **Number of Fish to be Weighed** – A maximum of 5 fish per species/category may be weighed, for a total of 15 fish altogether.
16. **WEIGH-IN** - Weigh-in shall commence at 2:00 P.M. Saturday 28th January 2023 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.
17. **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.
18. **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 27th January 2024. 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.

19. **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)

20. **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)

21. **PRIZE GIVING** - will be held at Marine Charter Association after all the fish have been weighed, as a dock party.

. 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 2024

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 27th January 2024

REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 6:00 P.M. Friday, 26th January 2024

NAME OF BOAT _____

SKIPPER'S NAME _____

TEAM CAPTAIN _____

PHONE / MOBILE _____

TOTAL ON BOARD _____ (including crew)

FISHING TEAM

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
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8. _____
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11. _____
12. _____
13. _____

REGISTRATION FEE SR 1500.00
per boat _____

PRIZE-GIVING Marine Charter Association – Saturday
27th January 2024

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