

2009 CHARITY HEART MARLIN TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

ENTRY

\$70.00 entry fee per angler on or before September 11, 2009. Have as many anglers per boat as you wish, with the minimum of two. Entries received on or before September 11, 2009 will be eligible for the early bird drawing prize. The prize will be a Rod and Reel. After September 11, 2009 entry fees will be \$90.00.

CAPTAINS MEETING

A MANDATORY meeting will be held on Friday, September 18, 2009, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way. One representative of each team is required to attend this meeting. Any changes or clarifications to the rules will be made at this time. A "Captains Bag" will be issued containing t-shirts, dinner tickets and tournament gifts. Exceptions to this mandatory attendance will be granted for those who are participating in the ILTT tournament & to those who have undue hardship to attend (other mandatory meetings and travel accommodations) by contacting a MISSION BAY MARLIN CLUB Representative, Jerry Lively at 858-292-7851 or leaving a voice mail at (619) 224-8229.

TOURNAMENT SPECIES

Only MARLIN qualify and may be entered for the Marlin category of this tournament. One fish per angler may be entered for the individual prizes. More than one fish per angler may be entered for the Club Trophy.

TACKLE

Tackle may be any weight up to and including 80 lb test. All IGFA rules apply for this tournament. For line classes above 20 lb. test, the total maximum length for double line and leaders is 40 feet with a maximum length of 30 feet for the leader. For 20 lb test and below the maximum length for double line and leaders is 20 feet with 15 feet for the leader.

RELEASED FISH

Marlin - A released fish will be considered captured once a crew member has the leader (not the double line) in hand. The crew cannot touch any part of the tackle above the leader until the fish has been officially taken. A photograph, using your digital camera, will be used as proof of capture to qualify the catch for this tournament. All conditions of IGFA rules apply to the moment of leading. **THE PHOTOGRAPH MUST CLEARLY DEPICT THE MARLIN AND HAND(S) GRIPPING LEADER. Then you should immediately take a photo showing the time on the boat's GPS. Cameras shall have the proper date & time entered into the camera. All cameras shall take a picture of the boat's GPS showing the date & time before starting to fish. All cameras shall be delivered to the MBMC Club office between 11:00am and noon on Sunday Sept. 20, 2009. ILTT rules apply to those participating in both tournaments.**

FISHING HOURS

Lines in the water any time after 12:01 am on Saturday, September 19, 2009. The tournament ends at 8:00 pm Saturday, September 19, 2009. All boats declaring a catch either weigh-in or release, must be at the dock of the Mission Bay Marlin Club or any IGFA certified weigh station before 8:00 pm. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** The tournament will be monitored on Channel 69.

QUALIFYING CATCH

All boats with a catch, either weigh-in or release, must be at the dock of the Mission Bay Marlin Club or any IGFA certified weigh station before 8:00 pm on September 19, 2009. All catches, whether weigh-in or release, must be called in to the Mission Bay Marlin Club, (619)224-8229, by 8:00 p.m. Saturday, September 19, 2009. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Weighed fish must be verified with a **CERTIFIED WEIGH SLIP.** Released fish must be verified by **RETURNING YOUR DIGITAL CAMERA.** The pictures will be viewed by the tournament committee to verify the catch. The responsibility for providing these proofs of capture rests solely with the fisherman entering the catch. If a weigh station other than the Mission Bay Marlin Club is used, the certified weigh slip and/or the digital camera must be delivered to the Mission Bay Marlin Club between 11:00 am & noon on Sunday, September 20, 2009, in order to qualify. It is the angler's responsibility to deliver the weigh slip and camera, unless otherwise instructed.

WINNERS

Each angler with a qualifying catch will be entered into a drawing to determine the prize winners. All drawing entries have an equal chance in the drawing for prizes. If fewer fish are caught than prizes are available, all remaining tournament anglers will be entered in a special drawing to determine the winners of the remaining prizes.

CLUB TROPHY

A minimum of two boats from an organized angler's Club must be entered in the tournament to be eligible for the Club Trophy. Each boat can represent only one Club. The most marlin caught by the top two boats entered for a given Club will determine the winner. The winners will receive a plaque to present to their club and will have their names and the Club name inscribed on the perpetual trophy, which will remain with MBMC. **TIE BREAKERS** – A points method will be used as a tie breaker for the Club Trophy: 130 points awarded per released marlin and 1 point per pound awarded for kept marlin. If still tied, all tied Clubs will be awarded with a plaque and all tied Clubs will be recognized on the perpetual trophy. Only boat names (not anglers) will be placed on the perpetual trophy. The Club Trophy will not be awarded if no marlin is caught.

PROTESTS

Any protests must be filed with the Protest Committee by 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2009.