

# 2018 CHARITY HEART MARLIN TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

## ENTRY

\$85.00 entry fee per angler on or before Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Have as many anglers per boat as you wish, with the minimum of two. All those aboard must be entered. **Entries received on or before Tuesday, September 4, 2018 will be eligible for the early bird drawing prize which is a rod donated by Fisherman's Landing (Doug Kern) and a reel donated by Jerry Lively (Lively One).** All entries postmarked after September 4, 2018 will be **\$100.00 per angler**.

## CAPTAINS MEETING

A MANDATORY meeting will be held on Friday, September 14, 2018, 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 have undue hardship to attend (other mandatory meetings and travel accommodations) by contacting a MISSION BAY MARLIN CLUB Representative. Hook ups and captures should be called in to MBMC. The tournament will be monitored on Channel 69.

## 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.

## TUNA DIVISION

To be eligible for this prize all entries **MUST** be weighed in at the MBMC weigh station (Dana Landing fuel dock) by 8:00 P.M. No exceptions. The winner will be determined by the heaviest tuna weighed in. In case of a tie the prize will be divided equally. If there are no qualifying entries the prize money will be delivered to the American Heart Association. Only the following species will be eligible: Blue Fin Tuna, Yellow Fin Tuna, and Big Eye Tuna.

## TACKLE

Tackle may be any weight up to and including **80 lb. test**. All IGFA rules apply for this tournament. Please see IGFA 2018 rules as they have changed recently as to line class and terminal tackle.

## 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 leadering. **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 digital data shall be delivered to the MBMC Club Weigh station by 8:00 p.m. The MBMC release form will then be certified. In the event that a release is to be brought to another IGFA weigh station it is the angler's responsibility to verify that the station will be open and available to certify the release form as having been presented before 8:00 p.m. The angler shall report the catch by phone to a MBMC representative (Jerry Lively 619-602-9631). The digital data will then need to be delivered to a MBMC representative by 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

## TAKEN FISH

All fish to be weighed in must be presented to the MBMC weigh station (Dana Landing fuel dock) or another certified IGFA weigh station by 8:00 P.M. The certified weight slip must be turned in to a MBMC representative by 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning if weighed elsewhere.

## FISHING HOURS

Lines in the water any time after 12:01 am on Saturday, September 15, 2018. Lines out of the water at 6:00 pm Saturday, September 15, 2018. The tournament ends at 8:00 pm Saturday, September 15, 2018. **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. If you are hooked up on a fish (marlin or tuna) prior to the 6:00 pm "lines out", you must report it to a tournament committee boat via channel 69 and still be at the weigh station by 8:00 pm.

## QUALIFYING CATCH

Weighed fish must be verified with a CERTIFIED WEIGH SLIP. A digital photo of the certified weigh slip will suffice as evidence. Released fish must be verified by 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.. All fish, weighed or released, that are presented to another weigh station must be called in to a MBMC representative (Jerry Lively 619-602-9631) by 8:00 p.m.

## 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 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 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

All protests must be filed with the MBMC by 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 15, 2018..