**OFFICIAL RULES**

**FISHING DAYS**
Available fishing days and hours (EDT)
- June 12, 2023
  - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- June 13, 2023
  - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- June 14, 2023
  - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- June 15, 2023
  - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- June 16, 2023
  - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- June 17, 2023
  - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**SCALES CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M. DAILY FOR BIG ROCK BLUE MARLIN TOURNAMENT.**

**TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS WILL OPEN AT 6:00 AM ON FISHING DAYS.**

**YOU MUST ENTER LEVEL I BEFORE YOU CAN ENTER LEVEL II OR ANY OTHER LEVEL OTHER THAN LEVEL I.**

Rules Committee: Devor Francis, Emery Ivy, Dola Britt, Randy Gregory, Randy Ramsey, Casey Wagner
Committee Boat: To Be Announced
Weigh Master: Randy Gregory
Tournament President: Emery Ivy
Tournament Director: Madison Strick
Contact: (252) 725-1568

**2023 CHANGES ARE PRINTED IN RED**

**1. REGISTRATION**
All boats must be registered at least 14 days in advance of each fishing day. A $250 registration fee will be paid to qualify for prizes and trophies. Any boat may be substituted during the week but must be registered at least 14 days prior to fishing. Registration forms will be accepted at the Tournament Headquarters, Hatteras Harbor Marina, beginning Thursday, June 1, at 7:00 a.m. and will be closed at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 2.

A. Fish hooked prior to or after fishing hours are not eligible to be entered and represent 0 points. No release points will be awarded if the gaff breaks the outside vertical plane of the boat.

**2. QUALIFYING BLUE MARLIN**
To be eligible for prize money, a blue marlin’s weight must meet at least 400 pounds and must be measured at least 100 and 10 inches. In the event of a tie, the marlin that has the largest fish length will be declared the winner. Length shall be measured from the V-nose in the tail to the tip of the lower jaw. No official weight slip will be given for any fish under 400 lbs. or more than one marlin per day that may only boat one blue marlin per day.

**3. NO QUALIFYING FISH IS WEIGHED AT THE ROCK!**
The Tournament Headquarters will not allow a third party to weigh gamefish.

**4. DISQUALIFICATION**
Boat will be disqualified from the tournament if:
- The captain and/or crew violates any rules of the tournament unless such violation is corrected by the captain and/or crew.
- A billfish has been boated and not presented to the Weigh Master. A fish is deemed to have been boated when any part of the fish is brought outside the vertical plane of the boat.
- A fish escapes before gaffing and is not recaught by any attempt as outlined in the angling rules. No release will be given.
- Under no circumstances can you gaff the fish and then release the fish and then release the fish.

**400 POUND PENALTY**
- Boat will be penalized four hundred points if any part of this rule is violated. Any part of this rule is violated. Any part of this rule is violated. Any part of this rule is violated. Any part of this rule is violated.

**5. FISHING TIME AND LAYDAYS**
All boats participating in this level must be at sea during the official fishing hours of 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (EDT) each day. If a boat is on the hook at 5:59 p.m. and the fish is weighed, prize money will rollover to the following fishing day. Each boat shall have 3 days to weigh a fish as boated when any portion of the fish breaks the outside vertical plane of the boat.

**LEVEL VI SUPER 20 WTA - The Winner of Level VI will be the first blue marlin that weighs 200 lbs or more.**
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**LEVEL VI NON-SONAR RELEASE**
Entry in this level is restricted to outboard boats only. No release points will be awarded if the catch is not recorded by Big Rock headquarters, Hatteras Harbor Marina.为基础的规则，参赛者需要在规定的绑钩时间内将鱼钩入鱼体。这种规定有助于确保比赛的公正性和真实性。此外，该规定还要求所有参赛者在比赛期间遵守特定的绑钩要求，以确保比赛的公平性。规定还强调了对违规行为的处罚，以确保比赛的严肃性。

**LEVEL VI OUTBOUND WTA RELEASE**
- Boats must be entered in Level X-Outboard Series, Level IX and Level VI to qualify. No single release points will be awarded to boats equipped with, but choose not to use, a transponder. The transponder must be approved by the Tournament Officials. Boats equipped with a transponder must be boated within 2 miles of the ICW and 2 miles outside of the ICW. The release of any fish must be witnessed by a Tournament Official or the Weigh Master.

**LEVEL XI OUTBOUND WTA RELEASE**
If no billfish are released, the winning boat will be declared the winner. Length shall be measured at the official Tournament weigh scales and time shall constitute a release and awarded a release point.

**GREENSHARK**
- Boats equipped with, but choose not to use, a transponder. The transponder must be approved by the Tournament Officials. Boats equipped with a transponder must be boated within 2 miles of the ICW and 2 miles outside of the ICW. The release of any fish must be witnessed by a Tournament Official or the Weigh Master.

**LEVEL XII NON-SONAR RELEASE**
- Entry in this level is restricted to outboard boats only. No release points will be awarded if the catch is not recorded by Big Rock headquarters, Hatteras Harbor Marina. Based on the information provided, it appears that the rules for the Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament are quite comprehensive and aim to ensure the fairness and integrity of the competition. The regulations cover various aspects, including registration, fishing time, hook requirements, and disqualification criteria. The guidelines also address the handling and release of fish, emphasizing the importance of proper techniques. Overall, the rules appear to be well-designed to make the tournament an exciting and competitive event for all participants.
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1. If a fish is crossed and released, it is the responsibility of the organizers to ensure that the entry form is completed and submitted to the tournament headquarters. The fish must be confirmed as eligible before being released. The entry fee must be paid. All refund requests must be received before the conclusion of the tournament and will be refunded. 100% of all other levels will be refunded. The remaining 30% will be kept by the tournament to cover expenses.

2. Boats must be entered in Level X-Outboard WTA Release with the largest game fish, (yellowfin tuna, dolphin, wahoo). If only two boats qualify for first, second, and/or third place, the boats will split 60/40 for two places. Winners may be determined by weight, size, or total point average. Prizes will be divided as follows: 50% first place, 30% second place and 20% third place. A winner who does not claim prizes will be held accountable for the cost of the weigh station.

3. No entries or upgrades will be accepted after the close of official fishing hours each day. The weigh station will close at 7:00 PM daily. All vessels and participants shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations except as stated in Big Rock rules.

4. All vessels and participants are subject to disqualification, by the Grand Jury, if determined to be in violation of Big Rock rules. The Grand Jury may also reallocate such prize money, a blue marlin must weigh at least four hundred pounds or measure at least 101 inches. No official weigh slip will be given for any fish released to qualify. Other than blue marlin, tuna, dolphin, wahoo, and billfish, the fish must be off-loaded and weighed within the outside vertical plane of the boat.

5. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and enforced according to the laws of North Carolina, notwithstanding any principle of confusion, conflict, or priority of laws. In the event of any dispute arising out of or relating to the Tournament, or any fish deemed questionable by him with his best judgment. All disputes shall be settled by the rules Committee and/or Board of Directors in their discretion, to deny entry to anyone for any reason. No entries or upgrades will be accepted after the conclusion of the official fishing hours each day. No entries or upgrades will be accepted at any time after the close of official fishing hours each day. The weigh station will close at 7:00 PM daily. All vessels and participants shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations except as stated in Big Rock rules.

6. No entry fee will be refunded. 100% of all other levels will be refunded. The remaining 30% will be kept by the tournament to cover expenses.

7. Any boat violating the rules of the tournament may be disqualified at the discretion of the Grand Jury.

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9. None of this agreement shall be construed to alter the rights, duties, or obligations of any of the interested parties, or to alter the terms or conditions of the Agreement. All refund requests must be received before the conclusion of the tournament and will be refunded. 100% of all other levels will be refunded. The remaining 30% will be kept by the tournament to cover expenses.

10. Any attempt to alter the weight of a fish will result in disqualification of the participant and the boat, and the participant will be held accountable for the cost of the weigh station. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and enforced according to the laws of North Carolina, notwithstanding any principle of confusion, conflict, or priority of laws. In the event of any dispute arising out of or relating to the Tournament, or any fish deemed questionable by him with his best judgment. All disputes shall be settled by the rules Committee and/or Board of Directors in their discretion, to deny entry to anyone for any reason. No entries or upgrades will be accepted after the conclusion of the official fishing hours each day. No entries or upgrades will be accepted at any time after the close of official fishing hours each day. The weigh station will close at 7:00 PM daily. All vessels and participants shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations except as stated in Big Rock rules.