



Bonefish Bonnies

"Reel Women Love Sails Offshore Tournament"

Monday, March 6, 2023

This event will be a one-day fishing tournament for common blue water species and is open to all Bonefish Bonnies members.

RULES:

- **Lines in 8:30 a.m. Lines out 3:30 p.m.,** unless you are hooked-up.
- Team competition is encouraged with a maximum of six anglers per boat, and six lines in the water at one time.
- Fish must be caught on hook and line with zero offset circle hooks.
- There are no restrictions on bait; live, dead and artificial are allowed.
- All tackle and line will be 20lb. class or lighter. There are no restrictions on leader material or weight class as long as the leader length does not exceed 15' and the combined length of the double line and leader does not exceed 20'.
- Chumming and live bait teasers during tournament hours is prohibited.
- Presentation of baits by kites, balloons or any other aerial device is prohibited.
- A fish may be hooked by anyone, captain, mate, or other registered angler, however the fishing rod must be transferred IMMEDIATELY to the angler after the hook-up. The angler from that point on must fight the fish alone until boated or released. Once the fishing rod has been transferred to the angler, the act of a person other than the angler touching the rod, reel, or line either bodily or with a device is prohibited. Holding or touching the angler in a manner that assists them in fighting the fish or takes pressure off the angler is prohibited. Touching or briefly holding the angler to prevent them from falling is allowed.

- A legal release shall be deemed to occur when the swivel or knot between the line or double line and the leader touches the rod tip while still fighting the fish. The leader must be cut as close to the fish as possible, or the hook removed from the fish. Intentionally “popping” or breaking the line or leader is prohibited.
- Precautions should be taken in order to ensure to the fullest possibility that the billfish does not lose its life. *KEEP ‘EM WET*
- In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by time. Any ties that cannot be determined by time will be chosen by a drawing.
- All boats must depart from and return to Ocean Reef Club or Key Largo Anglers Club waters.
- Substitutions must be called in *before* lines to Allison Freeland (305) 989-2971. There can be no changes once the substitution is called in.
- IGFA rules apply, in the event of a conflict between IGFA rules and Bonefish Bonnies rules, Bonefish Bonnies rules will prevail.
- The Reel Women Love Sails Tournament operates on the honor system which relies on the integrity of each Bonnie to abide by the rules. Infractions or protests must be reported in writing at the end of the fishing day. The tournament committee will review the alleged infractions/protests and its decisions will be final. Any boat, found to have knowingly and willfully violated the rules, may be disqualified from the tournament and/or not allowed to participate in future Bonefish Bonnies tournaments.

SCORING

- Sailfish: 200 points, White Marlin: 500 points, Blue Marlin: 1000 points
- Three fun fish from the following species are eligible for 25 points per fish. Points and limits are per BOAT NOT ANGLER. A maximum of three (3) fish from each species is allowed.
- Blackfin Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna, Kingfish, Cero Mackerel, Wahoo, Dolphin, and Tripletail.

These species may change from year to year as we will be guided by FWC guidelines.

- Blue binders and score sheets should be returned to the scoring committee at the Port of Call Patio between 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
- If you are hooked-up at lines out and will not make it back to the scoring committee by 4:30 p.m. please call Jan Miller at (305)522-3833. If for whatever reason you cannot make it back to scoring by 4:30 p.m. and *do not call in*, you will be disqualified.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- First, Second and Third place team, includes Captain & Mate(s)
- Most Billfish
- First Fish of the Day
- Last Fish of the Day
- Best Photo

EVENT SCHEDULE

- Captains' meeting – ***Thursday, March 2, 2023*** - 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.,
Yacht Club Terrace
- Tournament rules, swag & light bite. While we hope that you all attend, at least one member from each team and captain &/or mate *MUST* be present.
- Tournament Day - ***Monday, March 6, 2023***
- 8:30 a.m. **LINES IN**
- 3:30 p.m. **LINES OUT** (unless fighting a fish)
- 3:30-4:30 p.m. Score sheets to **Port of Call patio**
- 6:00 p.m. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and awards, Town Hall Terrace