



Bonefish Bonnies

Reel Women Love Sails Offshore Tournament

Monday, February 26th, 2024

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 Lines out 3:30**, unless you are hooked-up.
- Team competition is encouraged with a maximum of six anglers.
- 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.
- Presentation of kites and other aerial devices are permitted; however, your team must declare before lines in whether fishing flat lines off riggers or kites. Teams choosing rigger fishing are allowed 6 lines, but if choosing kites only 4 maximum lines are allowed at all times.
- Releases for rigger fishing and kite fishing will receive the same point score.
- 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.
- 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 *before* lines in to Esther Vazquez. 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 will be conducted on the honor system. 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 ruled guilty of an infraction may be disqualified from competition and offenders may be barred from participating 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 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 pm – 5:00 pm.
- If you are hooked-up at lines out and will not make it back to the scoring committee by 5:00 pm please call Kim Elliott (305) 619-0474. If for whatever reason you cannot make it back to scoring by 5:00 pm and *do not call in*, you will be disqualified.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- First, Second and Third place team (includes Captain & Mate)
- Most Billfish
- First Fish of the Day – Please record time
- Last Fish of the Day – Please record time
- Best fishing story of the day
- Best Photo

EVENT SCHEDULE

- Captains' meeting – **Sunday, February 25th** - 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm, Residence Club Lobby
- Tournament rules, swag & light bites. While we hope that you all attend, at least one member from each team must be present and your Captains and/or mates are encouraged to attend.
- Tournament Day - **Monday, February 26th, 2024**
- 8:30 am **LINES IN**
- 3:30 pm **LINES OUT** (unless fighting a fish)
- 3:30- 5:00 pm Score sheets to **Port of Call patio**
- 5:30 – 7:30 pm Cocktails, food trucks and awards, Town Hall Waterside