



BBC Membership Application & Tournament Entry Form

Owner/Angler Name _____ email _____
 Street Address _____ City, State, Zip _____
 Work Phone _____ Home/Cell Phone _____ Shirt Size (M-XXL) _____
 Boat Name _____ Make _____ Year Built _____ Length _____
 Beam _____ Draft _____ Shore Power Requirements _____ Engine Mfr. _____
 Captain _____ email _____
 Capt. Address _____ City, State, Zip _____
 Capt. Phone _____ Boat Phone _____

Tournament Sign Up

BBC Membership Fee is \$1000 (mandatory) and the tournament entry fee is \$2000 per tournament.

Early Bird Entry Fee Discount – 10% for entry fees paid by December 31, 2011

Guana Cay Championship	April 24 - 28	\$ _____
Cape Eleuthera Championship	May 8 - 12	\$ _____
Harbour Island Championship	May 22 - 26	\$ _____
Marsh Harbour Championship	June 5 - 9	\$ _____
Treasure Cay Championship	June 19 - 23	\$ _____
	Less Applicable Early Bird Discount	\$ (_____)
	SUBTOTAL	\$ _____
Voluntary BBC Scholarship Fund Tax Deductible Donation Amount		\$ _____
Bahamas Billfish Championship Membership Fee (Mandatory)		\$ 1,000.00
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ _____

Enclose your check made payable to the Bahamas Billfish Championship, Inc., or charge as follows:

Credit Card No: _____ VISA MasterCard AMEX
 Expiration Date _____ Total Charges Authorized _____ Name on Card _____
 Signature of Cardholder _____

Mail your entry form with payment to the address below. You will receive confirmation of your registration from the BBC office.

[See Reverse Side for Important Information – Your Signature is Required for Your Registration to be Accepted.](#)

Bahamas Billfish Championship

RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

IMPORTANT: Read this form carefully before signing. Your signature indicates your agreement.

I, individually and as the vessel's (check applicable box:)—

- owner;
- captain and/or master (if other than the vessel's owner)

—agree to the following Release and Indemnification Agreement (“Agreement”) with the Bahamas Billfish Championship and affirm that I have disclosed the terms of this Agreement to my vessel's team, crew, and invitees, and that I have ensured that they are aware of this Agreement's terms. In consideration of my acceptance of this Agreement and for other good and valuable consideration received, to the fullest extent permitted by law:

1. I agree to hold harmless the following parties, who are collectively referred to hereinafter as “the BBC”—the Bahamas Billfish Championship; any organization/firm that the Bahamas Billfish Championship is part of or a division of, its/their directors, officers, employees and agents; the preceding parties' heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, assigns—under any circumstance for any injuries or damages—
 - a) to any person(s)—including myself; my vessel's team, crew, or invitees; or bystanders to any BBC tournament—whether those injuries are physical or otherwise, or
 - b) to property—arising out of, resulting from, or in any way connected with my own, my vessel's, and my vessel's team's, crew's, and invitees' participation in any BBC tournament whether caused by or contributed to by any negligent act or negligent omission of the BBC or by any other reason or cause whatsoever.
2. I agree—
 - a) to indemnify the BBC; and
 - b) to defend with counsel acceptable to the BBC; and—against any and all claims, suits, obligations, liabilities, losses, damages, costs, or expenses including but not limited to reasonable attorney fees suffered by the BBC or by any other person or persons whatsoever (including anyone for whose acts the BBC may be liable), regardless of whether they are caused in full or in part by a party indemnified and held harmless hereunder, arising out of, resulting from, or in any way connected with my/our participation in any tournament.
3. I agree that all BBC tournament judging decisions, as well as all other BBC decisions affecting the distribution of prizes, related consideration, or eligibility to participate in other tournaments, are final and not subject to appeal in any forum, subject to the BBC's sole discretion.

By entering this Agreement, I hereby remise, release, and forever discharge the BBC from all claims, suits, obligations, liabilities, losses, damages, costs, or expenses that our owner(s), master, captain or operator(s), team, crew, or vessel invitees or their heirs, executors,

administrators, legal representatives, successors, and/or assigns might have against the BBC, arising out of, resulting from, or in any way connected with my/our participation in any BBC tournament. I understand that this release includes any and all claims based upon any negligent act or negligent omission of the BBC.

It is also the express intent of the parties to this Agreement that:

4. This Agreement constitutes the parties' full and entire Agreement.
5. Severability. The terms of this Agreement are severable. Any provision of this Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability, without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof. To the extent permitted by applicable law, I hereby waive any provision of law that prohibits or renders unenforceable any provision hereof in any respect.
6. There will be NO weather days. All boats, owners, operators, masters, crews, guests and anglers will operate their vessels and/or fish at their own discretion and solely at their own risk.
7. This agreement shall take effect as an instrument under seal and be binding upon and inure to the benefit of me, my boat's owner, my boat's master (if different than the owner or operator of the vessel), my team, the boat's crew, and the vessel's invitees aboard, as well as the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of each.
8. Florida law governs the formation, enforceability, and interpretation of this Agreement. Any controversy, claim, or dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement, shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Such arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the then prevailing commercial arbitration rules of JAMS/Endispute (“JAMS”).

Participants in all tournaments are advised to obtain insurance covering themselves and their vessel's tournament participation.

I have read and understand the Rules to the Bahamas Billfish Championship enclosed with this form.

Vessel name: _____

Vessel owner: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Vessel captain and/or master: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Bahamas Billfish Championship Angling Rules

All anglers and crewmembers are expected to be familiar with the IGFA Salt Water Angling Rules. The angler must hook, fight and bring the fish to gaff or the point of release unaided by any other person. No one other than the angler may touch the rod. IGFA Salt Water Angling Rules apply at all Bahamas Billfish Championship tournaments with the following exceptions:

- ◆ **All boats participating in the Bahamas Billfish Championship tournaments must have a valid Bahamas Fishing Permit with a Bahamas Fisheries sticker affixed thereto.**
- ◆ All boats participating in the Bahamas Billfish Championship tournaments will depart from and fish within a 60-mile radius of the host resort in Bahamian waters.
- ◆ **Captain's Choice Lay Day - All teams will fish any three (3) out of the available four (4) fishing days (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday). Ribbons must be picked-up each fishing day between 6:00 am and 8:00 am from the Committee Boat.**
- ◆ **Teams fishing the Bahamas Billfish Championship may not include any individual who has been paid to be a captain or crew, fish a rod, feed fish and/or bring a fish to the boat in the last three (3) years.**
- ◆ The Committee Boat monitors VHF channel 71 and Bahamian telephones (phone numbers announced at each tournament).
- ◆ A maximum of six rods per boat may be fished.
- ◆ Maximum line strength shall not exceed that of manufacturer's stated, 100-pound (45.36 kg.) test. The tournament committee reserves the right to take line samples for testing or request labels from line spools. No bonus points will be awarded for using line lighter than 100-pound test.
- ◆ No live bait permitted. Should a non-qualifying species take a lure and/or bait, and subsequently be itself taken by a billfish, the hook-up would not be considered as using "live bait." **The use of non-offset circle hooks is optional.**
- ◆ Fish must be hooked, fought and, if boated, off loaded at the tournament's designated weigh station on the same boat.
- ◆ **Lines in the water at 8:00 am – Lines out of the water at 4:00 on all fishing days.** No early weigh-ins.
- ◆ An angler may fight a fish until it is lost, released or boated so long as it was hooked and reported to the Committee Boat prior to "lines out of the water." A confirmed hook-up that results in a boated fish on the last day of the tournament must be brought to the weigh station by twelve midnight. A billfish caught after 12:00 midnight will count as a release or capture for the day it was hooked-up. A 'Billfish Capture Affidavit' must be completed and presented to the Weigh Master at the time the fish is weighed.
- ◆ To qualify as a "released fish" the leader must be brought within the grasp of the mate or the end of the leader must be wound to the rod tip. A 'Billfish Release Affidavit' must be completed for each billfish released and presented to the Committee Boat **between the hours of 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm** on the same day the fish is caught. These hours can be extended if a team was fighting a fish and reported to the Committee Boat prior to "lines out of the water."
- ◆ The 'Billfish Release Affidavit' must be accompanied by a time and date-stamped digital image of the fish (still image or video) that clearly shows the billfish species reported and the colored ribbon for that day. The billfish must be photographed within thirty (30) feet (leader length) from the boat. The digital image verifies the Affidavit; therefore, no points will be awarded if the species shown in the digital image does not match the species reported on the Affidavit. The time stamp of the digital image is the official release time and must be within (plus or minus) fifteen (15) minutes of the time reported by radio to the Committee Boat.
- ◆ Release digital images and affidavits must be presented to the Committee Boat at the designated tournament location after the vessel on which the fish was released and said digital images were taken returns to the host marina.
- ◆ Anyone that submits a billfish capture or release affidavit understands that attesting to a false catch will constitute aiding and abetting an act of fraud.
- ◆ Each individual tournament's rules committee is composed of at least three Bahamas Billfish Championship anglers or Steering Committee Members.
- ◆ Protests must be filed in writing and presented to the Committee Boat **prior to 7:00 pm** on the same day as the alleged violation.
- ◆ Flagrant disregard for Bahamas Billfish Championship rules will result in disqualification of the angler and/or team and removal from the tournament with no refund of monies paid.

Points & Scoring

Points are awarded on a basis of 100 points for released sailfish, 200 points for released white marlin or spearfish, 600 points for released blue marlin, and *one point per pound* for eligible blue marlin boated in excess of the benchmark minimum length. The benchmark minimum length for blue marlin is 115 inches as measured from the tip of the lower jaw to the fork of the tail. The benchmark at each tournament remains 115 inches until two (2) fish over 115 inches have been weighed in that tournament. The following day's benchmark minimum will then be the length of the longest fish. When a fish exceeding the length of the new benchmark is boated, the benchmark will increase to the length of the longest fish for the following day.

The top three teams at each 2012 Bahamas Billfish Championship tournament will receive bonus points as follows:

1st Place – Highest point total + 600 bonus points

2nd Place – 2nd highest point total + 500 bonus points

3rd Place – 3rd highest point total + 400 bonus points

GRAND SLAM BONUS – 700 bonus points will be awarded to a team catching a sailfish, white marlin (or spearfish) and blue marlin in one (1) day during the tournament. At the conclusion of the tournament, the Grand Slam Bonus points are added to the team's overall score for that tournament. The Grand Slam Bonus points are not considered in the team's daily point total.

No fish will be "weighed-in" that does not meet the benchmark minimum length. Should a fish be boated and/or brought to the dock which measures less than the benchmark minimum length, the Team will be penalized 600 points.

One hundred (100) points are awarded as participation points to each team for each tournament fished during the series. In the event of a tie in total points between two or more teams for the same award, the team that first achieved the point total shall be the winner.

2012 BBC Registration Procedures

- BBC Registration and Entry Fee submissions are accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. Tournament size is limited to 50 boats for all BBC tournaments.
- Early Bird Discount – 10% discount on fees received prior to December 31, 2011. All tournament Entry Fees are due and payable 30-days prior to the start of each tournament.
- Entry fees cover tournament participation for **one** fishing boat as well as all tournament social functions and tournament giveaways for **four** tournament participants. Additional social tickets can be purchased on site at tournament registration.
- Host resorts block slips (for fishing boats only) for BBC participants. Those slips are released upon confirmation by the BBC office of your tournament registration. It is your team's responsibility to contact the individual resorts after confirmation of your entry for reservations **no later than 30 days prior to the start of the tournament**. Boat slips are opened to the general public after the 30 day window.
- The BBC Registration Fee is non-refundable. Tournament Entry Fees become **non-refundable 30-days prior to the tournament start date**.

Slip Reservation/Resort Contact Information

Orchid Bay Yacht Club & Marina (Guana Cay Championship) - Jimmy & Melonie Albury, Property Managers ▪ 242-365-5175 ▪ email orchidbay2004@aol.com for dockage ▪ www.guanaluxuryvillas.com for Orchid Bay cottages

Additional Guana Cay Shore Side Accommodations

- Dolphin Beach Resort – Rebecca Lightbourne ▪ 242-365-5137
▪ email reservations@dolphinbeachresort.com
- Ocean Frontier Hideaway – Troy Albury ▪ 519-389-4846 ▪ email info@oceanfrontier.com
- Sea Shore Villas – Maureen Malone ▪ 242-365-5028 ▪ email reservations@guanacayvillas.com
- Guana Sunset Beach Resort – Larry Powell ▪ 242-365-5133 ▪ email daytonabahama@sunset.com

Cape Eleuthera Resort & Marina – Beth Watson Jones, Reservations Manager (can assist with air travel) ▪ 954-463-4519 or 888-270-9642 ▪ email sales@capeeleuthera.com

Romora Bay Club & Resort (Harbour Island Championship) – Anne Ward, General Manager
Marc Tonis, Dockmaster ▪ 242-333-2325
▪ email marc@romorabay.com, anne@romorabay.com, or marina@romorabay.com

Harbour Island Marina (Harbour Island Championship) – Hortense Rolle, Dockmaster ▪ 242-333-2427
▪ email dockmaster@harbourislandmarina.com

Abaco Beach Resort & Boat Harbour Marina (Marsh Harbour Championship) – Byron Ginton, Reservations Manager ▪ 800-468-4799 ▪ email reservations@abacobeachresort.com

Treasure Cay Hotel & Marina (Treasure Cay Championship) - Teresa Woodall, Reservations Manager
▪ 954-525-7711 or 800-327-1584 ▪ email info@treasurecay.com