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Casting Contest

Men's Division & Women's Division
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18th Annual



WOMEN'S BACKCOUNTRY TOURNAMENT

**Saturday
October 19, 2019**

KICK OFF:
Friday,
October 18



Upper Keys
Veterinary Hospital



Backcountry Tournament
with Trophies & Prizes

Bait, Artificial & Fly Divisions

Backbone Lures Division



P.O. Box 650 • Islamorada, Florida • 33036
Tournament Information: Sharon 305-664-2012

Welcome to the 18th Annual
CASTING FOR CATS
WOMEN'S BACKCOUNTRY TOURNAMENT

Casting For Cats started in 2001, a ladies, one-day backcountry fishing tournament to raise money to help the feral cat population here in the Upper Keys. What started out as a fun day of fishing has now become our major fund raiser to help so many needy animals. We are a 501(c)(3) charity recognized by the State of Florida. The tournament is held the third weekend in October every year. We are also proud to add the Poor Girls Sailfish tournament to the Casting For Cats family. The Poor Girls will be held the first Wednesday in February every year. All proceeds from our fishing tournaments go totally to the animals.

We are so very proud to be partnered with the Upper Keys Veterinary Hospital. Casting For Cats has been able to purchase a new top-of-the-line x-ray machine, thousands of dollars in cages, and now has aided in the purchase of a new ultrasound machine. It is because of the support of the community and so many giving people this is able to happen. Since the beginning, Casting for Cats has helped spay and neuter thousands of cats and dogs, and found good and loving homes for hundreds.

If you would like to join our volunteer group or need information about our other tournaments, contact Sharon Mahoney-Ellenwood at 305-664-2012.



**GOOD LUCK LADIES
AND THANK YOU
FOR HELPING
THE CATS!!!**

Sharon
Mahoney-Ellenwood
Tournament Director/
President

Casting For Cats
October 18-19

**Silent Auction &
Litter Box Dig**
Friday the 18th, 6-9pm
& Saturday the 19th
1:00-8:15 pm

All events take place at
Islander Resort
Islamorada, FL

Schedule of Events

Friday, October 18
Islander Resort

**Sign In - First 75 Anglers -
pick up your tournament goodies!**
Kick-Off/Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
6:00 - 7:45 pm

Reading of the Rules 7:15 pm
Last Minute Registration
6:00 - 7:45 pm

Saturday, October 19
Lorelei

Angler Sign-in & Breakfast
6:30 - 7:15 am
7:15 depart

Lines In **Lines Out**
7:30 am 3:30 pm

**Must check back in at Lorelei by 5:00 pm
with score sheet, measuring device and camera.**

Silent Auction & Litter Box Dig
Open to the community Sat. Oct. 19 from
1:00 - 8:15 pm at the Islander

AWARDS & DINNER
Islander Resort
Cocktails & Hors d'Oeuvres 6:30-8:00 pm
Dinner & Awards 8:00 pm
Silent Auction closes at 8:15 pm

**In order to continue the quality and quantity of food at tournament functions, the number of people attending must be given as soon as possible. Please enter at earliest convenience.

Casting for Cats Official Rules

- Dates of the Tournament will be October 18-19, 2019.
- Entry: Angler fee \$200.00 includes Angler's entry to all functions. Additional persons at Friday night socials \$20, Saturday night socials \$30. All entries must be received no later than 8:00 pm Oct. 18, 2019.
- This is an individual angler tournament. However, there will be a team trophy awarded to any boat with 2 or more anglers with the highest combined score. If more than 2 anglers fish on one boat, the combined points of the 2 highest scoring anglers will apply.
- For all division winners you must have at least one of the 5 major species to qualify (snook, redfish, tarpon, bonefish or permit). If no fish are caught in the major species, points prevail.
- IGFA rules and tackle specification apply unless otherwise stated. It is the responsibility of anglers and captains to be familiar with and abide by these rules. Failure to abide by these rules may result in the disqualification of the day's catch.
- This is a release tournament with scoring in Bait, Artificial and Fly Divisions.
- No heavier than manufacturer's stated 12-lb. test line may be used in all divisions.
- To qualify as a release the fish must be photographed with the tournament provided measuring device. Digital camera and cell phone are acceptable for tournament photographs. The photograph must clearly show the head of the fish against the end of the measuring device showing the entire and total length of the fish with out obstruction of hands or fingers. All photographs must include tournament provided marker. The overall length and release time must be recorded on the tournament provided score sheet. Each anglers must use their own score sheet.
- Each angler shall be responsible for accurately and completely filling out and signing their score sheet. Score sheet, tournament rulers, and photographs must be turned in to tournament check in no later than 5 p.m. Anglers must fill out their score sheets prior to returning to the dock. Failure to comply may result in disqualification of the day's catch.
- Ties awarded to the Angler who catches the last fish first.
- Fishing is restricted to polable depths of water. Fishing in man-made canals is prohibited. No fishing in closed areas. Only one working rod per Angler is allowed in the water at any one time. An Angler may wade from the boat to fish.
- Chumming is prohibited except for the purpose of catching bait. Any fish caught in an area enhanced by chum is not eligible for scoring.
- All boats must depart from and return to Lorelei by water, no trailering.
- ALL CAPTAINS MUST CHECK IN THEIR ANGLERS AT THE DOCK BEFORE LEAVING TO FISH. CAPTAIN SHALL PICK UP SCORE SHEETS AND RULERS FOR THEIR ANGLERS. Upon returning from fishing, angler and/or their captain can turn in their score sheet, regardless of catch.
- All protest must be filed with the Tournament Committee by 5:30 pm on October 19, 2019.
- All decisions of the Tournament Committee are final.
- Minimum age for any angler is 18 years old.
- Participants in this tournament enter at their own risk. Officials, committee members and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of Casting for Cats shall be exempt from any liability for loss, damage, negligence, harm or injury suffered to any participant, entrant, sportfisherman, or their companions, boat captains, vessels and equipment which may occur during this tournament.
- By signing the Entry Form, the Angler agrees to follow all Tournament Rules.

Backbone Lure Division



Angler will select and pick up one Backbone Lure of their choice at Kick-off. Eligible species of the tournament caught on this lure **and only this one lure** will count in the Backbone Division. Angler can not share their lure, lure may NOT be enhanced with natural bait. Once lure is lost there will be no further scoring in this division. Points scored in this division will count as artificial points in overall scoring. All tournament rules apply to this division. It is the angler's responsibility to enter points in designated column on scoresheet. FISH 'TIL YOU LOSE IT!

Standup Paddleboard Rules



Winner will be the angler catching the most species of the five major categories: Permit, Bonefish, Tarpon, Snook, and Redfish.

In the event of a tie points will apply as follows: Permit 5 Bonefish 4 Tarpon 3 Snook 2 Redfish 1.

If there is still a tie after applying points, a multiplier of 1.25 for artificial and 1.50 for fly will apply. If necessary, the angler catching the last fish first wins.

All tournament rules apply. An angler cannot win both the SUP and the Hell's Bay boat.

Hell's Bay Winner Rules



In order to win boat a single angler must catch at least one species, of minimum tournament size, in all six categories, during scheduled fishing hours. Angler must provide photo of all fish caught. Photo must comply with Rule #8. Tournament Rules apply. All anglers and their guide consent to voluntarily submit to and successfully pass a polygraph test. Polygrapher will be appointed by Tournament Committee. The results will be the judgement of the tournament polygrapher.

CATEGORY	SIZE	BAIT	POINTS ARTIF'L	FLY	max* QTY.
PERMIT	20"	150	200	275	5
BONEFISH	20"	125	175	250	5
TARPON	24"	100	150	225	5
SNOOK	22"	75	125	200	5
REDFISH	18"	50	100	175	5
LADYFISH JACKS SHARK TROUT	all 15"	25	50	75	AGGREGATE 5

* Max 5 fish in each category

Prize for the largest cat-fish

All measurements are overall length

Release of Liability

It is expressly understood and agreed that by entering this tournament and executing the within and foregoing Entry Form, each entrant enters, participates in and/or attends any and all tournament activities or events at his/her own risk and HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE **CASTING FOR CATS INC.**, the Casting for Cats Women's Backcountry Tournament, its Officers and Directors, tournament committee members, sponsors, promoters, advertisers, owners and/or lessees of premises used to conduct the tournament and tournament related events, tournament volunteers, anyone directly or indirectly associated with the tournament or tournament related events and each of them, their officers, directors and employees, all for the purposes herein referred to as "Releasees," from all liability to the undersigned entrant, his/her personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin for any and all loss or damage, and any claim or demands therefore on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in death of the undersigned entrant, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise while the undersigned entrant is competing, traveling to or from or for any purpose participating in or attending the tournament or tournament related events. THE UNDERSIGNED ENTRANT EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES that the activities of the tournament and tournament related events may be very dangerous and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage. THE UNDERSIGNED ENTRANT FURTHER EXPRESSLY AGREES that the foregoing release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the State of Florida and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. THE UNDERSIGNED ENTRANT HAS READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNS THIS RELEASE, and further agrees that no oral representations, statements or inducements apart from the foregoing have been made.



I have read the above release form, understand it and agree to abide by it.

Signature _____

Awards

- Hank Brown Perpetual Grand Champion Angler
- Reineman First Caught
- Overall Grand Champion Angler
- Guide to Grand Champion Angler
- First Runner Up
- High Point Angler - Bait Division
- First Runner Up
- High Point Angler - Artificial Division
- First Runner Up
- High Point Angler - Fly Division
- First Runner Up
- High Point Team - combined score of 2 Anglers
- Backbone Lures High Point Angler
- First Runner Up



Official Entry Form

Please make checks payable to: **Casting for Cats**

Mail to: **Casting for Cats**
P.O. Box 650
Islamorada, FL 33036



Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Check applicable: Angler \$200.00 (Includes all functions)

Additional socials:

Friday Night (\$20 per guest) x ____ (number of guests) = \$ _____

Name of guest: _____

Name of guest: _____

Saturday Night (\$30 per guest) x ____ (number of guests) = \$ _____

Name of guest: _____

Name of guest: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

If fishing as a team, please list team-mates name: _____

Please list name of Captain/Guide: _____

Signature _____

Please understand this is a charity tournament – **everyone** attending any function is expected to pay.

Casting for Cats Upcoming Events

**Poor Girls Sailfish Tournament:
Feb. 4-5, 2020**

**Casting for Cats:
Oct. 16-17, 2020**

***Casting for Cats Ladies Tournament will always be held the 3rd weekend in October.**

For Information on tournament and events contact Sharon at 305-664-2012 or 305-304-5262