

Tuesday, February 6

5:30 p.m. Registration/ Angler Check-in
6:00 p.m. Kickoff Party
7:00 p.m. Reading of the Rules
7:30 p.m. Last-Min. Registration

Wednesday, February 7

8:00 a.m.	Lines In.
3:30 p.m.	Lines Out.
6:30 p.m.	Cocktails & Dinner
8:00 p.m.	Awards Ceremony
	with Trophies

All events to be held at

Islander Resort

Sharon 305-304-5262

TEAM AWARDS First • Second • Third Place

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Grand Champion Angler

Heaviest Dolphin

Heaviest Kingfish

Heaviest Tuna

Most Outstanding Catch Other Than a Sailfish

First Sailfish Caught (Holly Givens)

Last Sailfish Caught (Jayanna Cohan)

The Gustinger Award to Captain of the Grand Champion Angler sponsored by Casting for Cats

35th Annual SAILFISH TOURNAMENT

- This is a BOAT tournament with no more than 6 anglers per boat. No more than 6 lines in the water at any time during fishing hours. This does not include teasers.
- This is a TEAM event. A team consists of one or more angler(s). An individual angler may win a team award.
- 3. IGFA Rules apply, unless otherwise specified. It is the responsibility of the anglers and crew to be familiar with and abide by these rules. Faliure to comply with any IGFA rule may result in disqualification of the day's catch. Federal regulations require that "non-offset" circle hooks must be used with live or dead natural bait.
- 4. This is a release-only Sailfish tournament. Release of non-billfish is optional. All non-billfish eligible for heaviest fish award (Tuna, Dolphin, & Kingfish). Photo of fish with angler and weight of fish seen clearly must be sent into committee boat no later than 5:30 p.m.
- 5. All Sailfish hookups MUST be reported immediately to, and acknowledge by, the committee boat. The ultimate result of each hookup (release, lost, etc.) must also be called to committee boat and acknowledged.
- 6. No one except the angler may touch the rod, reel or line at any time to engage or fight the fish. The captain, angler or mate must touch the leader (not the double line) for the fish to qualify as a release.
- Chumming is prohibited, except for the purpose of catching bait. Used bait must be kept on the boat, dead or alive. Any fish caught in an area enhanced by chum will not be considered for scoring.
- 8. No greater than manufacturer's stated 30-lb. test line may be used. The double line shall be limited to 15

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feet and the leader shall be limited to 15 feet. Their combined length shall not exceed 20 feet.

- 9. Sailfish boundries are 80°20' west longitude to the east (roughly Molasses Reef light) and 80°50' west longtitude to the west (roughly Tennessee Reef light). There are no off-shore boundaries. Fishing is prohibited inside the boundaries of any Sanctuary Preservation Area (SPA) of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.
- 10. Lines in at 8:00 a.m. and out at 3:30 p.m. A fish may be fought after 3:30 p.m. only if it has been reported to, and acknowledged by, the committee boat no later than 3:30 p.m. All boats MUST return to the dock no later than 5:30 p.m.
- 11. In the event of a tie, the angler who catches the last fish first wins.
- 12. All protests must be submitted in writing to the tournament committee no later than 6:00 p.m. All decisions of the tournament committee are final.
- 13. Tournament committee boat channel is #78. In the event one is needed, alternate channel will be #79.
- 14. Registration fee for this tournament is \$210. Early registration is strongly encouraged. An angler may enter at the Kick-Off until 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 6 at Whale Harbor. Social Tickets for Feb 6 are \$25, and for Feb. 7 they are \$40, available at the registration table. All checks should be made out to "Casting for Cats." There are no refunds.
- 15. Participants in the tournament enter at their own risk.
- 16.ALL DECISIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE ARE FINAL.
- 17. There will tournament goodies for the first 125 anglers registered. **PLEASE ENTER EARLY!!**