



## **RHADC ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND MEMBER/GUEST FISHING TOURNAMENT 2023**

### **Tournament Committee**

David Skinner, Mark Booth, James Boyce, Thad Crouch, Alastair Lang

### **Schedule/Format**

The 2023 tournament will include two categories:

1. Teams fishing from boats (adults and juniors)
2. Individual juniors fishing from shore. (5 to 9yrs & 10 to 15yrs)

Junior Tournament will be held on October 7th.

The tournament date for the boats will be Sunday, September 24, 2023, with alternate dates of Sunday, October 1 and Saturday, October 7 in case of bad weather on the scheduled date. In the event of bad weather a decision to postpone will be made by the tournament committee and communicated to all team captains the night before. There are no line classes, i.e. any class of tackle is permitted, and prizes will be awarded for High Point Boat, Angler and Fish (for teams fishing from boats) and biggest fish for juniors in both age categories fishing from shore or boat.

**Please take lots of photos and videos and we will show them at the prize giving!**

**Please note: Shore fishing will be from the breakwater at the western end of the RHADC marina dock only and is permitted only for this tournament. All participants are required to clean up after themselves with special attention regarding fishing line - Please do not leave it on the dock or in the water!**

### **Registration**

This tournament is open to all members and guests of members with their children. Registration is free, and we encourage early registration using the enclosed form. Please return all registration forms either via e-mail to [secretary@rhadc.bm](mailto:secretary@rhadc.bm) or in person to Wendy Augustus at the club office.

Lunch and drinks can be ordered through the Club: Please place your orders 48 hours in advance to [dining@rhadc.bm](mailto:dining@rhadc.bm). The Packed Lunch Menu is included in this package.

## RULES

### A. Fishing from Shore (juniors aged 5 – 15 years)

- Any juniors aged 5 – 15 may fish from the breakwater at the RHADC marina and must be accompanied by an adult.
- Hand lines or rod and reel are allowed.
- Fishing time will be from 8:30am – 12:30pm.
- All fish caught from shore will be eligible.
- A committee member will be on hand from 8:30am to 12:30pm to weigh fish and take photos.

N.B. We encourage small fish to be returned to the water alive.

### B. Fishing from a boat (Adults and Juniors)

1. Eligible Species are listed below with the relevant minimum weight (or size) per species.

Eligible Species	Minimum Weigh-in Weight	Minimum Size *
Wahoo	7lb.	
Yellowfin tuna	7lb.	
Blackfin tuna	7lb.	
Amberjack	No government limit but please be sensible.	
Almaco Jack (Bonita)		
Mahi Mahi	No government limit, please be sensible.	
Grey snapper	10 inches*	10 inches*
Yellowtail snapper	12 inches*	12 inches*
Red hind	14 inches*	14 inches*

**\*Minimum size is as per the Bda. Govt. regulations for those species and is measured from the snout to the fork of the tail.**

Note that all catches are required to comply with the minimum size and bag limits per the Bermuda Government Department of Environment and Natural Resources. No fish underweight or under size will be counted. Please observe conservation efforts and release under size fish.

2. “Average Total Catch” per boat; because there will be varying numbers of anglers per boat the winner of the ‘High Point Boat’ will be calculated as follows:

The total weight of fish per boat divided by the number of anglers. Only fish on the attached list, meeting or exceeding the minimum size, will be counted in the ‘Average Total Catch’ - For instance, if a boat lands 50lbs of eligible fish and has 3 anglers the Average Total Catch will be 16.6 lbs.

3. Tournament times: No lines in the water before 8:00 a.m. Lines out of the water by 3:00pm. If an angler is hooked up at 3:00pm the boat captain must call the tournament committee on VHF Channel 8 or cell # **538-0050 or 505-8675 or 524-9171 or 705-8890**, and a grace period of one hour to boat or release the fish will be given.
4. Weigh-In Deadline: Boats with fish to weigh must report to the weigh-in at the RHADC dock crane next to the junior sailing ramp by 5:30 pm. Even if not weighing in, all boats are requested to check in with the tournament committee on VHF Channel 8 or either of the cell #'s above to enable all teams to be accounted for.
5. The only exception to rule 4 is mechanical failure, in which case the captain must call the tournament committee using one of the access methods noted above.
6. The only restricted fishing areas are those protected areas regulated by the Bermuda Government Department of Environment and Natural Resources. All teams are required to familiarize themselves with and avoid the applicable protected areas.
7. Scoring: for boated fish, one point per pound weight. For fish that are released and swim away on their own, points will be awarded as follows:
  - a. Wahoo and yellowfin tuna – 20 lbs. per released fish.
  - b. Blackfin tuna – 15 lbs. per released fish.
  - c. Mahi Mahi (dolphinfish) – 5 lbs. per released fish.

## **Weigh-in**

The weigh station will be at the crane on the southern end of the marina and will start at 4pm. This is a member run event and the committee members will be participating.

Should the dock be occupied on your return, hail Andrew on VHF Channel 8 or on 538-0050 and he will guide you in when space opens up.

N.B. Fish may be cleaned at the designated station on the dock. Please clean up after and dispose of fish racks and related detritus overboard.

Please remember: This is a fun tournament which we hope you will all enjoy. Please be conservation minded and respectful of our marine environment.

## **Apres-Fish**

Stay around for complimentary drinks and snacks after weighing in.



## Fishing Tournament Registration Form

### Individual juniors (5 - 9 yrs.) from boat or shore

Boat Name (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell phone#: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Individual juniors (10 - 15 yrs.) from boat or shore

Boat Name (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell phone#: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Teams fishing from boats

Team name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
M&P Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_  
Captain's cell phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Team members: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## FISHING TOURNAMENT SCORE SHEET

Angler	Species	Release	Weight