



## **Lightbourne Marine 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Wahoo Challenge**

**TOURNAMENT DATES** - The tournament will take place on Saturday, December 7, 2013 and Saturday, January 18, 2014.

**REGISTRATION AND FEES** - Entry fee is \$500 per boat for each leg. Each boat entry includes 4 angler entries, 4 tournament shirts, and give-away bags. Each registered team and angler is eligible for team and individual tournament prizes. Additional anglers may be added to each team for \$100 per extra angler. Extra angler entry includes one additional tournament shirt. There is a maximum of 6 anglers per boat/team.

**OFFICIAL TIME** - The official time will be kept by the tournament director. It is urged that captains and anglers synchronize their watches with the director to avoid time related issues.

**CAPTAIN'S MEETING** - There will be a Captains' Meeting on Thursday December 5th, 2013 and Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6p.m. at The Green Parrot, East Bay St. At least one representative from each boat/team must be present. All anglers are encouraged to attend. The rules of this tournament may be amended verbally or in writing at the time of the meeting. Anglers are responsible for being well informed of all rules.

**AWARDS DINNER** – Will be held at Green Parrot, East Bay St., on Saturday, January 25, 2014. Cocktails at 7:00 p.m. and Dinner at 8:00pm. All anglers are encouraged to attend for good sportsmanship.

**LICENSES AND PERMITS** - All participating anglers must possess necessary licenses and permits. All boats must abide by all local and international laws.

**ELIGIBLE SPECIES:** Wahoo and Kingfish (min weight 15lbs/ea)

**IGFA** – Non IGFA rules.

**BOUNDARIES** – No boundaries.

**COMMUNICATIONS** - All participating boats should be equipped with a working VHF marine radio. The tournament committee will monitor VHF channel 82. The backup channel will be channel 80. Official times and other special notifications will be announced during the tournament on this channel.

**SUBSTITUTIONS** - You may substitute anglers or boats. Boat and angler substitution may occur if done in writing and accepted by the tournament director before fishing has commenced. Substitutions may not happen once fishing has begun.

**BOAT RESTRICTIONS** - Once boats have checked-out for fishing, boats may not come in contact with land or another boat until they arrive back at Bay Street Marina (Green Parrot, East Bay St.) for weigh-in. Boats weighing fish must do so under their own power. In the case where an emergency exists, captains are ultimately responsible for their boat and crew and should make the decision as to safe operating conditions.

**CHECK-OUT PROCEDURE** - All boats must have one team member with a hand on the bar for the 6:00 a.m. start. A tournament staff member will be at Hurricane Hole from 5:30 a.m. the day of fishing. Boats or individuals not checked out will be disqualified.

**MAX LINES** - A maximum of six (6) lines may be fished including a maximum of 2 wire lines (manual only).

**FISHING TIMES** – There is no lines-in or lines-out time.

**CHECK-IN PROCEDURE** - Boats must be within 50 yards and be visible to the weigh-master at the Bay Street Marina (Green Parrot, East Bay St.) weigh station before 4:30 p.m. or be disqualified. Make sure the weigh-master acknowledges you.

**WEIGH-IN PROCEDURE** – **Weigh-in will open at 3:30 p.m.** A team member AND all fish to be weighed must be present. There will be no exception to this rule.

**WEIGH-IN FORM** – The weigh-in form must be signed after the team's fish have been weighed.

**GENERAL SCORING** - All fish presented for weigh-in must be in fresh, edible condition and caught that day. No mutilated fish (based on tournament committee's opinion) will be accepted. **Minimum weight of 15 pounds** is required for entry into the tournament. All participating anglers are urged to release those fish not to be entered into the tournament. The release of fish should be in keeping with the best conservation methods to ensure continued life. All entries must be weighed at the certified scale at the official weigh-in location in the presence of the boat/team entering them. Any fish may be examined by any means necessary. The fish will be weighed to the nearest tenth of a pound. A maximum of four (4) Wahoo may be weighed and recorded for each leg of the tournament.

**INDIVIDUAL LEG SCORING** - The team with the heaviest total of up to four (4) Wahoo will be the winner for that Leg.

**OVERALL SCORING** - The team with the heaviest combined weight of up to six (6) Wahoo total, made up of the weighed/recorded Wahoo from each leg will be the Overall Winner.

**WEATHER CONDITIONS** - In the event of unsafe weather conditions, the tournament committee may choose to cancel the tournament and reschedule. Captains are ultimately responsible for their boat and crew and should make the decision as to safe sea conditions.

**PROTESTS** - Any protests concerning the conduct of an angler or rules violations must be filed in writing with the tournament committee no later than the close of the weigh station on the day of the alleged violation accompanied with a \$100 non-refundable fee. Protests will be handled by the rules committee. The decisions of the rules committee are final.

**REFUNDS** - No refunds will be given for any reason including, but not limited to acts of nature, war, national security, or travel restrictions.

**TIES** - All ties will be broken based on time. The earlier weigh-in will win the tie.

**POLYGRAPH** -Each registered angler specifically agrees and consents to voluntarily submit to a polygraph examination or examinations at any time until all prize winners and awards are determined and announced. Further, each registered angler agrees to obtain the agreement and consent of each and every occupant of the boat from which he or she fishes during the tournament (including but not limited to the captain and crew) to submit to a polygraph examination or examinations as described above. The method and conduct of all polygraph examinations, and the interpretation of the results thereof, shall be in the sole judgment of the

polygraph examiner appointed by the Tournament, whose opinion shall be final. If any registered angler or occupant of a vessel refuses to submit to a polygraph examination, or if any registered angler or occupant gives a response which, in the sole opinion of the polygraph examiner, is untruthful, then all registered anglers on the boat shall be immediately disqualified without further notice from the Tournament. Any registered angler so disqualified shall not be entitled to any prize, award, or entry fee refund.

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY** - It is expressly understood that all participants in the Tournament enter at their own risk and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operations of the tournament, or any sponsor of the tournament shall be exempt from any liability for slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury or death suffered by any participant, entrant, anglers or their companions, boat captains, mates, crew members, guests, vessels and equipment which may occur during the tournament.

**SIGNING OF THE ENTRY FORM** - By signing the entry form, the angler agrees to follow the above tournament rules and that the tournament and/or its sponsors may use without payment or restriction any photographs or video in which he or she appears for any purpose whatsoever but not limited to resale, advertising, commercial or promotional material. All anglers are required to sign their entry blank form as certification that they have read and agreed to abide by all rules and the above liability release.

**Awards for each leg:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Heaviest 4 Wahoo  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Heaviest 4 Wahoo  
Heaviest Single Wahoo  
Heaviest Single Kingfish

**Overall Champion Award:**  
Heaviest 6 Wahoo

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**Calcutta Info:**

**Calcutta Entry - \$500 (Calcutta boosted by \$3,000.00)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Heaviest 6 Wahoo - 60%  
2nd Place Heaviest 6 Wahoo - 25%  
Heaviest Single Wahoo - 15%

Based on 15 boats in the Calcutta it would be:  $15 \times 500 = 7500 + 3000 = \$10,500$

1<sup>st</sup> Place Heaviest 6 Wahoo - 60% - \$6,300  
2nd Place Heaviest 6 Wahoo - 25% - \$2,625  
Heaviest Single Wahoo - 15% - \$1,575

**Note: Calcutta entries must be paid in cash, and will be distributed to the winners at the awards dinner. If a winning boat/team does not reside in New Providence and is not able to make the awards dinner, the Calcutta will be distributed shortly after the weigh station is closed and the points are tallied. If the winners are not present to collect their share, they may collect it from Lightbourne Marine, East Bay Street, Nassau, Bahamas. (Monday – Friday, 8am-5pm or Saturday 8am-12noon). 242-393-5285 or [info@lightbournemarine.com](mailto:info@lightbournemarine.com).**