



FLORIDA / GEORGIA BILLFISH CHAMPIONSHIP

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16TH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT
SEPTEMBER 24ND THRU 27TH, 2003
CAMACHEE COVE MARINA
ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

**THE TOURNAMENT IS LIMITED TO TWO EQUAL TEAMS WITH
A MAXIMUM OF 15 BOATS PER TEAM (30 BOATS).**



2003 TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

1. **TOURNAMENT DATES:** THE *EL PESCADO GRANDE* (THE BIG FISH) **FLORIDA / GEORGIA BILLFISH CHAMPIONSHIP** TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 24TH THRU 27TH, 2003. THIS IS A TOURNAMENT FOR BLUE MARLIN, WHITE MARLIN AND SAILFISH. TOURNAMENT BASE OPERATIONS WILL BE AT THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA MARLIN ASSOCIATION CLUBHOUSE, CAMACHEE COVE MARINA, ST. AUGUSTINE. THE TOURNAMENT IS LIMITED TO TWO EQUAL TEAMS WITH A MAXIMUM OF 15 BOATS PER STATE (30 BOAT TOTAL) OF 31 FT. OR LONGER.

2. **CAPTAINS' MEETING:** WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2003, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA MARLIN ASSOCIATION CLUBHOUSE, CAMACHEE COVE MARINA, ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA.

3. **FISHING DAYS:** FISHING DAYS ARE THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY. CAPTAINS MAY FISH ANY TWO (2) OF THE THREE (3) FISHING DAYS. ONCE A BOAT CHECKS-OUT THAT DAY IS CONSIDERED A DAY FISHED UNLESS THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE IS NOTIFIED OF CANCELLATION PRIOR TO 7:00 A.M. IF A BOAT FAILS TO CHECK-OUT OR CHECK-IN, THE BOAT IS DISQUALIFIED FOR THAT DAY, HOWEVER, THAT DAY IS STILL CONSIDERED A DAY FISHED.

4. **TOURNAMENT RULES:** ALL IGFA RULES APPLY TO THIS TOURNAMENT UNLESS CHANGED BELOW:

(A) **POINT SYSTEM:**

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| (1) <u>BLUE MARLIN:</u> | RELEASE - 400 PTS |
| (2) <u>WHITE MARLIN:</u> | RELEASE - 400 PTS |
| (3) <u>SAILFISH:</u> | RELEASE - 100 PTS |

(B) **TOURNAMENT PROVIDED CAMERA:** RELEASES WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHED USING THE CAMERAS ISSUED BY THE *TOURNAMENT*.

5. **COST:** THE TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE IS **\$1,000** PLUS \$2,000 PER BOAT TEAM ENTRY FEE FOR A TOTAL OF \$3,000.

6. **TOURNAMENT PRIZES:** PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TEAM ACCUMULATING THE MOST POINTS BASED ON THE POINTS FOR BLUE MARLIN, WHITE MARLIN, AND SAILFISH:

(A) **TROPHY TO THE WINNING TEAM,** BASED ON TOTAL POINTS. TROPHY IS RETAINED FOR ONE YEAR THEN RETURNED TO NEXT YEAR'S TOURNAMENT.

(B) **EACH BOAT ON THE WINNING TEAM IS AWARDED THE TEAM ENTRY FEE (100% PAYOUT) (\$4,000 PER BOAT)**

(C) **HEAVIEST DOLPHIN OR WAHOO (1ST DAY ONLY) = \$500.00**