

Indian River Boating Association

General Tournament

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General Information

- ◆ The General Tournament is open to all IRBA members.
- ◆ The General Tournament runs from January 1st through December 31st.
- ◆ The fee for the General Tournament is \$40.00.
- ◆ A General Tournament member may enter a second boat that is registered in his or her name for additional \$25.
- ◆ Each boat entered in the tournament is considered a separate entity for all tournament purposes.
- ◆ An angler does not need to be an IRBA member to have a catch entered in the General Tournament. However, the boat must be registered in the General Tournament.
- ◆ There is a Junior Angler Division for anglers 15 years old or younger.
- ◆ General Tournament entry forms are available online at www.irba.us.
- ◆ The form must be filled out completely and legibly including which division you will be entering: Charter Boat or Private Boat. The Division selection cannot be changed during the year.
- ◆ The entry fees will be used to purchase awards/plaques.
- ◆ Completed entry forms and the entry fee must be mailed to:
IRBA, INC
c/o Mike Meyer
62 Ephrata Ave
Ephrata, PA 17522
- ◆ **If the entry form and payment are received by the IRBA by April 1st, all qualifying fish caught in the current calendar year will count in the general tournament.**
- ◆ **After April 1st, completed entry forms must be received ten days prior to submission of any catch entries.**

Rules and Regulations

1. All fish must be caught within a 100 mile radius of the Indian River Sea Buoy (green can).
2. All fish must be caught from a general tournament registered boat. (If you have two boats, fish only count from the boat that is registered in the tournament. If both boats are registered, they are counted as two separate entities.)
3. In the event that a member has a legitimate reason why their boat is not fishable, an alternate boat may be used. However, you must notify the General Tournament Director of the circumstances prior to fishing the alternate boat. The 2010 General Tournament Director is Robin Quann.
4. All fish must be caught by hook and line in a sporting manner.
5. All fish must be weighed at the fishing cleaning facility at the Indian River Marina within 24 hours after returning to the dock, except where noted in rule 6.
6. Fish caught in other tournaments held between Cape May, New Jersey, Ocean City, Maryland and Lewes, Delaware can be counted in the General Tournament as long as the Official Catch/Release Report from that respective tournament is submitted within 48 hours of the ending of that particular tournament. That official catch/release report must include all the information that is contained on the IRBA Official Catch/Release Report and is signed by the respective weigh master of that tournament. The fish must be caught within the 100 mile radius of Indian River Sea Buoy.

Rules and Regulations (continued)

7. All fish must meet all State and Federal minimum size requirements in addition to the following additional General Tournament minimum weight requirements.
 - a. Bluefin Tuna 75 lbs
 - b. Yellowfin Tuna 60 lbs
 - c. Mako Shark 125 lbs
 - d. Dolphin 15 lbsThe only exception to this rule is for the First Fish of the year and the youth category which must only meet the State and Federal minimum size requirements.
8. A clear date stamped picture of any released fish must be shown to the weigh master before he signs the release report .
9. The only fish that qualify for catch and release in the General Tournament are Blue and White Marlin.

Catch/Release Report Location and Procedure

- a. The General Tournament Official Catch/Release Report will be available at the fish cleaning facility/tackle store.
- b. The General Tournament Official Catch/Release Report must be accurate, complete and legible. This includes recording the time of your catch and/or release, the angler's name and contact information, captain's signature and the weigh master's signature. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of that catch.
- c. The top white copy of the Official Catch/Release Report is to be placed in the IRBA box located at the fish cleaning facility at the Indian River Marina within 24 hours after returning to the dock. The middle yellow copy is to be retained by the boat Captain or owner. The angler should retain the bottom pink copy.
- d. Please be sure to note only one species of fish on the Official Catch/Release Report.
- e. There is space to note additional catches of the same species of fish caught that day (total caught & individual weights) at the bottom of the Official Catch/Release Report. This space is for the most fish categories only. Fish must meet minimum weight requirements.
- f. Please be specific when listing species of fish on the Official Catch/Release Report for tuna (bigeye, bluefin, yellowfin, longfin), marlin (blue, white), shark (mako, thresher, blue, etc).

Fish Categories

- ◆ Heaviest fish (Charter, Private Divisions and Junior Angler * Refer to rule 7)

Inshore

Bluefish
Croaker
Drum
Flounder
King Mackerel
Sea Bass
Striped Bass/Rockfish
Tautog
Trigger Fish
Trout/Weakfish

Offshore

Bigeye Tuna
Bluefin Tuna (75 lbs minimum)
Yellowfin Tuna (60 lbs minimum)
Longfin Tuna
Mako Shark (125 lbs minimum)
Other Shark
Swordfish
Wahoo
Dolphin (15 lbs minimum)

Fish Categories (continued)

- ◆ First fish (Charter and Private Divisions)
 - Bluefin Tuna
 - Yellowfin Tuna
 - Dolphin
 - Mako
 - Blue Marlin (released)
 - White Marlin (released)

- ◆ Most fish (Charter and Private Divisions)
 - Bluefin Tuna (75 lbs minimum)
 - Yellowfin Tuna (60 lbs minimum)
 - Dolphin (15 lbs minimum)
 - Blue Marlin (released)
 - White Marlin (released)

- ◆ Unusual fish (Charter and Private Divisions and Junior Angler)

Tournament Board

- ◆ The Tournament Board is located by the tackle store/fish cleaner at the Indian River Marina.
- ◆ The Tournament Board will be updated on a weekly basis, with the week running Monday through Sunday.
- ◆ The minimum weights as indicated in the Rules and Regulations must be met.
- ◆ The boat's name, angler's name and the weight of the fish will be posted next to the species of fish for both Divisions.
- ◆ Each of the fish listed in the categories (heaviest, first, most, unusual) will be posted for both Divisions.
- ◆ The Junior angler for each of the heaviest and unusual fish categories will be posted.
- ◆ The winners of the IRBA's Tournaments will be posted.

Boat of the Year Determination

- ◆ Boat of the Year title will be awarded to a Charter and Private boat in both Inshore and Offshore Divisions.
- ◆ Winning boats will be determined by a point system.
- ◆ One point will be awarded to the Charter and Private boat for each of the heaviest fish listed in the Fish Category section.
- ◆ Junior Angler category does not count towards boat of the year unless the fish qualifies for another general tournament category .
- ◆ The unusual fish category does not count towards Boat of the Year.
- ◆ One point will be awarded to the Charter and Private boat that catches the first
 - Bluefin Tuna
 - Yellowfin Tuna
 - Dolphin
 - Mako
- ◆ One point will be awarded to the Charter and Private boat that released the first
 - Blue Marlin
 - White Marlin
- ◆ One point will be awarded to the Charter and Private boat that catches the most
 - Bluefin Tuna (75 lbs minimum)
 - Yellowfin Tuna (60 lbs minimum)
 - Dolphin (15 lbs minimum)

Boat of the Year Determination (continued)

- ◆ One point will be awarded to the Charter and Private boat that release the most
 - Blue Marlin
 - White Marlin
- ◆ The minimum weights as indicated in the Rules and Regulations must be met for points to be awarded.
- ◆ A tie in any of the most categories will result in the awarding of a point to each boat.
- ◆ A tie for Boat of the Year will be decided by the number of General Tournament qualifying fish caught.

Awards/Recognition

- ◆ Awards will be presented to:
 - Charter Boat of the Year - Inshore
 - Charter Boat of the Year - Offshore
 - Private Boat of the Year - Inshore
 - Private Boat of the Year - Offshore
- ◆ Trophies/Plaques will be awarded to:
 - Heaviest fish for Charter, Private and Junior angler
 - First fish caught for Charter and Private.
 - First Blue and White Marlin released for Charter and Private.
 - Most fish caught for Charter and Private.
 - Most Blue and White Marlin released for Charter and Private.
 - Unusual fish for Charter, Private and Junior angler.
- ◆ The winners for all Divisions will be posted online at www.irba.us .

Challenge Process

- ◆ If a boat wishes to issue a challenge, it will be necessary to contact the Tournament Director immediately.
- ◆ A copy of the Official Catch/Release Report must be supplied to the Tournament Director.

Other

- ◆ The General Tournament Director is Robin Quann. For information, contact him at (302) 229-4252 or at contagious@atlanticbb.net.