



PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA

## **Grand Lagoon Grand Slam – Tournament Information**

**August 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Presented by Lighthouse Marina on Grand Lagoon**

### **TOURNAMENT ENTRY:**

*The Grand Lagoon Grand Slam* Tournament is open to outboard-powered fishing boats (including center-consoles, cuddy cabins, catamarans, etc.) targeting three species: Tuna, Wahoo and Dolphin. Teams are awarded one point per pound and submit scores for their heaviest single fish per species caught during the tournament. At the end of the three (3) days of fishing, points will be tallied per team. The team that has the most points totaled across all three species will be crowned the winner.

### **TOURNAMENT CASH AWARDS PAYOUTS:**

General Entry payouts will be determined based on number of participating boats. If 25 or more boats are entered, payouts will be to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. If less than 25 boats participate, payouts will be to 1st and 2nd place only. Minimum boat count of 10. The payout percentages for the General Entry tournament are: If 25 or more boats are entered, 1st place = 65%, 2nd place = 25%, and 3rd place = 10%. If less than 25 boats are entered, 1st place = 70% and 2nd place = 30%

### **TOURNAMENT RULES:**

Tournament Entry Fee: \$750 per boat and includes general entry for one boat. Teams must pay the general tournament entry fee to be entered into the Tournament. Winners are determined by their cumulative points scored across all three species. Teams will score one (1) point per pound for their single heaviest fish weighed in each category. Each fish must weigh a minimum of 10 pounds. Teams can choose to weigh more than one fish of each species; however, only their heaviest entrant will be scored. Grand Slam Bonus: Teams that weigh an eligible fish of each species (Tuna, Dorado, and Wahoo) will be awarded an additional 75 bonus points.

Scoring Example:

Species Weight Points - Tuna 120 lbs = 120 pts; Dolphin 35 lbs = 35 pts; Wahoo 50 lbs = 50 pts  
 Points Scored: 205 + Bonus Points 75 = Total Score: 280

Species	Weight	Points
Tuna	120 lbs.	120
Dolphin	35 lbs.	35
Wahoo	50 lbs.	50
	Points Scored:	205
	Bonus Points:	75
	<b>Total Score:</b>	<b>280</b>

**OPTIONAL TUNA, WAHOO & DOLPHIN JACKPOTS:**

\$500 per species. Species Jackpots are optional, and give teams up to three more chances to win by catching the SINGLE HEAVIEST FISH within each of the three species: Tuna, Wahoo and Dolphin. Optional Jackpots are winner take all for each species – Optional Jackpots pay 1st place only for each species; there is no second or third place.

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**BILLFISH OPTIONAL JACKPOTS:** *These Optional Jackpots are not part of the General Tournament entry. Only boats who have entered these optional jackpots will be eligible to win in these categories. Minimum of 3 entries required per jackpot. Jackpots pay 1<sup>st</sup> place only. There is no second or third place payout.*

- \$1,000 Jackpot for the single heaviest weighed Blue Marlin (106” minimum length – tip lower jaw to fork in tail) First place only. Note: Only one Blue Marlin permitted per boat per day.
- \$1,000 Jackpot for team with total highest Catch & Release points (video verification required) First place only.

**CATCH AND RELEASE RULES:**

Only Billfish caught and released according to the following rules are eligible for Optional Jackpot cash awards. Billfish are considered caught when the leader connection or swivel touches the tip of the rod or the mate or other team member touches the leader. Billfish removed from the water or boated will be disqualified.

GoPro or SD type video cameras are the preferred and recommended method of capturing catch and release video recording.

Video must include:

- Angler fighting fish including video of rod and reel.

- Tournament designator.
- Video of swivel at rod tip or mate touching the leader.
- Video of Billfish for species identification.
- Video of release of Billfish.
- Clear video of GPS date & time of release. Hold camera steady for several seconds to allow clear focus of GPS Date & Time. GPS must display in CDT.

Eligible Billfish:

Blue Marlin 100 points

White Marlin 49 points

Sailfish 39 points

Catch and Release ties will be broken by the team which reaches the highest total point first.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Credit Cards are subject to a 3% handling fee. 90% of entry and optional entry fees will be paid out. 10% will be retained by the tournament to offset expenses

All fish must be caught on rod and reel by registered boats during tournament hours and weighed in before scales close on Saturday, August 12th. No restrictions on tackle, line class, or number of anglers handling the rod. Fish Handling: All fish that appear to have been altered, spoiled, mutilated or frozen will be disqualified from the tournament. Any team submitting a fish that is proven to have been weight-altered or frozen will be immediately disqualified. Anglers and crews must comply with all applicable State and Federal laws regarding fishing licenses, permits, size limits, bag limits or any other regulations which may apply. In the event of a tie in weight, the first fish weighed wins. In the event of a tie in total points, the tie will be broken by the team which reached the total tied points level first (i.e., the team weighing their last fish first wins). All rulings and final judgment are based on the discretion of weigh-master and tournament officials. There are no disputes or protests of judge's rulings – this is a FUN tournament. Weather cancellation policy: In the event tournament cannot be rescheduled and is cancelled, 90% of entry fees will be refunded within ten days.

#### **EARLY ENTRY INCENTIVE:**

The first ten boats to enter the tournament prior to Sunday July, 16th will be eligible for the following prizes:

Drawings for \$500 of fuel, \$250 gift certificate from Half Hitch Tackle, \$100 gift certificate at the New Grand Marlin Restaurant

#### **TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:**

**Thursday, August 10th,**

Registration Check-In and Kickoff Lunch 10am – 1pm.

Mandatory Captains meeting 1pm. Boats may depart from Panama City Pass immediately after meeting.

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Boats may depart from Destin or Mexico Beach providing the following requirements are met:

A team member is required to attend the captains meeting and display the official tournament identifier in photo of GPS time/date at departure from home port. Photo of GPS departure time/date with designator certifying departure time/date/GPS coordinates must be texted to Jim Hamilton at (850) 625-2728 at time of departure in order to be eligible for weigh-in.

Weigh Scales:

**Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>** Weigh Scales open from 7pm until 9pm. It is the team's discretion if they choose to return to weigh-in on Friday or not. Teams may choose to fish through the night and return for the final weigh-in on Saturday. This is a "can to can't" tournament. Teams can choose to weigh in on either or both days. However, fish can only be weighed during official weigh in hours.

**Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>** Weigh Scales open from 4pm until 8pm.

ALL FISH MUST BE WEIGHED IN BY 8PM ON SATURDAY. Boats having fish to weigh in must be inside of the "split" Marker in Grand Lagoon by 7pm on Friday night and 8pm on Saturday night.

**RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS:**

Participants in the Grand Lagoon Grand Slam hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless the Tournament Committee, Sponsors, Wheels Up Special Events, LLC, North Lagoon Partners INC, Coastal Marina Management, LLC and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, volunteers, partners, members, the and/or attorneys for any and all losses, claims, or demands of any kind or character whatsoever arising from the negligence or gross negligence of the Releases or from any other cause connected with or occurring during the Tournament. The Participants expressly acknowledge that he/she has received, reviewed, and agrees to abide by the Tournament Rules and this Release. Furthermore, the Participants expressly acknowledge that activities relating to deep sea fishing are extremely dangerous and involve the risk of serious injury or death. Having so acknowledged, the Participants hereby assume full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury or death due to the negligence or gross negligence of the Releases or any other cause connected with or occurring during the Tournament.

For more information, please contact Jim Hamilton (850) 625-2728