

ORANGE BEACH

GRAND SLAM

ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA

The Wharf ~ June 13 – 15, 2019

“Back to Basics – Trolling Lures & Dead Baits” (v8-6-11)

The Orange Beach Grand Slam is a fun fishing tournament in the style of “old school” easy-going fishing events of yesterday. Created to be a part of the new Grand Slam Cup Series, the tournament features two separate divisions; center consoles/outboards and another for sportfish boats. Both divisions are designed for fun fishing with family and friends in a less stressful environment (with less financial commitment) while enjoying the best the Gulf has to offer. The tournament is restricted to trolling with dead-bait and artificial lures. Tuna, Wahoo & Dolphin gamefish and Catch & Release including Blue Marlin, White Marlin and Sailfish are the targeted species of the general entry fee. There are also Optional Jackpots for the largest gamefish and C & R.

Fishing begins early on Thursday and ends Saturday evening with weigh-in at the Wharf. Boats may depart from ports from Panama City to Mobile.

ENTRY FEES:

Sportfish Division: (payout @ 30 boats \$96,000)

- **\$4,000** Entry Fee (\$2,000 goes to Grand Slam, \$2,000 goes to Catch & Release)

Center Console Division: (payout @ 30 boats \$48,000)

- **\$2,000** Entry Fee (\$1,000 goes to Grand Slam, \$1,000 goes to Catch & Release)

Sportfish Division:

Grand Slam Payouts: (50/30/20)

1st place Tournament = \$16,800
2nd place Tournament = \$10,080
3rd place Tournament = \$ 6,720

Catch & Release Payouts: (50/30/20)

1st place Tournament = \$16,800
2nd place Tournament = \$10,080
3rd place Tournament = \$ 6,720

Center Console Division:

Grand Slam Payouts: (50/30/20)

1st place Tournament = \$12,000
2nd place Tournament = \$ 7,200
3rd place Tournament = \$ 4,800

Catch & Release Payouts: (50/30/20)

1st place Tournament = \$12,000
2nd place Tournament = \$ 7,200
3rd place Tournament = \$ 4,800

TOURNAMENT RULES:

Grand Slam Rules

- ***The Orange Beach Grand Slam*** Tournament, with two separate divisions, is open to all Center Console fishing boats (including center consoles, cuddy cabins, catamarans, etc.) and all Sportfish vessels targeting Tuna, Wahoo and Dolphin along with Billfish Catch & Release verified by video. Teams in the Center Console Division may enter the Sportfish Division with payment of Sportfish entry fees. Teams qualified for the Sportfish Division may not enter the Center Console Division. Teams must pay the general tournament entry fee to be entered in the Tournament.
- Two fish per species per boat may be weighed.
- No Live Bait allowed. Only dead bait and artificial lures.
- Withdrawal / Refund Policy – Entire tournament entry fee will be refunded anytime up to 48 hours before the start of fishing.
- Boats may depart from any pass between Mexico Beach, FL and Mobile Bay, AL. All boats must weigh-in by water at The Wharf Marina on the entered tournament boat.

Catch and Release Rules

Only Billfish caught and released according to the following rules are eligible for the Grand Slam and Optional Jackpot cash awards. Billfish are considered caught when the leader connection or swivel touches the tip of the rod or the mate touches the leader. Billfish removed from the water or boated will be disqualified. Catch & Release Forms are available on the Orange Beach Grand Slam Website under “Registration Forms”.

Video must include:

- Angler fighting fish including video of rod and reel.
- Tournament designator – Tournament Designator will be sent to the Team Contact prior to departure.
- 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
- White Marlin
- Sailfish

TOURNAMENT SCORING:

Grand Slam Scoring:

Winners are determined by their cumulative points scored across all three species. Teams will score points for their single heaviest fish weighed in each category. **Grand Slam Bonus:** Teams that weigh an eligible fish of each species (Tuna, Dolphin, Wahoo) and a single video verified Billfish Catch & Release, will be awarded an additional 250 bonus points. In addition to the 250 bonus points, the single highest value scored in catch and release will be included in total points calculation.

- **Each species must meet the following weight minimum:** Dolphin = 15 lbs, Wahoo = 20 lbs, Blackfin Tuna = 15 lbs, Yellowfin/Bigeye Tuna 27 inches Curved Fork Length (Federal Minimum).
- **Dolphin** will receive a weight multiplier of 2.0 Points per Pound (a 20 pound Dolphin would score 40 points, for example).
- **Wahoo** will receive a weight multiplier of 1.5 Points per Pound (a 30 pound Wahoo would score 45 points, for example).
- **Blackfin and Yellowfin/Bigeye Tuna** will be scored 1.0 Points per Pound (a 17 pound Blackfin Tuna would be scored 17 points, a 80 pound Yellowfin Tuna would be scored 80 points, for example). **Tuna is one category.** Each teams heaviest tuna will be scored regardless of species.
- Teams can choose to weigh more than one fish of each species; however, only their heaviest entrant will be scored.

Scoring Example 1:

Species caught: **Tuna, Dolphin & Wahoo** + **Highest C&R Point Value** + **Bonus Points** = Total Points Scored

| Species | Weight | Points |
|---------------------|---|------------|
| Tuna | 70 lbs. | 70 |
| Dolphin | 35 lbs. x 2.0 weight multiplier | 70 |
| Wahoo | 40 lbs. x 1.5 weight multiplier | 60 |
| Blue Marlin Release | (single highest C&R point value scored) | 175 |
| | Points Scored: | 375 |
| | Bonus Points: | 250 |
| | Total Score: | 625 |

Scoring Example 2:

Species caught: Tuna, Dolphin & Wahoo + Highest C&R Point Value + Bonus Points = Total Points Scored

| Species | Weight | Points |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| Tuna | 130 lbs. | 130 |
| Dolphin | 40 lbs. x 2.0 weight multiplier | 80 |
| Wahoo | 50 lbs. x 1.5 weight multiplier | 75 |
| White Marlin Release | ----- | 87 |
| | Points Scored: | 372 |
| | Bonus Points: | 250 |
| | Total Score: | 622 |

Catch and Release Scoring:

Point values awarded per species:

- Blue Marlin: 175 points
- White Marlin: 87 points
- Sailfish: 87 points

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

Scoring Example:

Species caught and released: (1) Blue Marlin, (1) White Marlin, and (2) Sailfish

| Species | Points |
|---------------------|------------|
| Blue Marlin | 175 |
| White Marlin | 87 |
| Sailfish | 87 |
| Sailfish | 87 |
| Total Score: | 436 |

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 1st place only. There is no second or third place payout.

GAMEFISH OPTIONAL JACKPOTS: (Tuna, Dolphin, Wahoo)

- Center Console Division: \$500 per species.
- Sportfish Division: \$1,000 per species.

BILLFISH CATCH & RELEASE OPTIONAL JACKPOTS:

Center Console Division:

- \$1,000 Jackpot for the team with total highest Catch & Release points (video verification required)
First place only.

Sportfish Division:

- \$2,500 Jackpot for the team with total highest Catch & Release points (video verification required).
First place only.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

- **Thursday, June 13th:**

Kickoff Lunch and Optional Registration at The Wharf Marina Outfitters Store 9 am – 11 am.

Rules Recap Meeting starts at 11 am. For those departing from other locations, the Rules Recap Meeting may be viewed via Facebook Live on the Orange Beach Grand Slam Facebook page.

Optional Departure Locations - Boats may depart from Panama City, Mexico Beach, Destin, Pensacola Pass, Perdido Pass and Mobile Pass providing the following requirements are met:

*Each team is required to take a digital photo of GPS time/date at the time of departure with latitude and longitude indicating the departure pass location. Photo of GPS departure time/date with latitude and longitude must be presented to Tournament Scorekeeper prior to weighing in eligible fish.

****Departure Times: Everyone leaves at 1 pm (central time)****

- **Saturday, June 15th:**

Boats with fish to weigh-in are required to be clearly within sight of the weigh-in dock by 7:00 pm Saturday evening and recognized by Tournament Officials on VHF channel 72.

Weigh Scales are open from 5 pm to 8 pm on Saturday evening only (no Friday weigh-in) or until last eligible fish is weighed as long as tournament boat is in line.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Credit Cards are subject to a 3.5% convenience fee. 80% of entry fees and 90% of optional jackpots will be paid out. All fish must be caught on rod and reel by registered boats during tournament hours and weighed in before scales close on Saturday, June 15th. 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. It is the Team's responsibility to 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:

An assessment of sea conditions will be made prior to the Kickoff Luncheon. If conditions are forecasted to be 3' – 5' seas or greater, the tournament may be rescheduled. If cancelation is deemed necessary, 100% of deposit, entry fees and optional jackpot entries will be refunded within one week.

GRAND SLAM CUP SERIES CHAMPION:

A Brand-new series rewarding the highest scoring team which participates and scores during the new Orange Beach Grand Slam and the Grand Lagoon Grand Slam. (Perpetual custom John Townsend trophy)

*Third leg of cup series to be announced!

RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS:

Participants in the Orange Beach Grand Slam hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless the Tournament Committee, Sponsors, Wheels Up Special Events, LLC, The Wharf Marina, Wharf Entertainment Properties, LLC, 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.

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