

REGISTRATION

Please fill out completely and include cell phone and email where indicated. Angler information is required by the captains meeting. Names may be submitted online or emailed to: court.bowden@gmail.com

BOAT NAME: _____
MFG: _____ Length: _____ Engine MFG: _____

OWNER: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell #: _____

E-Mail: _____

BOAT CAPTAIN: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell #: _____

E-Mail: _____

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THE 55TH ANNUAL BUCCANEER CUP

Revised Rules*More Boats*Bigger Payouts

The tournament committee is busy prepping for the 55th Annual Buccaneer Cup Sailfish Release Tournament and we hope you are, too. Last year's event had increased participation and an overall payout of \$200,000. The captains meeting and party at Sailfish Marina was a refreshing change of pace and the awards dinner at the Sailfish Club of Florida was enjoyed by all who attended.

The fishing was tough, but the teams battled it out working hard for every release with Tony Huerta's Lo Que Sea taking the lead, the coveted Buccaneer Cup Top Boat trophy and a check for over \$93,000! With even greater interest in the upcoming tournament we expect the trend to continue with more boats, richer Calcutta's and, to sweeten the pot even more, we are doubling the Buc Tournament Cash payout to \$20,000!

At the request of many of our teams we have made a few changes in addition to the increased payout. We moved the date back to avoid a conflict with another event and are going to video catch validation to alleviate the necessity of picking up and dropping off observers. The rules inside this brochure and on our website (www.BuccaneerCup.com) provide the details.

We've added two new, but familiar names to the tournament committee, Mike Samuels from Viking Service Center and Jim McGrath from Grand Slam Tackle, who together bring years of tournament experience to our team. Together we will work to put on a tournament that everyone can enjoy while providing a level of competition and professionalism that makes it a must attend event for more tournament teams going forward.

We look forward to having you join us for the competition, comradery and fishing excitement as we come together for another installment of the Buccaneer Cup with the realization that you will also be helping two great organizations, the Recreational Fishing

at www.BuccaneerCup.com. All major credit cards are accepted.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration & Captain's Meeting Party
January 25, 2018
Late Entry and Registration 4 – 6 PM
Captains Meeting 7 PM
Sailfish Marina
98 Lake Drive, Palm Beach Shores, FL 33404

Fishing Days
January 26 & 27, 2018
No Lay Day – Departure no earlier than 6:30 AM
Lines in 8:00 AM/Line Out – 3:30 PM

Awards Banquet
January 27, 2018 – 7 PM
Sailfish Club of Florida
1338 North Lake Way, Palm Beach, FL 33408
Free water taxi from Sailfish Marina

For more information or to register and pay online -
www.BuccaneerCup.com. Follow us on Facebook.

January 25 – 27, 2018



\$200,000 Paid Out in 2017 (*30 boat field)
Increased Grand Prize Cash* Revised Rules



Enter by mail or online at buccaneercup.com

55TH ANNUAL BUCCANEER CUP

OFFICIAL RULES & PRIZE STRUCTURE

General Tournament Information

1. January 25, 2018 (6 PM) – Captain's Meeting: Buccaneer Yacht Club, 142 Lake Drive, Singer Island, FL 33404 (Registration/Calcutta Entry 4 to 6 PM)
2. Fishing Days – January 26 & 27, 2018. (No Lay Day)
3. Fishing Hours – Lines in 8:00 AM. Lines out 3:30 PM.
4. Boundaries: From 27.30.00 latitude (Ft. Pierce Inlet area) to 26.02.00 latitude (Ft. Lauderdale Inlet area) and no further offshore than 072.50 longitude.
5. Boats must leave and return through Lake Worth or Jupiter Inlets. You may depart no earlier than 6:30 AM and drop off catch logs and video catch verification to tournament staff at Sailfish Marina or Castaway Marina no later than 5:00 PM.
6. Boats need fish only one day for tournament to be official.
7. There is no weather committee. The determination to fish is at the discretion of the captain and crew, who assume all liability for their decisions.

Fishing Regulations

8. I.G.F.A. Rules apply except as follows.
9. Only non-offset circle hooks and maximum manufacturer stated 20-lb. test line may be used.
10. The length of the leader may not exceed 15 feet. The combined length of the double line and the leader may not exceed 20 feet.
11. Live or dead baits may be used, but only one type of bait is permitted in the water at any one time.
12. Chumming of any kind, including with live bait, is prohibited.
13. No more than six rods are permitted in the water at any time. This includes rods being used to catch bait.
14. Live Bait: No more than two kites maybe used and artificial or dead bait dredges or teasers are permitted. Dead Bait: No more than two dredges maybe used and artificial or dead bait surface teasers and daisy chains are permitted.
15. Live bait teasers are prohibited.
16. Passing the rod after hookup (hook and hand) is permitted by a non-registered angler to a registered angler only once per fish. The pass must occur as close to immediately after hookup as possible and as soon as the line is tight.

Catch Validation

17. Video catch verification:
 - A. Every boat must supply video evidence (SD cards) at the end of each fishing day upon check in, along with the tournament issued catch report. NO VIDEO=NO

FISH. The video must match the date/time stamp on the correlating catch sheet for that day.

B. Video must clearly capture the species of fish during the fight and the release of each fish. Angler fighting the fish must also be identified on video. Failure to qualify species and release of fish will result in disqualification of the fish.

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18. To qualify for points each release must be called in to the Tournament Committee including the boat number, type of bait and angler's full name immediately by VHF radio or cell phone and it is acknowledged with an assigned catch number and official time of release. The time, catch number and angler's full name must be entered for each release on the boat's catch log. Hookups 15 minutes prior to the end of fishing must be called in for a release after lines out to qualify.
19. A release is official when the leader is touched by the mate, the leader is wound inside the rod tip or the cork on a live bait rod touches the rod tip.
20. Your entry into the Buccaneer Cup implies expressed approval that you and all anglers and crew members will submit to a polygraph test if requested by the rules committee. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. A certified polygraph examiner will be on site should such services be required.

Point Structure & Scoring

21. Release points will be awarded as follows:
 - 200 points for sailfish on live bait
 - 300 point for sailfish on dead bait
 - 400 points for marlin on either bait
22. In case of a tie the winners will be determined by earliest release times.
23. Protests must be submitted to the Rules Committee in writing accompanied by a nonrefundable \$500 filing fee no later than 5:00 PM. In all cases the decision of the Rules Committee is final.

General Requirements

24. Boats and anglers must comply with all state and federal fishing regulations and licensing requirements. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. All boats must carry appropriate liability insurance.
25. All boats must be a minimum of 27 feet LOA. The final determination of a boat's eligibility will be at the discretion of the Rules Committee.

All participants, captains and crews in the Buccaneer Cup Sailfish Release Tournament enter at their own risk. Committee members and all other persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the tournaments shall be exempt from any liability for loss, damage, negligence, harm or injury to any participant, boat captain, crew member, vessel and/or equipment, which may occur during the tournament.

2018 ENTRY FORM

Boat, Owner and Captain information required with Entry Fee payment to qualify for early entry discounts. Angler information and Calcutta payments can be submitted up to the Captains Meeting.

- ☐ \$2500 – ENTRY FEE BEFORE 12/1/17
☐ \$2750 – ENTRY FEE AFTER 12/3/17 BEFORE 1/15/18
☐ \$3000 – ENTRY FEE AFTER 1/15/18

Includes eligibility for \$20,000 in Buc Cash Prizes, six tickets to the Captains Meeting and six tickets to the Awards Dinner

Added Entry Levels

OVERALL CATEGORIES

- _____ \$5000 Most Points Overall (Winner Take All)
- _____ \$3000 Most Points Overall (\$1500 per day 50/30/20 split)
- _____ \$3000 Daily Points (60/40 split)
- _____ \$1500 Most Billfish Released (60/40 split)

LIVE BAIT CATEGORIES

- _____ \$2000 Most Points Live Bait Daily (60/40 split)
- _____ \$2000 Most Points Live Bait Overall (Winner Take All)

DEAD BAIT CATEGORIES

- _____ \$2000 Most Points Dead Bait Daily (60/40 split)
- _____ \$2000 Most Points Dead Bait Overall (Winner Take All)

GENERAL CATEGORIES

- _____ \$250 Top Angler (Winner Take All)
- _____ \$500 Biggest Meat Fish* (Winner Take All)
- _____ \$500 Charity Donation to RFA/TBF (Win Free Entry in 2019)

**Kingfish, dolphin, wahoo, tuna & cobia qualify
Calcutta open through Captain's Meeting. Payable by check or cash only. **90% payout - 10% donated to charities***

Additional Awards Dinner Reservations

_____ \$150 Per Person

_____ **Total** Registration Fees and Dinners

Credit Card Information

☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐ AMEX

Card Number: _____

Exp. _____ / _____ Sec. Code: _____

Name on Card: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Signature: _____

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