



11th Annual St.Maarten Wahoo Tournament

Version 1.0 dated: September 20th, 2022

THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Sergio Hodge: President / Judge
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REGISTRATION FEES

- **Level 1:** Basic tournament entrée (Mandatory) : **USD \$ 300,-** per fishing boat.
- **Level 2:** Wahoo Challenge (*Optional*) : **USD \$100,-** per fishing boat.

HOSTING VENUE - DOCKAGE - FUEL- SUPPLIES

The tournament venue for this year's event is **Bobby's Marina** in Philipsburg.

T: (+1-721) 542-2366 E: info@bobbysmarina.com Website: www.bobbysmarina.com

Fuel will be available at Bobby's Marina throughout the weekend.

Overseas boats are requested to contact Bobby's Marina on channel 16 upon arrival.

Dockage specials are available for international boats \$1/ft per day, Utility rates also apply. (To avoid any inconveniences, we advise that you reserve your slip beforehand.)

On the afternoon of Saturday October 26th, dockage rates are not applicable for participating boats. **The Marina Market**, ideally located at Bobby's Marina, will be open throughout the weekend supplying you with last minute groceries, ice, beer and rum. Breakfast sandwiches are available for purchase (*must be ordered on Friday before 3pm*)

LODGING

Lodging available at the following locations:

Pasangrahan Royal Guest House

T :+ (1-721) 542-3588

E :info@pasanhotel.net

Web site : www.pasanhotel.net

Holland House Beach Hotel

T: (+1-721)542-2572

E: reservations@hollandhousehotel.com

Web site: www.hhbh.com



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PROGRAM AND TOURNAMENT TIMES

Friday, November 04th, 2022

Captains Briefing & Registration at Outdoor World in Blue Pearl Marina Cole Bay

- Registration 17:00hrs until 19:00hrs
- Captains briefing 18:30hrs

Saturday, November 5th, 2022

Tournament day

- Departure to fishing grounds 00:01hrs
- Lines in: 05:00hrs
- Lines out: 16:00hrs
- Weigh station opens at 16:01hrs
- Return to dock no later than 16:30hrs (rules apply)
- Weigh station closes at 17:00hrs (**regardless**)
- (BBQ) Food and drinks will be on sale.
- Awards ceremony 18.00hrs on location.
- DJ performances

2022 PRIZE CATEGORIES

- Most weight Overall (**of WAHOO ONLY**) (Champion Boat)
- Second most weight (**of WAHOO ONLY**) (Runner Up)
- Largest Qualifying Wahoo
- Winner of Wahoo Challenge (Level 2 entrée required to qualify)
- Largest Qualifying other pelagic (Tuna, Mahi or King Fish)
- Best Female Angler
- Best Junior Angler (< 16yrs)



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THE TOURNAMENT RULES

- To be eligible to participate in the tournament each entrant must have completed an entry form and paid the registration fee no later than **Friday, November 4th at 19.00hrs**
- All boats must be in Port (**waterways of the Bobby's Marina**) by **16:30hrs** on the fishing day, failure of doing so will result in disqualification from the competition. Upon arrival, you must seek radio contact with SSFF committee, on VHF channel 06. (Judge(s) will be present with stop-watch and camera)
- The weigh station is located at the water taxi dock / Gazebo at Bobby's Marina.
- Protest must be filed in writing within 30 minutes after weigh-in time and will be entertained by the committee after receipt of payment of \$ 50,- and a case of cold COORS LIGHT. The payment of \$ 50 is nonrefundable.
- The committee has the right to inspect any participating boats and gear at any time.
- The qualifying fish and minimum weights :

Wahoo	20 lbs
<i>Dolphin (Mahi Mahi)</i>	<i>10 lbs</i>
<i>Yellow Fin Tuna</i>	<i>10 lbs</i>
<i>King Fish</i>	<i>10 lbs</i>
- **ALL BILLFISH MUST BE RELEASED, FISHERMEN THAT BRING BILLFISH BACK TO THE DOCKS, WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THIS TOURNAMENT.**
- The Official tournament Headquarters + Weigh Station will be appointed during skippers briefing.
- All boats must be at the designated declared point of departure on the Island of St. Maarten, unless requesting special written permission by the committee minimum **48hrs** in advance of tournament. (see contact info)
- The angler must set the hook and bring the fish to gaff unaided: However, assistance in moving the rod from the Gunnel holder to the fighting chair is permitted.
- Harnesses may be used, and may be replaced or adjusted by another person.
- One or more gaffers are permitted to boat a fish.
- Fishing of FAD's is prohibited. (**pictures of vessel doing such are required**)
- The entrant of the boat or someone so delegated will be responsible to ensure that these rules are enforced under pain of disqualification from the tournament.
- It shall be the responsibility of the Tournament Committee to adjudicate the written rules and to make necessary decisions where the situation has not been anticipated by the written rules. The Decision of the Judges committee is Final.
- All fish caught will be weighed and recorded on arrival at the designated Weighing-in-Station by an appointed Judge of Scales and duly witnessed by the entrant or his delegate.
- Any boat in distress must fly a Red Flag.
- All boats must have all standard safety equipment, also must have a VHF radio and standby and monitor channel 16.



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EQUIPMENT

- No lines exceeding 80lbs are permitted. (Monofilament or Braided)
- Wire (Monel) lines are permitted.
- Power driven reels are prohibited.
- Ratchet handle reels are prohibited.
- Reels designed for cranking with both hands are prohibited.
- Hand lines are prohibited.
- Not more than two hooks are permitted, per line.
- Live bait is permitted.
- Gang hooks are permitted only on plugs and artificial lures.
- Artificial and any other baits are permitted.
- Rosary (Rosario) is prohibited.
- Buoy (commercial) fishing is prohibited
- Harpooning, lancing or shooting to assist in boating of fish is prohibited.

DISQUALIFICATION ACT

- Failure to comply with rules and other regulations.
- Boats not within the Bobby's Marina waterways (attended by a committee member) at cut off times, will result in disqualification of their catch of that day. (judges will be monitoring this closely)
- Jigging & Drift Fishing is prohibited.
- Fishing of FAD's is prohibited. (**pictures of vessel doing such are required**)
- Mutilation of fish caused by propeller, attacks of other fish, shooting and harpooning.
- No Wahoo under 20lbs, or other mentioned sport fish under 10lbs will be recognized.
- Any and all billfish killed during participation in this event.
- Spear guns, guns, missiles, dynamite or any type of commercial fishing gear such as long lines, nets, spotter planes or mother ships is prohibited.

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