

19TH A N N U A L



Big Game Battle

N A N T U C K E T

AUGUST 6TH - 9TH, 2020

R U L E B O O K
&
S C O R E S H E E T

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

ARRIVAL DAY - THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 2020

- Arrive in Nantucket: Check-in after 2 PM EST.
- 4 - 7 PM Tournament Kick-Off, Hosted by Jack Diamond.
- 7 - 8 PM Captain's Meeting on Dock near John Jay Wharf Cottage.
- *Face Masks and Social Distancing are required.*

DAY 1 FISHING - FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH, 2020

- Maximum number of lines in the water is seven (7).
- Lines cannot be in the water any earlier than 5:00 AM.
- Lines MUST BE OUT of the water by 5:00 PM.
- All boats returning to Nantucket must turn in their scores NO LATER than 9:00 PM. If a boat does not turn in score sheet by this time, all fish will be disqualified for that day. Score sheets will be time stamped to verify the time they are turned in to avoid any controversy.
- If a boat is staying out overnight, it is the responsibility of that boat to call in their daily score sheet by 7:00 PM.
- A score sheet may be called in by another participating boat that is staying out overnight that has a proper communication device. If the daily results fail to be communicated or that communications relay boat does not make the 7:00 PM cut-off, the points will be disqualified for that day of fishing. All required photos from boats staying out overnight will be reviewed on Saturday.
- A list of phone numbers will be provided to assist with communications.

NIGHT BITE - FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH 7PM TO SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH 5AM

- Fishing for Night Bite is permitted during the hours of 7:00 PM - 5:00 AM
- All fish caught after lines out DO NOT count towards the tournament. This side competition is to keep boats competing for bragging rights only. A separate colored point sheet is supplied in the book and needs to be submitted no later than 7:00 PM on Saturday at the score desk located at John Jay. Fishing start for this competition is Friday 7:00 PM through Saturday 5:00 AM.

DAY 2 FISHING, AWARD CEREMONY - SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 2020

- Maximum number of lines in the water is Seven (7).
- Lines cannot be in the water any earlier than 5:00 AM.
- Lines must be out of the water by 3:00 pm.
- All boats must turn in their score sheets no later than 7:00 PM with photos as required. If a boat does not turn in their score sheet by this time, all fish are disqualified for that day. Score sheets will be time stamped to verify the time they are turned in to avoid any controversy.
- Please try to be in the harbor area by 6:00 pm.

SCORING & RESULTS

- 5:30 - 8:00 PM Food and drinks will be provided by Fresh Nantucket.
- *Face Masks and Social Distancing are required.*

SCORING PROCESS

Again, for this year's tournament we are asking for your help to streamline the process in turning in your score sheets in a timely manner 100 % complete.

1. This year you will find your Big Game Battle Score Books along with Tournament Book inside your Tote Bag.
2. Day 1, Day 2 and Overnight fishing score sheets will be in three different colors to designate the Day or Overnight the boat fished.
3. The main Detailed Score Sheet needs to be filled out during the day as you fish. Remember the catch times are critical in case of a tie. Because this is a NMFS registered tournament – this detailed data is turned into them after the tournament.
4. On the opposite side of the Detailed Score Sheet is a Summary Sheet. This summary sheet must be completed to help expedite our turnaround on posting scores. As you have seen before on Saturday evening this process is very time consuming.
5. The Tournament Staff outside John Jay will collect your sheets, review your photos/videos and then the paperwork will be reviews inside John Jay by another group. All score sheets will be time stamped upon receipt. Once tallied and reviewed then your scores will be posted outside on the Master Tournament Results Score Board. We ask that everyone stay outside John Jay to help the process run smoother.
6. All other rules will apply in the tournament guideline (Lines in/Lines out, calling in of scores if you stay offshore by cutoff times, delivering score sheets if returning by cut off times, and turning in if all score sheets on Saturday by cutoff times. All boats that do not follow the rules involving points will be disqualified for that day. Please review the entire rule book with your crew before departing offshore.
7. Please see attached example for your review.

We look forward to seeing you on August 6th and if you have any questions, please contact us at your convenience. Remember, this is a tournament for 2020 bragging rights for the Winners.

Thank You,

The Tournament Committee

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All boats must depart from Nantucket unless the committee is notified prior to the start of the tournament. This is not an IGFA tournament; it is a group of boats and friends wishing to have a good time in Nantucket with some friendly competition.

Please make note that there are two sides to the scoresheet.
Both sides must be filled out in order for your points to count.

2. Friday: Lines cannot be in the water any earlier than 5:00 AM and the lines must be out of the water by 5:00 PM. All boats returning to Nantucket must turn in their score sheets by 9:00 PM to the score table at the John Jay Wharf Cottage with required time stamped photos.
3. All boats staying out overnight Friday must have their scores called in by 7:00 PM via satellite phone or relayed by another boat. Please call in with the numbers provided on the bottom right of your score sheets. Your score sheets will be time stamped. Required photos for boats staying out Friday night will be reviewed Saturday night. Please itemize each species totals on your call in.
4. Saturday: Lines cannot be in the water any earlier than 5:00 AM and lines must be out of the water by 3:00 PM. All boats must turn in their score sheets by 7:00 PM at John Jay Wharf Cottage with required time stamped photos. If the boat does not turn in both sides of their score sheet by this time, all points are disqualified for that day. Boats must turn in their own scores on Saturday. Please be in the Boat Basin area 6:00 pm.
5. Any fish hooked prior to the lines out deadline may be played until boated or released, provided that said fish is reported hooked to another participating vessel before the lines out deadline. Both sides of the score sheets must be reported Day 1 by 7:00 PM and Day 2 by 7:00 PM. Score sheet must include times of each fish caught. In case of a tie at the end of the two (2) days of fishing, the boat that catches the most points first will be determined the winner.
6. All fish are the boats' property and each boat is responsible for disposing of their own fish. All fish must be dressed on the vessel it was caught. This rule is imposed to ensure the Big Game Battle maintains a positive status with the Boat Basin. A \$200 fine will be imposed on a boat for discarding fish carcasses in the Nantucket Boat Basin and is strictly enforced by their staff.
7. For release purposes, a fish will be considered caught when the mate touches the leader or the leader touches the tip of the rod. Must have photo to verify.
8. Unlimited tackle (anything goes live, dead, and artificial baits.)
9. No fishing boundaries, Canada to Hague Line to Bermuda.
10. Maximum of seven (7) lines in the water at any time.
11. There is NO weather committee. The decision to fish is left solely to participants who do so at their OWN RISK. No boat changes are allowed unless approved by the committee.
12. Each boat captain must fill out both sides, sign, and submit a daily catch report.

TOURNAMENT RULES

13. Every vessel must have a digital photo or video of all Billfish or any other species released, including but not limited to Giant Blue Fin Tuna, Blue Fin Tuna and Yellowfin Tuna. These photos/videos will be reviewed at the Basin along with the submitted daily catch report.
14. Photos must be clear to distinguish Billfish species for the committee to review. If a Blue Marlin photo is not clear, it will count as a White Marlin for points.
15. Both sides of the score sheets must be turned into John Jay Wharf Cottage where scores will be posted.
16. A formal protest must be in writing for any boat or angler violations on the day of the alleged infraction with a non-refundable deposit of \$3,500. Any protest must be submitted no later than 7:00 PM on Saturday. Non-Biased individuals will be randomly selected to resolve this formal protest. The panel's decision is final and cannot be questioned. The deposit will go directly to the charity chosen that year.
17. This is an invitational (friends of friends) tournament. The committee retains the right to invite participant's back the following year. Please be responsible and courteous at all times; otherwise you will not be invited to participate in the future.
18. All vessels must follow all Federal and Local regulations, including necessary permits.
19. No liabilities will be assumed by any other vessel or party participating in the tournament. Please proceed at your own risk and carry your own insurance.
20. The Big Game Battle Invitational Tournament promotes the conservation of all species of fish and the release of billfish. Use your best judgement and follow the NMFS rules and regulations.
21. Any fish that is kept - the length must be recorded on the score card that will be given to NMFS as required.
22. In the case of a tie between boats, the boat catching most points first will be determine the winner.
23. The Tournament will monitor Channel 72. All boats should stay in communication with other boats during fishing hours for safety and fishing updates.



POINTS SYSTEM

BLUEFIN (greater than 73")	350 POINTS	Limit- 2 fish per day for points. Refer to NMFS for bag limit.
BLUEFIN (under 73")	175 POINTS	Limit- 6 fish total per day for points. Refer to NMFS for bag limit.
YELLOWFIN TUNA	100 POINTS	Limit-6 fish per day for points. Refer to NMFS for bag limit.
BIGEYE TUNA	250 POINTS	Limit- 3 fish per day for points. Refer to NMFS for bag limit.
ALBACORE TUNA	50 POINTS	Limit- 6 fish per day for points. Refer to NMFS for bag limit.
BLUE MARLIN	400 POINTS	Limit- Unlimited for points. Photo Mandatory.
WHITE MARLIN	200 POINTS	Limit- 3 fish per day for points. Photo Mandatory.
SAILFISH	200 POINTS	Limit- 3 fish per day for points. Photo Mandatory.
SWORDFISH	600 POINTS	Limit- 1 fish per day for points. Refer to NMFS for bag limit. Photo Mandatory.
MAKO SHARK	150 POINTS	Limit- 1 fish per day for points. Refer to NMFS for bag limit.
MAHI	10 POINTS	Limit- 10 fish per day for points. Refer to NMFS for bag limit.
WAHOO	150 POINTS	Limit- 3 fish per day for points. Refer to NMFS for bag limit.

**Overall winning score will be the combined total points of the two days fishing. Under no circumstance may a vessel exceed the daily bag limit and minimum size of a species as set forth by Federal regulations. Each vessel is solely responsible for acquiring the necessary permits and adhering to all regulations. All times of fish caught must be recorded on daily catch sheet.*

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Day One

CATCH AFFIDAVIT

August 7th, 2020 - Day 1

Fishing Hours 5am - 5pm

Boat: _____
Submitted By: _____

Maximum of Seven (7) lines in the water Angler's Name and Time (Required)	BILL FISH				TUNAS			SHARKS	OTHER		RESULT		POINTS			
	SAIL	BM	SW	WM	AL	BE	BFT > 73"	BFT < 73"	YFT	MS	MAHI	WA		BOAT	RELEASED	TAG
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AL = Albacore *Max 6 per day	50 pts	BFT < 73" = Giant Bluefin *Max 2 per day	350 pts	Sail = Sailfish *Max 3 per day, release only	200 pts
BE = Bigeye Tuna *Max 3 per day	250 pts	WA = Wahoo *Max 3 per day	150 pts	WM = White Marlin *Max 3 per day, release only	200 pts
YFT = Yellowfin *Max 6 per day	100 pts	MS = Mako Shark *Max 1 per day	150 pts	BM = Blue Marlin *Unlimited, release only	400 pts
BFT > 73" = Bluefin *Max 6 per day	175 pts	MAHI = Mahi *Max 10 per day	10 pts	SW = Swordfish *One fish per day	600 pts

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I understand attest that the releases recorded above were properly made in accordance with tournament rules.

Captains Signature

Cell Phone Numbers to call in Score
(overnight, only if needed)
Sean Bristow 603-498-9518
Kelly McManama 978-505-8616
Tournament Channel - 72

BOTH SIDES OF THIS SHEET NEED TO BE COMPLETED FOR YOUR SCORE TO COUNT.

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Day One Summary Sheet

August 7th, 2020 - Day 1

Fishing Hours 5am - 5pm

Boat:

Submitted By:

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Blue Fin (greater than 73") <i>Max. 2</i>		350	
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Yellowfin <i>Max. 6</i>		100	
Big Eye <i>Max. 3</i>		250	
Albacore Tuna <i>Max. 6</i>		50	
Blue Marlin <i>Unlimited</i>		400	
White Marlin <i>Max. 3</i>		200	
Sailfish <i>Max. 3</i>		200	
Swordfish <i>Max. 1</i>		600	
Mako <i>Max. 1</i>		150	
Mahi <i>Max. 10</i>		10	
Wahoo <i>Max. 3</i>		150	
TOTAL			

Captain's Signature

19th Annual Big Game Battle Night Bite

CATCH AFFIDAVIT

August 7th & 8th, 2020 - Night Bite
Fishing Hours 7pm - 5am

Boat: _____
Submitted By: _____

Maximum of Seven (7) lines in the water Angler's Name and Time (Required)	BILL FISH				TUNAS			SHARKS		OTHER		RESULT		POINTS		
	SAIL	BM	SW	WM	AL	BE	BFT > 73"	BFT < 73"	YFT	MS	MAHI	WA	BOAT		RELEASED	TAG
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Night Bite Summary Sheet

August 7th & 8th, 2020 - Night Bite

Fishing Hours 7pm - 5am

Boat:

Submitted By:

Type of Fish	Number Caught	Points per Fish	Total
Blue Fin (greater than 73") <i>Max. 2</i>		350	
Blue Fin (less than 73") <i>Max. 6</i>		175	
Yellowfin <i>Max. 6</i>		100	
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Mako <i>Max. 1</i>		150	
Mahi <i>Max. 10</i>		10	
Wahoo <i>Max. 3</i>		150	
TOTAL			

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19th Annual Big Game Battle Day Two

CATCH AFFIDAVIT

August 8th, 2020 - Day 2
Fishing Hours 5am - 3pm

Boat: _____
Submitted By: _____

Maximum of Seven (7) lines in the water Angler's Name and Time (Required)	BILL FISH				TUNAS			SHARKS		OTHER		RESULT			POINTS		
	SAIL	BM	SW	WM	AL	BE	BFT > 73"	BFT < 73"	YFT	MS	MAHI	WA	BOAT	RELEASED		TAG	
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Day Two Summary Sheet

August 8th, 2020 - Day 2

Fishing Hours 5am - 3pm

Boat:

Submitted By:

Type of Fish	Number Caught	Points per Fish	Total
Blue Fin (greater than 73") <i>Max. 2</i>		350	
Blue Fin (less than 73") <i>Max. 6</i>		175	
Yellowfin <i>Max. 6</i>		100	
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TOTAL			

Captain's Signature

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR 2020 BIG GAME
BATTLE PARTICIPANTS, SPONSORS, AND
COMMITTEE

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL
IN 2021!

