

Welcome to the 6th Annual ROCKPORT OFFSHORE CHALLENGE

The Tournament will follow all IGFA rules with the following exceptions:

1. Entry Fee per boat is \$1000 for the Billfish Tournament (blue marlin, white marlin, sailfish) and \$500 for the Super Six / Tuna.
2. Entry fees will be discounted 25% if paid on or before July 1st, 2008. (Discounted entry fees: Billfish - \$750, Super Six - \$375)
3. Registration will take place at Key Allegro Marina in Rockport, Texas on Wednesday, July 23rd, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Registration will end at 8:00 p.m. the same day.
4. Mail-in registration is allowed and boats may leave from any Texas port provided all fees and required forms are completed and received by the registration committee before 8:00 p.m. on July 23rd, 2008.
5. Boats may depart for fishing grounds from any Texas port after 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 24th, 2008.
6. Fishing time starts for all Billfish and Super Six categories on Friday July 25th, at 5:30 a.m. and continues until Saturday July 26th, 2008.
7. All boats must report Billfish hookups and the outcome to a committee boat on Channel 68 or SSB Frequency 2638. Tournament Officials will monitor channel 68 and SSB 2638.
8. Bait may be caught from departure time to weigh-in time on the final day.
9. A fish and/or catch 'n release videos must be brought to the dock and weighed in by the registered boat on which it was caught.
10. Weigh-in procedures: Boats may weigh-in at any time from the start time to the ending time on Saturday, July 26th, 2008. All boats must be in sight and checked in by radio to the Tournament Official located at the entry of Key Allegro jetties by 6.30 p.m. Saturday.
11. It is the responsibility of the Captain/Owner of each vessel to make arrangements for the proper disposal of all fish caught by their vessel.
12. Trophies will be awarded to the person who catches the heaviest fish in each category; blue marlin, wahoo, dorado, kingfish, ling, yellowfin tuna, blackfin tuna, red snapper and the highest catch 'n release point total in each category, blue marlin, white marlin, and sailfish.
13. The Riviera Billfish Champion Trophy and \$25,000 will be awarded to the largest Blue Marlin caught and weighed in during the 2008 Rockport Offshore Challenge. If no legal Blue Marlin is weighed in, the Riviera Grand Prize will be awarded to the Catch 'n Release Blue Marlin winner. Boats must be entered in a Blue Marlin Calcutta Pot to qualify for the Grand Prize.
14. The Fox Yacht Sales Catch 'n Release Champion Trophy and \$5,000 will be awarded to the highest total Catch 'n Release points obtained to include blue marlin (3 points), white marlin (2 points) and sailfish (1 point).
15. The Key Allegro Marina Grand Slam Super Six Champion Trophy and \$5,000 will be awarded to the boat that catches the most super six species. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by total weight of each of the heaviest fish of each species caught.
16. The Ace Hardware Super Six Champion Trophy and \$2500 will be awarded to the heaviest fish caught in the Super Six category.
17. Trophies will be awarded to the Junior angler (16 years of age and younger) who catches the heaviest fish in each category; wahoo, dorado, kingfish, ling, yellowfin tuna, blackfin tuna, red snapper and the highest catch 'n release point total in each category, blue marlin, white marlin, and sailfish. Junior Champion Trophies will be awarded to the highest total catch 'n release point count and the heaviest Super Six species caught.
18. The Ladies Champion Trophy will be awarded to the female angler who catches the largest Super Six species.
19. The minimum length to be weighed in is one inch over Federal Regulations for that particular fish, measured from lower bill to fork of tail.
20. Weight will determine winners: in the event of a tie, length will prevail.
21. Catch 'n Release: Winner is determined by total points: Blue Marlin 3 points, White Marlin 2 points and Sailfish 1 point. A video with time and date stamp must be taken with the "daily object" to be announced at the Captain's meeting. The video must include the last 30 seconds of the fight, a clean wire and the fish being released and swimming away. All fish must be identifiable by species. Ties between release point totals are broken by the time of earliest release of the last fish caught as recorded on the Committee Boat radio logs. The Weigh Master will have the final authority as to the number of points awarded for each catch and release.
22. Optional Calcutta Entries will be open to boats beginning 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 23rd and remain open until 5:00 p.m. Thurs, July 24th, 2008. All unsold optional Calcutta entries will be available to the public beginning at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 24th and close at 11:00 p.m. The public can only participate in an optional Calcutta entry that a boat is not entered in. These "public" optional entries are not eligible for the Grand Prizes.
23. Billfish Blue Marlin Optional Calcutta Entries will be distributed to the largest Blue Marlin weighed in. Super Six, Yellowfin Tuna and Billfish Catch 'n Release Optional Calcutta Entries will be distributed to first and second place fish or point total respectively and paid out 70% to first place, 30% to second place in each category.
24. Teams may withdraw from the tournament up to June 15, 2008 and receive a full refund. After June 15, no refunds will be provided, unless a team cannot attend due to what ROC officials deem an emergency, for which a refund will be made less a pro-rated share of tournament expenses.

A weather committee comprised of ROC officials and selected registered participants may postpone the tournament due to weather. If necessary, Sunday July 27th may be used as the weather day. One day fishing does constitute the tournament. It is the responsibility of the captain/owner of each vessel to determine if a postponement condition exists and to make the final decision regarding the safety of their vessel. If the tournament should be cancelled due to any cause beyond the control of the Rockport Offshore Challenge, entry fees will be refunded to entrants less a pro-rated share of tournament expenses as solely determined by the tournament management. Entrants shall have no claim against the Rockport Offshore Challenge for return of said entry fees less pro-rated share of tournament expenses.

Waiver / Disclaimer ... (The Fine Print)

It is expressly understood that all registered participants and their companions, crewmembers and observers (the "Participants") participate in the Rockport Offshore Challenge in Rockport, Texas (the "Tournament") at their own risk. The Participants hereby indemnify and agree to save harmless the Tournament, Key Allegro Marina, and their respective officers, directors, employees, sponsors, volunteers, agents, partners, and all persons directly or indirectly connected with the operation of the Tournament (collectively the "Tournament Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all claims that arise from or in connection with any negligent act or omission of the Tournament Indemnified Parties. All persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the Rockport Offshore Challenge, whether individual or corporation, shall have no liability whatsoever for any special, incidental, consequential, punitive, exemplary and/or any other damage including without limitation, any damages arising from libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury or death. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any boat, team or person. Participants specifically consent to the use of any photograph in which they appear by the Tournament for any purpose whatsoever including, but not limited to, resale, advertising and promotional material without compensation or restriction of any kind. This Waiver / Disclaimer shall be binding upon the Participants and their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns. **By entering the Rockport Offshore Challenge and paying the entry fee, Participants acknowledge that they have read the Rules and the Waiver / Disclaimer and are bound by same.**