

# \$20,000

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# — 32 HOUR — HEAVIEST FISH TOURNAMENT!

BIG FISH CLASSIC WELCOMES ALL BOATS AND SPECTATORS FOR A WEEKEND OF CAMARADERIE AND EXCITEMENT AT THE HISTORIC TALBOT STREET PIER

BIG FISH CLASSIC IS RETURNING TOURNAMENT SPORTFISHING IN OCEAN CITY MARYLAND TO THE PIER THAT STARTED THE TOURNAMENT CRAZE. TALBOT STREET PIER IS THE ORIGINAL PIER THAT WEIGHED SOME OF THE FIRST FISH IN OCEAN CITY MARYLAND NEARLY 100 YEARS AGO AND HAVE BEEN LOADING THE DOCKS WITH CATCHES EVER SINCE. THE 2014 BIG FISH CLASSIC FOLLOWS THE TRADITION TO BRING THE HEAVIEST FISH FROM THE ATLANTIC BACK TO THE DOCK DURING A 32 HOUR TOURNAMENT.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2014

4PM - 7:30PM REGISTRATION, COCKTAILS & HOR D'OEUVRES @ M.R. DUCKS

7:30PM CAPTAINS MEETING @ M.R. DUCKS

## SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2014

3AM DEPART SEA BUOYS

**7AM LINES IN** 

4PM - 9PM SCALES OPEN

## **SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2014**

3PM LINES OUT

4PM - 8PM SCALES OPEN

8PM - 10PM AWARDS BANQUET @ THE ANGLER RESTAURANT

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#### TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1. RECISTRATION: BASIC ENTRY REGISTRATION FEE IS \$600 PER BOAT STARTING NOON MAY 26, 2014 THRU JULY, 15 2014 AND \$700 PER BOAT THEREAFTER. CHARTER BOATS ARE PERMITTED TO FISH WITH MULTIPLE PARTIES DURING THE TWO DAY TOURNAMENT NO LIMIT ON ANGLERS. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DENY A BOAT ENTRY AND ANY ENTRY FEE PAID WITH A DISHONORED CHECK OR CREDIT CARD, AUTOMATICALLY VOIDS BOAT ENTRY.
- 2. CAPTAIN'S MEETING RULE CLARIFICATION: CAPTAIN'S MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY, 25 2014 FROM 7:30 PM 8:00 PM AT TALBOT STREET PIER. EACH BOAT ENTRY SHOULD HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE ATTEND THE CAPTAINS MEETING. TOURNAMENT RULE CHANGES MAY BE MADE BY THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS AT ANY TIME THROUGHOUT THE CAPTAIN'S MEETING AND IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL PARTICIPANTS TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES AND ABIDE WITH ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THIS TOURNAMENT. A VIDEO OF THE CAPTAIN'S MEETING WILL BE AVAILABLE TO VIEW ON THE WEBSITE AND YOUTUBE.
- 3. FISHING DAYS & TIMES: SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2014 AT 3:00 AM BOATS MAY DEPART RESPECTIVE DESIGNATED PORT'S SEA BUOY. LINES AND TEASERS IN WATER SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2014 NOT BEFORE 7:00 AM. LINES OUT SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2014 3:00 PM. NO EXCEPTIONS. BOATS HAVE OPTION TO FISH TWO DAYS OR OVERNIGHT. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO EXTEND TOURNAMENT TO MONDAY JULY 28, 2014 IF INCLEMENT WEATHER PREVENTS FISHING ON SATURDAY JULY 26, 2014 WHICH WOULD BE DETERMINED AT CAPTAINS MEETING ON JULY 25, 2014.
- 4. PORTS AND BOUNDARIES: BOATS MAY DEPART ANY PORT FROM NEW JERSEY TO VIRGINIA. FISHING MUST BE WITHIN 100 NAUTICAL MILES FROM OCEAN CITY,
- 5. TACKLE AND ANGLING REQUIREMENTS: IGFA ANGLING AND TACKLE RULES ARE ENCOURAGED BUT NOT ENFORCED. ALL FISH MUST BE CAUGHT ON A FISHING ROD AND REEL WITH A HOOK AND LINE BY ANY CONVENTIONAL METHOD. CIRCLE HOOKS FOR LIVE AND DEAD BAIT ARE MANDATORY IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS. J HOOKS ARE PERMITTED ON ARTIFICIAL LURES. TROLLING, CHUNKING, JIGGING, CASTING, KITE FISHING, AND LIVE BAITING ARE PERMITTED NO LIMITS ON LINES, LURES, OR TEASERS NO GREENSTICKS ARE PERMITTED. ELECTRIC REELS MAY ONLY BE USED FOR ANYTHING HOOKLESS (DREDGES, TEASERS, PLANERS)
- 6. FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS: EACH BOAT ENTRY WILL FOLLOW THE ANGLING POSSESSION LIMITS AND SIZE REGULATIONS DETERMINED BY APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS. EACH BOAT ENTRY MUST OBTAIN ALL NECESSARY FEDERAL AND STATE LICENSES BEFORE FISHING IN
- 7. CATCH REPORTS, COMMITTEE BOATS: ALL REGISTERED BOATS ARE ACTING COMMITTEE BOATS UPON CATCH OF FISH, CATCH REPORTS MUST INCLUDE SPECIES TYPE, TIME BOATED, AND BOAT NUMBER OF COMMITTEE BOAT. TOURNAMENT CHANNEL 69 (PUT CATCH ON THE AIR)!
- 8. PASSING A FISH TO ANOTHER VESSEL: PASSING A FISH TO ANOTHER VESSEL IS PERMITTED ONLY DUE TO MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN OF A VESSEL FISH MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SIGNED CATCH REPORT AND CONFIRMED WITH COMMITTEE BOATS. CHANNEL 69 AT TIME OF TRANSFER.
- 9. FISH WEIGH INS: QUALIFYING FISH MUST BE WEIGHED AT TALBOT STREET PIER ON SATURDAY FROM 4:00 PM -9:00 PM OR SUNDAY FROM 4:00 PM -8:00 PM BOATS MUST BE INSIDE OCEAN CITY INLET ROCK JETTY BY 9:00 PM SATURDAY AND 8:00 PM SUNDAY TO OFFICIALLY WEIGH A QUALIFYING FISH. BOATS WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS VIA CHANNEL 69 OR BY PHONE. FISH MAY BE TRUCKED TO WEIGH STATION SCALE. NO MUTILATED FISH WILL BE WEIGHED. FISH SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SIGNED CATCH REPORT. TOURNAMENT WEIGH MASTER WILL ROUND OFF THE OFFICIAL WEIGHT TO THE NEAREST POUND FISH ARE SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION BY TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS.
- 10. IN THE EVENT OF A TIE: FIRST BOATED FISH CONFIRMED BY TIME ON CATCH REPORT WILL BE THE WINNER.
- 11. PROTESTS & POLYGRAPH: PROTESTS ARE DISCOURAGED AND WILL REQUIRE A \$1500 NONREFUNDABLE PROTEST FEE. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REQUEST A POLYGRAPH TEST OF ANY AND ALL WINNING TEAMS. A QUESTION ON POLYGRAPH MAY BE RELATED TYPE OF TACKLE (I.E., USE OF CIRCLE HOOKS ON LIVE AND DEAD BAIT VS. J HOOKS)
- 12. RESPONSIBLE SEAMANSHIP: BOAT CAPTAINS, CREWS, ANGLERS AND ANY OTHER MEMBERS ON A VESSEL ENTER THIS TOURNAMENT AT THEIR OWN RISK CAPTAINS, CREWS, AND ANGLERS MUST MAKE THEIR OWN JUDGMENTS WHETHER TO FISH UNDER THE PREVAILING WEATHER CONDITIONS BASED ON THE SIZE AND SEAWORTHINESS OF THEIR BOAT, THEIR SEAMANSHIP SKILLS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS KNOWN
- 13. DISCLAIMER: IT IS EXPRESSLY UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL REGISTERED BOAT CAPTAINS, ANGLERS, CREW AND ANY OTHER PERSON HERE AS KNOWN AS PARTICIPANTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE BIG FISH CLASSIC HEREIN AS KNOWN AS THE TOURNAMENT, DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK AND JUDGMENT. THE PARTICIPANTS HEREBY INDEMNIFY AND AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS, THE TOURNAMENT, AND ITS RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, AGENTS, SPONSORS, PARTNERS, MEMBERS, AND/OR ATTORNEYS (COLLECTIVELY THE "TOURNAMENT 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 TOURNAMENT WHETHER INDIVIDUAL, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 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 AGREE AND CONSENT TO THE USE OF ANY PHOTOGRAPHY IN WHICH THEY APPEAR, OR AUDIO RECORDING, BY THE TOURNAMENT FOR ANY PURPOSE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RESALE, ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL WITHOUT COMPENSATION OR RESTRICTION OF ANY KIND.
- 14. CREDIT CARD TRANSACTION FEE: CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS REQUIRE A 5% TRANSACTION FEE ON THE AMOUNT CHARGED.

## GENERAL ENTRY INFORMATION

**DIVISION A -BASIC ENTRY REGISTRATION:** BASIC ENTRY FEE IS REQUIRED TO FISH BIG FISH CLASSIC TOURNAMENT HEAVIEST FISH FROM THE ATLANTIC CAUGHT DURING FISHING HOURS OVER THE TWO DAYS IS THE WINNER! HEAVIEST FISH SHALL INCLUDE ALL SPECIES OF BILLFISH, TUNA, SHARKS, WAHOO AND MAHI MAHI AND ANY OTHER FISH REGULATED WITH STATE AND FEDERAL POSSESSION LIMITS FROM THE ATLANTIC OCEAN OR ITS TRIBUTARIES. SKATES, RAYS AND EELS ARE NOT PERMITTED.

DIVISION A -GUARANTEED PURSE: DIVISION A TOP THREE HEAVIEST SINGLE QUALIFYING FISH RECEIVES PORTION OF GUARANTEED PURSE OF \$20,000 ONLY ONE BOAT MUST ENTER AND PAY BASIC ENTRY REGISTRATION AND ATTEMPT TO FISH TO BE CONSIDERED A TOURNAMENT. IF NO FISH ARE CAUGHT DURING THE TOURNAMENT, THE GUARANTEED PURSE WILL BE ADDED TO FUTURE DIVISION A PURSE MONEY IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR

DISTRIBUTION OF GUARANTEED PURSE: DIVISION A PURSE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOAT(S) WHO WEIGH THE THREE HEAVIEST SINGLE FISH AS DIRECTED BELOW:

\$15,000 GUARANTEED TO FIRST PLACE HEAVIEST FISH

\$3,500 GUARANTEED TO SECOND PLACE HEAVIEST FISH

\$1,500 GUARANTEED TO THIRD PLACE HEAVIEST FISH

DIVISON B -F OPTIONAL ENTRIES: ENTRY LEVELS IN DIVISION B-F ARE OPTIONAL ENTRIES. IN EACH LEVEL A TOURNAMENT FEE OF 10% WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM PURSE COLLECTED DISTRIBUTED PURSE WILL CONSIST OF REMAINING 90% OF PURSE COLLECTED FOR EACH ENTRY LEVEL IN DIVISIONS B -F-

DIVISION B -ERC LEVEL 1 -SATURDAY ON THE BOARD: HEAVIEST SATURDAY FISH-50% / 2ND HEAVIEST FISH-30% / 3RD HEAVIEST FISH-20% OF PROCEEDS. HEAVIEST FISH IN LEVEL 1 ALSO WINS AN ADDITIONAL \$2,000 BONUS

DIVISION B -BRC LEVEL 2 -HEAVIEST FISH: HEAVIEST FISH-50% / 2ND HEAVIEST FISH-30% / 3RD HEAVIEST FISH-20% DIVISION B -BRC LEVEL 3 -HEAVIEST FISH: HEAVIEST FISH-50% / 2ND HEAVIEST FISH-30% / 3RD HEAVIEST FISH-20%

DIVISION B -BFC LEVEL 4 -HEAVIEST FISH WINNER TAKE ALL: HEAVIEST FISH-100% IF NO FISH ARE WEIGHED BY BOATS ENTERED IN THIS LEVEL, BOATS ENTERED WILL BE REFUNDED.

DIVISION C - BILLEISH DIVISION LEVEL 1 - WHITE MARLIN WINNER TAKE ALL: HEAVIEST WHITE MARLIN-100% IF NO WHITE MARLIN ARE WEIGHED BY BOATS ENTERED IN THIS LEVEL, BOATS ENTERED WILL BE REFUNDED.

DIVISION C -BILLFISH DIVISION LEVEL 2 -HEAVIEST BILLFISH: HEAVIEST BILLFISH-70% / 2ND HEAVIEST BILLFISH-30% IF NO BILLFISH ARE WEIGHED BY BOATS ENTERED IN THIS LEVEL, FUNDS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO DIVISION B BFC LEVEL 3.

DIVISION D -TUNA DIVISION LEVEL 1 -HEAVIEST YELLOWFIN TUNA: HEAVIEST YELLOWFIN TUNA-70% / 2ND HEAVIEST YELLOWFIN TUNA-30% IF NO YELLOWFIN TUNA ARE WEIGHED BY BOATS ENTERED IN THIS LEVEL, BOATS ENTERED WILL BE REFUNDED.

DIVISION D -TUNA DIVISION LEVEL 2 -HEAVIEST TUNA: HEAVIEST TUNA-70% / 2ND HEAVIEST TUNA-30% IF NO TUNA ARE WEIGHED BY BOATS ENTERED IN THIS LEVEL, FUNDS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO DIVISION B BFC LEVEL 3.

DIVISION E - MEATEISH DIVISION LEVEL 1 - HEAVIEST DOLPHIN & WAHOO SPLIT PURSE: HEAVIEST DOLPHIN-50% OF PURSE / HEAVIEST WAHOO-50% IF A DOLPHIN IS CAUGHT AND NOT A WAHOO, 100% GO TO DOLPHIN AND VICE VERSA WITH WAHOO IF NO DOLPHIN OR WAHOO ARE WEIGHED BY BOATS ENTERED IN THIS LEVEL, FUNDS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO DIVISION B BFC LEVEL 2-

DIVISION E - MEATFISH DIVISION LEVEL 2 - HEAVIEST SHARK: HEAVIEST SHARK-70% / 2ND HEAVIEST SHARK-30% IF NO SHARKS ARE WEIGHED BY BOATS ENTERED IN THIS LEVEL, FUNDS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO DIVISION B BFC LEVEL 2.

DIVISION F - SMALL BOAT DIVISION LEVEL 1 - 36 & UNDER HEAVIST FISH WINNER TAKE ALL: HEAVIEST FISH CAUGHT IN BOATS 36 AND UNDER IN THIS LEVEL WEIGH THER SINGLE HEAVIEST FISH CAUGHT DURING THE TOURNAMENT FOR A CHANCE TO WIN PURSE. HEAVIEST FISH-100% IF NO FISH ARE WEIGHED BY BOATS ENTERED IN THIS LEVEL, BOATS WILL BE REFUNDED.



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## **REGISTRATION FORM**

BOAT NAME

MAKE AND LENGTH

BOAT REP

CELL

ALTERNATE

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

HOME PORT

DEPARTING PORT

EMAIL

## **QUALIFYING FISH:**

BLUE MARLIN MINIMUM - 100 INCHES & 400 LBS
WHITE MARLIN MINIMUM - 67 INCHES & 60 LBS
SWORDFISH MINIMUM - 100 LBS
SAILFISH MINIMUM - 60 LBS
SHARK MINIMUM - 125 LBS
TUNA MINIMUM - 40 LBS
DOLPHIN MINIMUM - 15 LBS
WAHOO MINIMUM - 30 LBS

\*White marlin includes roundscale spearfish or hatchet Marlin.

Mandatory use of circle hooks is required for dead and live bait in
accordance with HMS regulations. J hooks are permitted with artificial lures.

All federal and state regulations are required to boat a fish.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "BIG FISH CLASSIC"
PAID BY (CIRCLE): CASH -OR- CHECK #\_\_\_\_\_

DATE REC'D: \_\_\_\_\_ RECEIVED BY (BFC REP).

\*IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD, A 5% SERVICE CHARGE WILL
BE ADDED TO TOTAL AMOUNT, PLEASE CALL TO PAY BY
CREDIT CARD (410-213-0325).

\*MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION BY JULY 14, 2014 TO: BIG FISH CLASSIC, 311 TALBOT STREET, OCEAN CITY, MD 21842





## **ENTRY LEVELS**

## DIVISION A - BASIC ENTRY REGISTRATION

\$20,000 GUARANTEED PRIZE FOR 3 HEAVIEST FISH 1ST PLACE-\$15,000 / 2ND PLACE-\$3,500 / 3RD PLACE-\$1,500

 REGISTER ON/BEFORE JULY 15, 2014
 \$600

 REGISTER AFTER JULY 15, 2014
 \$700

 \$
 \$

### **OPTIONAL ENTRIES:**

DIVISION B - BFC (BIG FISH CLASSIC) DIVISION

LEVEL 1 - S.O.B. "SATURDAY ON THE BOARD"
(HEAVIEST FISH 50/30/20 SPLIT)
\$2,000 BONUS FOR 1ST PLACE S.O.B. \$300.00

LEVEL 2 - HEAVIEST FISH (50/30/20 SPLIT)
\$500.00

#### DIVISION C - BILLFISH DIVISION (INCLUDES SWORDFISH)

LEVEL 1 - WHITE MARLIN-WINNER TAKES ALL \$500.00 \$
LEVEL 2 - HEAVIEST BILLFISH (70/30 SPLIT) \$700.00 \$

### DIVISION D - TUNA DIVISION

 LEVEL 1 - YELLOWFIN TUNA (70/30 SPLIT)
 \$200.00

 LEVEL 2 - HEAVIEST TUNA (70/30 SPLIT)
 \$700.00

## **DIVISION E - MEATFISH DIVISION**

## DIVISION F - SMALL BOAT DIVISION (36FT & UNDER)

LEVEL 1 - HEAVIEST FISH-WINNER TAKES ALL \$100.00 \$



FOR ALL YOUR OFFSHORE BAIT NEEDS CALL: (410) 213-2195



