

GALAPAGOS INTERNATIONAL INVITATIONAL BILLFISH TOURNAMENT

The Tournament

The Galapagos International Invitational Billfish Tournament is a 3-day ALL-RELEASE team event under IGFA rules and guidelines, in which all points accumulated by one team during the three days of competition determine the overall winners. Teams will be comprised of 2 to 4 anglers plus crew and a different Official Tournament Observer will be aboard every boat each day to prevent rule infractions and verify catches aboard each tournament boat (see enclosed rules).

Team Registration

The basic Team Registration fee covers participation in the tournament and all tournament functions. However, it does not cover hotel, charter boat, or airline expenses. The 2012 entry fees are \$675 per angler. Non-angler fee for guests and traveling companions is \$175. This fee entitles the non-angler to attend all social functions during the event. For online registration please visit www.intlbillfishtourns.com.

Hotel Package

For visiting anglers and their companions we have prepared a 4-night package in San Cristobal with the hotel. The Miconia, including round trip commercial jet flights from/to Guayaquil on the mainland. In addition, if your airline schedule requires you to overnight in Guayaquil on the way in, on the way out or both, we have preferential rates at one of Guayaquil's finest hotels, the five star Oro Verde only ten minutes from the international airport. We also recommend that while in Galapagos, you take a couple of extra days to explore some of the natural attractions the islands are so famous for. Contact us for details.

Boats

Because of current Galapagos National Park Regulations, only a limited number charter boats that are fully licensed and well equipped for the practice of "All-Release Vivencial Fishing" are available for the tournament. Enclosed you will find a list of the boats available for the event.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Wed 14MAR

7:00PM

- Arrival of some visiting anglers.
- Mandatory captains & crews Meeting Municipal Dock.

Thu 15MAR

1:00PM to 4:00PM

- Visiting anglers continue to arrive.
- Tour of San Cristobal Island for anglers and companions.

4:00PM to 7:00PM

7:30PM

- Team registration (place to be advised).
- Mandatory Angler Rules Meeting Immediately followed by Kick-Off Cocktail Party on the Terrace Restaurant Miconia Hotel (Credentials Required).

Fri 16MAR

7:00AM

8:00AM

3:00PM

- FIRST DAY OF FISHING
- Boats begin to depart from the docks.
- Lines in the water.
- Fishing ends, lines out of the water.

Sat 17MAR

7:00AM

8:00AM

3:00PM

8:00PM

- SECOND DAY OF FISHING
- Boats begin to depart from the docks.
- Lines in the water.
- Fishing ends, lines out of the water.
- Latin Night at Neptune Disco.

Sun 18MAR

7:00AM

8:00AM

3:00PM

8:00PM

- THIRD & FINAL DAY OF FISHING
- Boats begin to depart from the docks.
- Lines in the water.
- Fishing ends, lines out of the water.
- Cocktails and Awards Banquet (place to be advised – Credentials Required).

Mon 19MAR

- Anglers depart on post tournament sightseeing extensions or return home.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

RULES

GALAPAGOS INTERNATIONAL INVITATIONAL BILLFISH TOURNAMENT

The intent of these rules is to afford anglers and crews the opportunity to compete on an equal basis.

IGFA and Pesca Vivencial rules apply. In the event that the written rules do not specifically apply, the judges' decisions will be final.

Any angler, captain, or mate who deliberately breaks these rules will be immediately expelled from competition.

I - RODS, ANGLERS, LINE & TEASERS

There will be up to four (4) rods per boat, reels may be spooled with up to 50 lb. test line and up to four (4) baits in the water during fishing hours. Additional rods may be ready for use in case of equipment failure. There will be teams two (2) to four (4) anglers per team. Anglers will rotate places every hour, thus allowing anglers in teams of 3 to fish part of the day with one rod and part of the day with two rods. In the case of teams consisting of 3 anglers, there will be 1 angler controlling two (2) rods during every hour, while the other 2 anglers control one (1) rod each. At the end of each hour, one of the anglers who was fishing with only one (1) rod will rotate to the side with the two (2) rods and the angler who had been fishing with (2) rods will rotate to a single rod. This procedure will continue with each hourly rotation, allowing all 3 anglers to control two (2) rods an equal part of the time. For rule infraction prevention purposes a different Official Observer will be aboard every boat each day of fishing. During the fishing day, anglers will be switching their rod position in the boat with hourly rotations. In the event a registered angler becomes incapacitated a substitute may be appointed. Teams must advise tournament officials of substitutions prior to lines-in. For the purpose of individual angler awards, points scored by the substitute angler will count towards the overall score of the team but not towards the individual angler's score he/she is substituting. There must be one registered captain and at least one mate per team/boat, but no more than two mates officially registered as crew and as part of their team. Registered crew members cannot be substitutes for registered anglers during the tournament. No limit on the number hookless teasers per boat, which can be a single *daisy chains* or "dredges" will be enforced during fishing times. Bait pitching will be allowed.

II - LEADERS

The use of a leader is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications:

The length of the leader is the overall length including any lure, hook arrangement or other device. The leader must be connected to the line with a snap, knot, splice, swivel or other device. Holding devices are prohibited. There are no regulations regarding the material or strength of the leader.

The leader shall be limited to 30 feet (9.14 meters). The combined length of the double line and leader shall be limited to 40 feet (12.19 meters).

III - TIMES

Baits and teasers may be officially placed in the water at 7:30A.M. Fishing will end at 3:30P.M. A maximum fight time of two (2) hours is permitted on a billfish. Unless an extended battle with a fish hooked within tournament hours prevents it, the official daily catch report must be turned into the judges or

scorekeeper by 7:30P.M. on the first and second days of competition. On the last day all catch reports, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, **must** be turned in by 7:00P.M.

IV - RELEASES

A.- **Swivel Rig:** In the case of a fish hooked, for example, on the type of rig normally used with an artificial lure (also used sometimes on natural dead bait rigs), the mate must be able to reach the leader and touch it before the catch has been "officially" registered. The mate may then grab the leader whenever it is within reach and carefully release the fish. If a mate accidentally or intentionally grabs the line or double line the catch will be automatically disqualified and no points will be scored.

B.- **Wind-On Leader:** In the case of a fish hooked, for example, on the type of rig sometimes used for trolled natural dead bait, the "wind-on" leader, must be touched by the mate for the catch to be "officially registered". The mate may then grab the leader whenever it is within reach and carefully release the fish. If a mate accidentally or intentionally grabs the line or double line the catch will be automatically disqualified and no points will be scored.

V - TAGGING

To qualify for "The Tag Award", tags must be properly applied to billfish within the 'target area' in accordance to The Billfish Foundation (see flyer). Tags applied to a fish in areas outside the 'target area' will be disqualified. Billfish Foundation or NMMA tags are permitted. A "Tag Award" will be given to the **crew** with the most **properly** tagged billfish.

VI - BOATING A BILLFISH

No billfish can be killed in this tournament. It is against Pesca Vivencial Rules & Regulations to kill a billfish. Therefore, all fish **must** be released.

VII - POINTS SCORING

Billfish killed or mutilated **will not** count for tournament points. Released blue and black marlin count for 500 (five hundred) points regardless of the estimated weight. Released striped marlin and sailfish will count for 200 (two hundred). All billfish caught and released on natural dead bait must be caught with circle hooks. In the event of a tie, the angler or team that reaches the high score first, wins.

VIII - COMMUNICATIONS

A "hooked-up", "released", or "lost fish" must be reported to the committee boat (tournament control), as soon as possible. Tournament channel will be advised at rules meeting.

IX - MISCELLANEOUS

In the event of a multiple hook-up, the angler hooked-up first controls the boat. Anglers and crew must remove the remaining baits and teasers from the water within sixty (60) seconds after a hook-up unless an angler hooks-up a fish within the sixty (60) seconds.

NOTE: All rules are subject to revision during the mandatory rules meeting or meetings.

TEAM REGISTRATION FORM
GALAPAGOS INTERNATION INVITATIONAL BILLFISH TOURNAMENT
(PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM IN ITS ENTIRETY)

FIRST angler	passport number	guest (leave blank if you have no guests)
address		
city	state/province	zip/postal code
phone number	fax number	email address

SECOND angler	passport number	guest (leave blank if you have no guests)
address		
city	state/province	zip/postal code
hone number	fax number	email address

THIRD angler	passport number	guest (leave blank if you have no guests)
address		
city	state/province	zip/postal code
phone number	fax number	email address

FOURTH angler	passport number	guest (leave blank if you have no guests)
address		
city	state/province	zip/postal code
phone number	fax number	email address

FIRST angler form of payment: Check VISA Master Card Amex
credit card number _____ expiration date _____ Security Number _____

SECOND angler form of payment: Check VISA Master Card Amex
credit card number _____ expiration date _____ Security Number _____

THIRD angler form of payment: Check VISA Master Card Amex
credit card number _____ expiration date _____ Security Number _____

X	X
signature FIRST angler	signature THIRD angler
date	date

X	X
signature SECOND angler	signature FOURTH angler
date	date

BOAT/CREW INFORMATION

boat name	manufacturer & size	captain's name	
captain's address			
city	state	zip/postal code	phone number & email address
1st mate name	2nd mate name (leave blank if only one)		
TEAM NAME			

DEPOSIT-CANCELLATION-REFUND POLICY:

All registration fees for the 'GALAPAGOS INTERNATIONAL INVITATIONAL BILLFISH TOURNAMENT' tournament are subject to the following payment policy: A deposit of 50% of the total number of anglers registering in the team (excluding U S domestic and international airfare, hotel and charter boats) is due within 10 days of the date of registration. **If paying by check, make this payable to International Billfish Tournaments, Inc.** Any registrations not under deposit at the end of 10 days will not be considered confirmed and may be canceled if any other party requests a part or all of the same period. Deposits are fully refundable upon receipt of written notice of cancellation prior to 60 days of the starting date of the event, less a cancellation fee of \$50 per person. In the case of cancellations within 60 days of the scheduled date of the event, deposits paid up until that time, 75% of the deposit can be refunded. In the case of a cancellation within thirty (30) days of the start of the event, all deposit money received up to that point in time will be forfeited by the anglers/teams. Registrations are due 45 days in advance of the date of the event and are thence subject to the terms and conditions. No refunds will be made in the event of a no-show.

Any registration received within 45 days of the date of the event is payable in full and is subject to those terms and conditions shown above.

Whatsoever modification is made by any client/team member/angler to their schedule/itinerary which may incur over night shipping cost(s); these will be assessed and billed accordingly.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Only those items and features specified in the tournament's schedule or Program of Events are those which form a part of the price of your registration. Unless otherwise stated in the program, hotel taxes, gratuities, meals and beverages, items of a personal nature, National Park Entrance fees and international departure taxes are excluded from the registration fees.

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY:

The 'Galapagos International Invitational Billfish tournament' its directors, sponsors and tournament committee members, as well as International Billfish Tournaments, Inc. and their subsidiaries engaged in contracting suppliers of services pursuant to or in connection with the tournament shall act only as agents in making arrangements for air and/or ground transportation, accommodations, or any other service provided within the terms of the solicited registration, and do not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident, failure, omission or delay to person or property due to an act of default of any carrier, hotel, vessel, company or person rendering any of the services included in the trip package, Program of Events and tournament registration, or by acts of God. Furthermore, no responsibility is accepted for quarantine, government restraints, weather or other causes beyond their personal control. No responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omissions, delays, re-routing, or acts of any government or authority. The payment for registration rendered by a team and/or by individual team members competing in the 'Venezuelan International Super Slam' shall constitute consent to all provisions as described herein.

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Send Completed Form and Payment to:

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LIST OF BOATS WITH VIVENCIAL FISHING LICENCES
AVAILABLE FOR CHARTER
GALAPAGOS INTERNATIONAL INVITATIONAL
BILLFISH TOURNAMENT 2012

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>MOTORS</u>	<u>PRICE daily</u>
Bite Me *	37' Custom	Cummins diesels 300HP	\$1,950
Angel	37' Custom	Cummins diesels 300HP	\$1,950
Vertigo II	37' Custom	Yamaha Outboards 200HP	\$1,350
Johnamar II	37' Custom	Yamaha Outboards 200HP	\$1,350
Andale	35' Bertram	Cummins diesels	\$1,600
Big Fish	35' Custom	Zusuki Outboards 250HP	\$1,500
Patricia	34' Custom	Zusuki Outboards 250HP	\$1,500
Coyote II	34' Custom	Cat diesels	\$1,600
Loedan	33' Custom	Yamaha Outboards 200HP	\$1,350
Magic	31' Gamefisherman	Yanmar diesels	\$1,350
Samy Sol II	29.5' Center Console	Yamaha Outboards 140HP	???
Kelly	28.5' Center Console	Yamaha Outboards 140HP	\$900

NOTE - * Indicates boat is already chartered for the tournament