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**WELCOME ANGLERS
BIG ROCK**

BIG ROCK LANDING ALEXSEAL[®] MAJOR SPONSOR

SPECIES	Dolphin
WEIGHT	6.5
BOAT	Island Girl
ANGLER	Natalie Reid
CAPTAIN	Chunky Reid
DATE	6/7/19

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KELI WAGNER LADY ANGLER TOURNAMENT

RULES & REGISTRATION

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Yacht Coatings



Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament
710 Evans Street
Morehead City, NC 28557

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, June 7, 2019, 6-9 PM
Lady Angler Reception
Presented by Linda Rike Real Estate

Saturday, June 8, 2019
Lady Angler Fishing Tournament
8 AM-2 PM
Presented by Alexseal



OFFICIAL RULES

FISHING DAYS

Available fishing day
and hours (EDT):

June 8, 2019, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Scales close at 6:00 p.m.
for Gamefish

RULES COMMITTEE

Howard Basnight, Dale Britt,
Dew Forbes, Randy Gregory, Randy
Ramsey, Casey Wagner
Committee Boat: To Be Announced
Weighmaster: Randy Gregory
Tournament President:
Dale Britt

**For clarification or any question,
write, phone, email or fax**

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*2019 changes are printed in red. ** Rules
and/or Registration information is subject
to change prior to the upcoming Lady Angler
Tournament, June 8, 2019

1. REGISTRATION - All boats must be
registered with the Tournament Commit-
tee and entry fee paid to qualify for prizes
and trophies. Any boat may be substitut-
ed but must be registered with the Tour-
nament Committee prior to fishing. The
tournament reserves the right in its sole
discretion to deny entry to anyone for any
reason. No entries or upgrades after 8:00
am.

2. RULES MEETING - At least one person
from each boat should attend the Cap-
tain's Meeting for the Tournament, which
is usually held on the Friday evening prior
to the day of fishing on Saturday. Regard-
less, all participants in the tournament are
responsible for knowing all Tournament
Rules including any changes to the rules
that may take place at the Captain's Meet-
ing.

3. FISHING TIME - No lines or teasers are
permitted in the water before official fish-

ing hours. Official fishing hours are 8:00
a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This is a one-day bill-
fish release/gamefish tournament sched-
uled for Saturday, June 8, 2019. Official
time will be GPS time. Fish hooked prior
to or after fishing hours are not eligible.

4. ROD & REEL RULES - This is a rod and
reel, hook and line tournament. Double
line and leader combined may not exceed
40 ft; neither of which may exceed 30 ft.
The following practices are illegal in this
tournament: a) use of handline or rope at-
tached to the line or leader; b) shooting,
harpooning, or lancing; and c) the transfer
of any participant from one boat to anoth-
er. After hook-up, only a female may fight
the fish. **Mate is allowed to adjust drag af-
ter the rod is passed to a female. Drones
are not allowed in this tournament.**

5. REPORTING - All billfish must be re-
ported to TOURNAMENT HEADQUAR-
TERS when hooked, lost or released. Ra-
dio frequency shall be VHF CHANNEL 71
and alternate channel 78a.

6. BOUNDARIES - All boats fishing in tour-
nament must fish between LORAN coor-
dinates North 40275 and South 39200.
All fish must also be hooked within those
coordinates.

7. QUALIFYING BILLFISH - All partici-
pants, fish, and boats must adhere to all
State and Federal fishing regulations to
qualify for prizes in this tournament. This
is an all release tournament. No billfish
shall be boated. A fish is boated when
any portion of the fish or gaff breaks the
plane of the boat. In the event a billfish is
boated, the boat will automatically be dis-
qualified from the tournament.

8. FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATIONS -
All vessels and participants shall comply
with North Carolina and Federal Fisher-
ies laws and regulations regarding fish-
ing licenses, vessel permits, fishing gear,
season size limits and bag limits. Partici-
pants shall also adhere to all Keli Wagner
Lady Angler Tournament rules as con-
tained herein.

9. GAMEFISH - Winning gamefish will be
determined by weight. In the event of a tie,
the winner will be determined by the first
fish weighed-in. Fish must be in fresh ed-
ible condition and fit for human consump-
tion. All gamefish must be weighed in the
day they are caught. All gamefish to be
weighed-in must be reported as soon as
possible after 2:00 p.m. to the Committee
boat. Only one gamefish per species per
boat may be weighed in. Weigh Master
has the right to refuse any fish. "Winner
take all-dolphin" prize money will rollover
to the next year's tournament if no qualify-
ing fish is weighed. **Gamefish are defined
as yellowfin tuna, dolphin and wahoo.**

10. WEIGH-IN - All gamefish eligible for
prizes must be off-loaded and weighed
at the official Tournament weigh station
from the boat landing the fish unless
authorized by the weigh-master at the
weigh station. The fish must be entered
on the official entry form by the Tourna-
ment weigh-master. The same scales
and weigh station will be used for all fish
including those entered in the Governor's
Cup Series. Gamefish scales will close at
6:00 p.m. The Weigh station is located on
the Morehead City Waterfront. The weigh-
master has the right to refuse any fish in
his sole discretion.

11. MANDATORY HOOK REQUIREMENTS

- Non-offset circle hooks are mandatory
when deploying natural bait or natural
bait/artificial lures. "J" hooks are allowed
on artificial lures only.

12. RELEASE POINTS - A cash prize will
be awarded to the boat that scores the
most number of points first.

125 Release Points will be awarded:

1. For all billfish including blue marlin,
white marlin, sailfish, hatchet marlin
and spearfish and
2. When mate touches the leader before
the fish is released and
3. Team turns in a release form provided
by the Tournament Committee at-
tested to by signature of the captain
and mate or angler on board the boat
at the time of the release. This form
may be submitted to the OFFICIAL
WEIGH MASTER AT TOURNAMENT
HEADQUARTERS or submitted elec-
tronically. Release forms must be
turned in no later than 10:00 p.m. on
Saturday to qualify. Other than blue
marlin, billfish forms may also be pho-
tographed and emailed to forms@
thebigrock.com. If you do not receive
an email confirmation, please call
tournament headquarters to confirm.
In the event of ties, the first boat to
achieve the winning totals shall be de-
clared the winners.

400 Release Points will be awarded for:

1. Blue Marlin if the team provides in-
disputable video or photo evidence
to the Rules Committee. To qualify
for the 400 points, teams must turn
in a Release Form in person along
with the SD Card, Micro SD Card or
Compact Flash Card from their cam-
era. Forms and Media Cards can be
turned in at the Official Weigh Station
in Morehead City. The Media Card
and Release Form must be turned in
no later than 10:00 p.m. on Saturday
to qualify. The Media Card must show
continuous video or a clear single
photo of the mate touching the leader
and clear and indisputable evidence

responsibility of the participants to ensure that their camera's Clock/Date is set accurately to reflect the time and date of the Releases to qualify for the 400 points. All videos will become property of the Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament. If the rules committee is unable to see indisputable evidence that the fish is a blue marlin, the release will be scored at 125 points. The tournament will NOT allow photos or video from cell phones. Date and time stamp must be 100% accurate.

13. PRIZE PAYOUT SCHEDULE - Trophies will be given to Level I Release winners in three places. Level I cash prizes will be split 50/50 for billfish and gamefish. Gamefish will be winner take all in each species. Billfish cash prizes in Level I and Level III are winner take all. Prize money checks will be made payable to the person or entity so indicated on the registration form of the winning boat. Social Security number or Taxpayer I.D. number of the recipient must be provided on the entry form. All checks will be distributed 10 days after the Awards Banquet on June 15, 2019.

14. PROTEST - Any protest by any participant against the catch of another participant must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Rules Committee. No protests are allowed against the tournament. Any protest must be received by 9:00 a.m. on the day following the catch. Any member of the Rules Committee, or the weigh-master (in their sole discretion), retains the right to hold and keep any fish deemed questionable by him with respect to being qualified for any prize or cash award. If retention of the fish is refused, the fish is automatically disqualified.

15. DISPUTE RESOLUTION - A protest by one participant against the catch of another must be submitted in accordance with Rule 14. All other disputes, controversies, or claims of any kind arising out of or relating to the Tournament (hereinafter, "dispute" or "disputes"), including, but not limited to, all disputes concerning decisions by Tournament Officials, Boards, or Committees, must be submitted in writing to the Rules Committee no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last fishing day of the Tournament. Failure to submit any such disputes in writing by that date and time shall constitute a waiver and release of any and all such disputes. In the event of any dispute arising out of or relating to the Tournament in any way, the interested parties shall use their best efforts to settle such dispute by mutual agreement. To this effect, responsible, authorized representatives of the interest parties shall meet, consult, and negotiate with each other in good faith (with or without a third-party mediator, as they may choose) and attempt to reach a mutually satisfactory

solution. In the event they do not reach such a solution within a period of five (5) days after the first notice by any party to any other of the existence of the dispute, then without waiving any other provisions in these Rules concerning the absolute discretion and finality of decisions made by the Tournament Officials, Boards, or Committees, the sole and exclusive means for resolution of any dispute shall be the procedures set forth below:

- a) The dispute shall be submitted to arbitration under the North Carolina Revised Uniform Arbitration Act, Chapter 1, Article 45C of the North Carolina General Statutes.
- b) All negotiations, mediations, and arbitration hearings shall take place in Morehead City, North Carolina, or such other places the interested parties may agree upon in writing.
- c) The arbitration shall be conducted by a single arbitrator who is a retired North Carolina state or federal judge or an attorney whose practice experience includes commercial litigation. The arbitrator must be a resident of the State of North Carolina. In the event the interested parties cannot agree upon an arbitrator, the decision shall be made by a Resident Superior Court Judge of Carteret County, North Carolina.
- d) Prior to any arbitration hearing, limited discovery shall be permitted for the purpose of obtaining production of documents and taking depositions. All discovery shall be governed by the North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. All issues regarding discovery requests shall be decided by the arbitrator. All discovery shall be completed within 90 days after the selection of the arbitrator; provided, however, that the arbitrator shall have the authority to extend or reduce the time for discovery in a manner consistent with a general desire for expedited resolution of the dispute.
- e) All fees and expenses for the arbitration shall be borne by the parties equally. However, each party shall bear the expense of said party's own counsel, experts, witnesses, and preparation and presentation of proofs. Only in the case of extreme abuse of the procedure may the arbitrator reallocate such costs and expenses among the parties.
- f) Any arbitral award may be enforced by an action in the Superior Court of Carteret County.

The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and enforced under the laws and judicial decisions of the State of North Carolina, notwithstanding any principle of conflicts of law. In the event any part of this Agreement shall be declared illegal, invalid, or

void, such declaration shall not affect the validity of any of the other terms or provisions of this document.

16. WEIGHT ALTERATION - Attempted weight alteration of any gamefish will automatically disqualify the boat from the tournament. IGFA rules apply regarding mutilated fish. The Rules Committee reserves the right to cut open any fish for inspection of suspected weight altering efforts such as inserted weights, ice, water, etc.

17. POLYGRAPH - Polygraph Tests may be administered to the top money winners, release winners, (captain, mate and/ or angler) and others as deemed necessary by tournament officials. Participants must make themselves available for polygraph testing in Carteret County within 24 hours following notice from Tournament Officials. Individuals that are required to take the polygraph test must not consume alcohol or any controlled substance within eight hours prior to the test. A participant's refusal to take a polygraph test or failure to answer test questions in a manner satisfactory to Tournament Officials, in their sole discretion, may result in disqualification. By entering the tournament, participants consent to the admissibility of polygraph results in any dispute or proceeding arising out of the tournament.

18. WITHDRAWAL FROM TOURNAMENT - No fees will be refunded.

19. REFUNDS - In the event that no qualifying fish are caught, the prize money will be handled as follows; a) Half of each entry fee will be donated to the Lady Angler charity, b) 85% of remaining entry fees will be retained by the Tournament and added to the following year's purse accordingly.

20. VIOLATION OF RULES - Any boat violating any of these Tournament Rules or any boat containing a participant violating any of these Tournament Rules is subject to disqualification for the Tournament (unless another sanction for a particular violation is expressly set forth herein). By participating in the Tournament, all participants acknowledge that all Tournament Rules are material and that disqualification is permitted and appropriated sanction for any violation of any Tournament Rules. Decisions regarding the interpretation of Rules, violation of Rules, penalties, and the suspension of any Rules or penalties will be made by Rules Committee and/or Board of Directors in their sole discretion. All decisions by Rules Committee and or Board of Directors are final and are not subject to further challenge by participants.