INAUGURAL BIG ROCK KIDS
BILLFISH TOURNAMENT

REGISTRATION FORM

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Kurtis 40TH CHEVROLET

MAJOR SPONSOR

Boat Name _____

Make and Length _____

Name of Owner _____

Owner's Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

Name of Captain _____

Captain's Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Mobile Boat # for Emergencies _____

Year-Round Contact Number _____

Pay Prize Money To [Winner] _____

Winner's Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Winner's Social Security # or Federal Tax ID# _____

_____
Where Docked During Tournament

Boat Engine Type _____

HMS Permit # _____
https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permits-and-forms#

I, as entrant, do hereby RELEASE, DISCHARGE and HOLD HARMLESS Crystal Coast Tournament, Inc., its officers, directors and sponsors, whether individual or corporate, from any claim for damages to my person or property incurred by my participation in the Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament. This release applies to all members of my crew and all parties fishing from my boat.

By signing the entry form and paying my entry fee, I acknowledge that I have read this release and am bound by same. This release shall also be binding on my heir, executors, administrator, or assigns.

I further do hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the Rules of the Tournament and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions contained therein.

Participants specifically agree and consent to the use of any photograph 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.

Signature _____

After June 25, 2021, we strongly recommend that you register in person rather than mailing your form and entry fee.

ENTRY LEVELS

Based on 50 Boats

LEVEL I Mandatory **$1,000**_____
Guaranteed Prize money
for total billfish release points
All boats must enter Level 1
1st Place $15,000
2nd Place $10,000
3rd Place $5,000

LEVEL 2 **$1,000**_____
Total Release Points 50/30/20
1st Place $21,250
2nd Place $12,750
3rd Place $8,500

LEVEL 3 **$1,000**_____
Daily Release Points 50/30/20
1st Place $21,250
2nd Place $12,750
3rd Place $8,500

DOLPHIN **$500**_____
Heaviest Dolphin 60/40
1st Place $12,750
2nd Place $ 8,500

WAHOO **$500**_____
Heaviest Wahoo 60/40
1st Place $12,750
2nd Place $ 8,500

ENTRY FEE All Levels $4,000

Make Checks Payable to:
Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament

Mail Form & Payment to:
Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament
710 Evans Street
Morehead City, NC 28557

Total: _____
Rec'd by _____
Check # _____
Date _____

TOURNAMENT RULES

FISHING DAYS

Available fishing days
and hours (EDT):
July 15-17, 2021
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:
Joy Bell

For clarification or any question, contact:

Carlee Sharpe
Big Rock Kids Tournament Director
carlee@thebigrock.com
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Morehead City, NC 28557
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1. REGISTRATION - All boats must be registered with the Tournament Committee and entry fee paid to qualify for prizes and trophies prior to fishing and no later than 8AM Thursday July 15. Boats may choose to pre-register by entering Level I prior to May 1, 2021 and receive a bonus 50 release points. Boats may enter additional levels any time prior to 8AM Thursday July 15. Any boat may be substituted but must be registered with the Tournament Committee prior to fishing. The tournament reserves the right in its sole discretion to deny entry to anyone for any reason.

2. RULES MEETING - At least one person from each boat should attend the Captain's Meeting for the Tournament, which will be held at Big Rock Landing on Wednesday July 14, 2021. The meeting will also be broadcast virtually. All entrants will receive a link to view. Regardless, 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 Meeting.

3. FISHING TIME & LAYDAYS - No lines or teasers are permitted in the water before official fishing hours. Official fishing hours are 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This is a three-day billfish release/gamefish tournament scheduled for July 15, 16, 17, 2021. A boat my fish 2 out of three days, Captain's choice. Official time will be GPS time. Fish hooked prior to or after fishing hours are not eligible. Fishing days and times will count as Day #1 and Day #2 eliminating any advantage to fishing on Thursday. Lay Day forms may be submitted in person at the Big Rock Office or by using your Big Rock App account. Lay Day forms must be submitted prior to 8AM on the day declared as a non-fishing day. There will be no exceptions on time. If a boat does not declare a day as non-fishing, the Tournament Committee will automatically count the day as a fishing day for the boat.

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 attached to the line or leader; b) shooting, harpooning, or lancing; and c) the transfer of any participant from one boat to another. Drones are not allowed in this tournament.

5. REPORTING - All billfish must be reported to TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS when hooked, lost or released. Radio frequency shall be VHF CHANNEL 71 and alternate channel 78a.

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

7. FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATIONS - All vessels and participants shall comply with North Carolina and Federal Fisheries laws and regulations regarding fishing licenses, vessel permits, fishing gear, season size limits and bag limits. Participants shall also adhere to all Big Rock Kids Billfish Tournament Rules as contained herein.

8. QUALIFYING BILLFISH - All participants, 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 billfish is boated when any portion of the fish breaks the outside vertical plane of the boat. In the event a billfish is boated, the boat will automatically be disqualified from the tournament.

9. RELEASE POINTS - Cash prizes will be awarded to the boats that score the greatest number of points. Release points will be awarded when mate touches the leader or the 30' leader touches the rod tip. No release points will be awarded if the gaff breaks the outside vertical plane of the boat. In the event of a tie in total release points, the tie breaker shall be the largest single gamefish (dolphin and wahoo) by weight. If no gamefish are caught, the winner will be determined by the first boat to achieve the winning total. In order to qualify as a release, the billfish must remain in the water. (Federal Law).

125 RELEASE POINTS WILL BE AWARDED FOR:

1. All billfish including blue marlin, white marlin, sailfish, hatchet marlin and spearfish and
2. When mate touches the leader or leader touches the rod tip before the fish is released and
3. Team turns in a release form provided by the Tournament Committee attested 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 electronically with the Big Rock app. Release forms must be turned in the day the fish was released, no later than 10:00 PM on Thursday & Friday July 15-16, and 6:00 PM on Saturday July 17 to qualify. Other than blue marlin, billfish forms may also be photographed and uploaded to the Big Rock App.

400 RELEASE POINTS WILL BE AWARDED FOR:

1. Blue Marlin if the team provides indisputable 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 video or photo evidence. All Release Forms must be turned in the day the fish is released no later than 10:00 PM Thursday & Friday, and 6:00 PM on Saturday. The photo/video must show continuous video or a clear single photo of the mate touching the leader or the leader touching the rod tip and clear indisputable evidence that the fish is a blue marlin. It is the 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. 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.

25 BONUS RELEASE POINTS WILL BE AWARDED FOR:

1. All billfish released by a Big Rock Kid, defined as any angler age 16 & under. A kid must be the primary angler. The rod may be passed to other Jr. Anglers on board, age 16 & under.

2. A billfish hooked by an adult must be handed off to a Junior Angler immediately or in a timely manner.

3. The angler's age is verified on the release form attested to by signature of the captain, mate, or angler on board the boat at the time of the release.

10. DISQUALIFICATION - A boat will be disqualified from the tournament if the boat, captain and crew violate any rules of the tournament.the tournament.

11. 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 edible condition and fit for human consumption. 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 PM. The Weigh Master has the right to refuse any fish. Gamefish are defined as dolphin and wahoo. If no qualifying gamefish are caught in levels 4 or 5, the total amount of the prize money in each level will be paid to the boat entered in each level with the most release points. In the event that only one qualifying fish is caught in level 4 or 5, the total amount of prize money in each level will be paid to the first place fish for each level.

12. 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 Tournament Weigh Master. The same scales and weigh station will be used for all fish including those entered in the NC Billfish Series. Gamefish scales will close at 6:00 PM each day. The weigh station is located on the Morehead City Waterfront. The Weigh Master has the right to refuse any fish in his sole discretion.

13. 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.

14. PRIZE PAYOUT SCHEDULE - 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 undisputed funds will be distributed 10 days after the tournament.

15. 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 9:00AM on the day following the catch and by 6:00 PM on the last day of fishing. 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.

16. DISPUTE RESOLUTION – A protest by one participant against the catch of another must be submitted in accordance with Rule 15. 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 6:00 PM 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.

17. 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.

18. POLYGRAPH - Polygraph Tests may be administered to Captain, Mates, 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.

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

20. REFUNDS - In the event that no qualifying fish are caught, the prize money will be retained by the Tournament.

21. 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.

15% OF FEES RETAINED BY TOURNAMENT EXCEPT FOR LEVEL I. (SEE PRIZE SCHEDULE FOR LEVEL I)