



Reel Times

August 2018

Calendar of Events

August 2	General Membership Meeting #3 "Pelagic Fishing Techniques"
August 4-5	Albacore/Tuna Tournament
August 18-19	Ladies/Junior Tournament
August 25-26	Cherry/El Nino Tournament
August 30	General Membership Meeting #4 "Marlin Fishing Techniques"
September 3	Labor Day
September 14-15	BAC Master's Tournament
September 29-30	DAC Marlin Tournament

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President's Message

Hello DAC Members! The weather is HOT and so is the fishing! In July we hosted the Annual Yellowtail Tournament and the Shark Tournament. Check out the tournament results on the DAC Website and later here in the newsletter.

August brings three DAC Tournaments and two General Membership Meetings so it promises to be a busy month! On Thursday the 2nd we will have our 3rd General Membership Meeting focusing on Pelagic fishing. We will be holding it at the Dana Point Yacht Club at 6 pm so mark that on your calendar now! Evites have been sent so please RSVP to give us an accurate head count.

Immediately following, we have our Tuna/Albacore Tournament on the August 4th and 5th. Big Bluefin are out there along with Yellowfin in abundance! Two members have landed cows over 200 lbs. so far this year. Later in August we host the Ladies /Juniors tournament 18th and 19th followed by the Cherry/El Nino Tournament on the 25th and 26th. This is a great tournament for new members who haven't had a chance to catch a marlin yet. More details later in the newsletter. Marlin are already showing and the first flag is still up for grabs! **Finally, we have our 4th and final General Membership meeting on Thursday August 30th.** This one focuses on Marlin Fishing as we head into the "heart" of billfish season in September. Keep your eye open for more news on that as the date approaches.

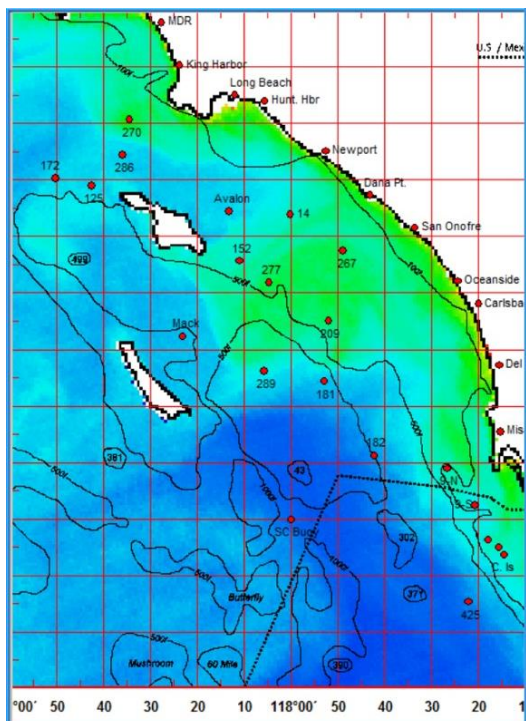
Whew! August is certainly busy and I hope all of you are having a chance to get out there and enjoy some time on the water. As always, we want your participation and feedback so if you have any suggestions or comments, please e-mail the Board of Directors at info@danaanglingclub.org.

Good Luck and Good Fishing!
Stan Mahler
DAC President 2018

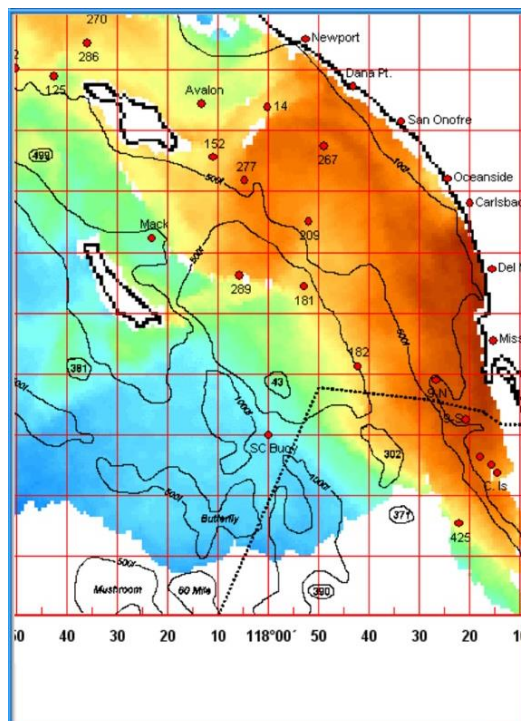
Fishing Report

As of July 25, 2018

Our coastal water remains off color and warm with no life. Offshore waters are clean, mid-channel they turn off color offshore and around the islands. This extends from the coast to the ridge (14, 267, 209, 277). SW of the 181/182 the water is clean. Water temperatures are ranging from the Low to mid 70's along the coast.



Chlorophyll



Temperature

Lunar Cycle: Full Moon July 27th, New Moon on August 11th and Full Moon on August 26th

Catalina: Water temperatures are staying near the upper 60's to low 70's around the island. Squid is reported to be along the backside. Yellowtail and White Seabass are being caught tight to the island – both front and backside. A Marlin was released last week off East End /Quarry area. It might be worth trolling jigs while traveling around this area.

San Clemente Island: Larger sized Bluefin are moving around the backside of San Clemente Island. Both sportfishing and private boats are working off the Backside of Clemente for the tunas - I believe some off the Head, 289 to the Mac Bank too. (Source: JD's) Before you go, make to check the Navy website for closure dates and times.
www.scisland.org/schedules/safetyZoneUse/days

Channel Islands: Yellowtail and White Seabass being caught on both Squid and Jigs.

Nearshore / Coastal: Yellowtail, White Seabass and Halibut still being reported on fin bait near kelp line. Newport Artificial Reef, Crystal Cove, Salt Creek, Dana Point, San Mateo, San Onofre, Barn Kelp and La Jolla...

Offshore: It's time to go offshore!!! Both Yellowfin and Bluefin Tuna have moved into our local water. Several DAC boats have made the run offshore for Tuna during the past few weeks, to follow are some stories and photos of their epic adventures.

Chris Bailey
Fishing Chair 2018

DAC 2018 Fish Log by Date AS OF JULY 25th, 2018

#	ANGLER	DATE	BOAT	CAPTAIN	SPECIES	WGT	TACK	ET
26.	Geoff Hersch	7-24	Hooked	Geoff Hersch	Dolphin Fish	R	Bait	30 lb
25.	Scott Kingsmill	7-13	Wild Bill	Jim Kingsmill	Tuna	206.0	Jig	80 lb
24.	Zach Waters	7-13	Tunacious Too	Bob Waters	Dolphin Fish	6.38	Bait	16 lb
23.	Dave Knecht	7-12	Hooked	Geoff Hersch	Tuna	214.4	Jig	130 lb
22.	Jeff Tom	7-8	Jefe	Geoff Heldorn	Yellowtail	19.30	Bait	16 lb
21.	Logan Tom	7-8	Jefe	Geoff Heldorn	Yellowtail	31.4	Bait	16 lb
20.	Geoffrey Heldoorn	7-8	Jefe	Geoff Heldoorn	Yellowtail	28.1	Bait	12 lb
19.	Chris Bailey	7-8	Jefe	Geoff Heldoorn	Yellowtail	26.25	Bait	16 lb
18.	Geoff Heldoorn	6-16	Kingpin	Chris Bailey	Tuna	165.2	Jig	80 lb
17.	Chris Bailey	5-5	Kingpin	Chris Bailey	Halibut	13.9375	Bait	16 lb
16.	Cooper Allen	4-28	Cliffhanger	Cliff Allen	Calico Bass	1.375	Jig	6 lb
15.	Jim Kingsmill	4-25	Salta Verde	Jim Kingsmill	White Sea Bass	53.6	Bait	N/A
14.	Taylor Kingsmill**	4-25	Salta Verde	Jim Kingsmill	White Sea Bass	67.3	Bait	N/A
13.	Pat Holmes	4-22	Hawk	Pat Holmes	Yellowtail	23.3	Iron	50 lb
12.	Jeffrey Tom	4-15	Kingpin	Chris Bailey	Yellowtail	22.3	Jig	N/A
11.	Geoff Heldoorn	4-14	Jefe	Geoff Heldoorn	Halibut	24.4	Bait	50 lb
10.	Geoff Heldoorn	4-14	Jefe	Geoff Heldoorn	Yellowtail	32.4	Iron	50 lb
9.	Pat Holmes	4-10	Hawk	Pat Holmes	Yellowtail	29.4	Iron	50 lb
8.	Geoffrey Heldoorn	3-10	Hawk	Pat Holmes	White Sea Bass	58.0	Bait	50 lb
7.	Geoffrey Heldoorn	3-10	Hawk	Pat Holmes	White Sea Bass	31.0	Bait	50 lb
6.	Geoffrey Heldoorn	3-10	Hawk	Pat Holmes	White Sea Bass	45.0	Bait	50 lb
5.	Chris Bailey	2-25	Hawk	Pat Holmes	White Sea Bass	50.5	Bait	20 lb
4.	Geoff Heldoorn	2-25	Hawk	Pat Holmes	White Sea Bass	49.4	Bait	50 lb
3.	Chris Bailey	2-25	Hawk	Pat Holmes	White Sea Bass	45.7	Bait	20 lb
2.	Geoff Heldoorn	1-27	Hawk	Pat Holmes	Yellowtail	32.48	Bait	30 lb
1.	Chris Bailey	1-27	Hawk	Pat Holmes	Yellowtail	30.48	Iron	50 lb

2018 1ST FISH FLAG AWARDS

2018 Perpetual Trophy Awards (as of 7/25/2018)

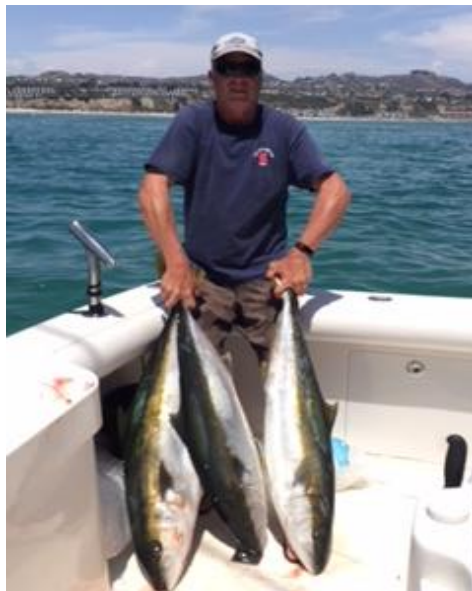
AWARD	WINNER	BOAT	DATE	WEIGHT
1st Yellowtail	Chris Bailey	HAWK	01/27/2018	30.48#
1st Jr Yellowtail	Logan Tom	JEFE	07/08/2018	31.40#
1st White Seabass	Chris Bailey	HAWK	02/25/2018	45.7#
1st Jr. White Seabass	OPEN			
1st Tuna	Geoff Heldoorn	KINGPIN	06/16/2018	165.2#
1st Jr. Tuna	OPEN			
1st Dorado	Geoff Hersch	HOOKEED	07/24/2018	R
1st Jr Dorado	OPEN			
1st Marlin	OPEN			
1st Jr Marlin	OPEN			
1st Swordfish	OPEN			

REMINDER:
Junior Tuna, Dorado and White Seabass
First Flags are STILL OPEN! Get your Junior
Anglers out on the water!!!!

2018 Tournament Results

2018 Yellowtail Tournament July 7th & 8th

1st Place Adult:	Geoff Helldoorn	28.10 lbs.	Yellowtail on 12# - 42.15 points
2nd Place Adult:	Chris Bailey	26.25 lbs.	Yellowtail on 16# - 32.81 points
3rd Place Adult:	Jeff Tom	19.30 lbs.	Yellowtail on 16# - 24.12 points
1 st Place Jr.:	Logan Tom	31.40 lbs.	Yellowtail on 16# - 39.25 Points
Top Boat:	JEFE		



2018 Shark Tournament July 21st & 22nd

Unofficial Results: No Qualifying Fish caught during this tournament.

Member Memories

Reports of great fishing for big bluefin the 3-4 days prior to our trip had us excited to get one on board this Summer. Craig B., Mike W., Dave K, and I left DP Harbor at 2:30am headed to a spot about 7 miles above the 43. Arrived at this spot just after sun up and found ourselves all alone with little to no life.

Found one spot of tern birds and very quick feeding bluefin mid-morning of the 40-80 pound BFT that were typical boat shy fish that we had a hard time getting on. At one point, we did have the school under the boat on the sounder with several fish jumping on all sides of the boat. No bites.

We moved around a little from there, down to the 43, below and outside the 43, toward the corner and inside the 43 really for nothing. We did see a jumper 3-4 outside the 43 but otherwise pretty bleak conditions. Radio chatter was minimal at best other than people looking for areas of fish and reporting slow fishing.

We pow wowed and decided it was best to head back up to the spot above and outside the 43 where we saw the BFT in the am and to continue our hunt for the big ones. A mile from the numbers of the morning (44/05ish), we found a breezing school of the big ones and were all alone. We were on the right tack and had the opportunity to drag the kite directly over and in front of these breezing fish. Thought for sure we were going to get a double with both Yummies in the right spot. Nothing. We turned 90 degrees and hit them again for no bites.

The wind direction was good for relocating the fish and with another tack we're headed in the direction of the school of tuna that was last seen. The school, however, was down and out of sight. Soon thereafter, we got some good marks on the side scanner and quickly on the up and down at 125'-150'. A minute later had a single blow up that stuck for a hookup. When Craig B. was bringing in the second Yummy, it got blown up on 2-3 times with the coolest and most aggressive following fish with dorsal fully visible out of the water as it was attacking the bait. The boat was slowing down by this time but the tuna was still hot after the Yummy flyer but no contact. That would have been fun.

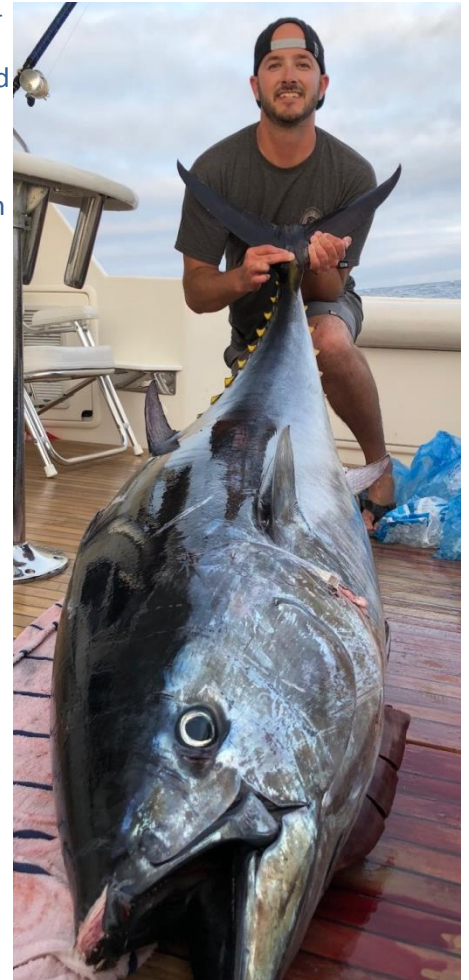
Dave strapped himself into the harness and went to work on the fish that we knew was a big one based on the size of the meter marks and the amount of white water thrown upon the bite. Fun times.

One hour and 15 minutes later, we had the fish to gaff and Craig made a great extension and got the hook in just below its dorsal fin. I came from the cockpit controls to get the second gaff in. Done!!! Upon hoisting the fish up onto the deck we thought it was a beast. We estimated it from 210-250#. The fish was barely hooked in the upper lip (see pic). Lucky to get it to the boat after an 1 1/2 hours of heavy drag but it certainly wouldn't have been long before a heartbreaking loss.

We put the kite and Yummies back out and had another two or three bites that never connected. We were exhausted and didn't want to stick it out until sunset but had fish on the meter at 6:45pm when we pulled everything in to run back to Dana Point for the official weigh in. Dave's fish ended up weighing #214.4 on the DP Fuel Dock scale and was our personal best weighed in fish. Dave, again, last year, was the angler on a fish that taped at 230# and Craig caught one that taped at 210#. This was the third over 200# and finally one that "counts". Dave K. is a great angler but not a DAC member so this wouldn't count for the all tackle club record that Jim Kingsmill caught of 194#.

The next day, Jim's brother Scott set a new club record fish of 206# breaking my record of 181# for 130 pound tackle and also breaking Jim's all-tackle record of 194#. Congrats to them. Hopefully, someone can get out and break the now all-tackle record of #206 this season while it lasts. Who knows how long this cycle of big tuna will last as we are now about 4-5 years into it.

**Cheers,
Geoff Heldoorn**



We're midway through the 2018 DAC Tournament Season, here are the Points Totals as of July 25th. With (4) eligible DAC Tournaments remaining there is still plenty of points available. Good Luck to all DAC Members.

2018 Points Tally - Outstanding Angler Award & Top All Around Boat Award

<u>BOAT</u>	<u>FLAG</u>	<u>ART TX</u>	<u>ALL SPECIES</u>	<u>HALIBUT</u>	<u>SEABASS</u>	<u>3 B'S</u>	<u>YELLOWTAIL</u>	<u>SHARK</u>	<u>TUNA</u>	<u>CHERRY</u>	<u>DICK TONKS</u>	<u>DAC</u>	<u>TAABA POINTS</u>
JEFE	5	5					12						22
KINGPIN	5	1		5		9							20
HAWK	10	3	1										14
SALTA VERDE			8										8
WILD BILL						6							6
TUNACIOUS TOO	5												5
HOOKED	5												5
CLIFFHANGER			3										3
ZOFTIG						2							2

<u>ANGLER</u>		<u>ART TX</u>	<u>ALL SPECIES</u>	<u>HALIBUT</u>	<u>SEABASS</u>	<u>3 B'S</u>	<u>YELLOWTAIL</u>	<u>SHARK</u>	<u>TUNA</u>	<u>Cherry</u>	<u>Dick</u>	<u>DAC</u>	<u>OUTSTANDING ANGLER</u>
Geoff Heldoorn		5					5						10
Chris Bailey				5		1	3						9
Jeff Tom		1				5	1						7
Taylor Kingsmill			5										5
Pat Holmes		3	1										4
Scott Kingsmill						3							3
Jim Kingsmill			3										3
JR ANGLER													
Logan Tom						3	5						8
Cooper Allen			5										5
Kennedy Kingsmill						5							5

Offshore Kelp Paddy Dorados on Hooked

While traveling to the tuna grounds or running out to the islands, keep an eye out for Kelp Paddies and Marlin. Historically the 1st Dorado and 1st Marlin have been caught during the months of July and August!!



The Heart of Summer

We have now reached the heart of summer. The water is heating up and so is the fishing. There are all species being caught in local waters including Dorado, Yellowtail, both Yellowfin and Bluefin Tuna and even Marlin. There have also been the elusive Swordfish sightings here the here.

Get your friends and family together and have some great bonding time and making memories with them.

Another members meeting is coming up on Thursday, August 2nd. The discussion will revolve around Pelagic Fish with two guest speakers. It is a great event to network and hear where the fish are at and what approaches to take.

Get out and use your boat. There is never a bad day on the water. You always will see some incredible sights as Mother Nature never disappoints. Remember to always be safe, check the weather, surf and tide reports and bring lots of water.

Chuck Oltman
Social Chairman

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for established members who can be a mentor to our newer members – make sure they are getting the most out of their 2018 membership, learn best fishing practices, rules and regulations of the DAC and IGFA. If you've got some time and the know-how, contact Chris Bailey at (949) 547-1497 or cb2naklr@yahoo.com

If you want to fish, but need a ride or crew?? Use the DAC Website and OPEN a post on the CREW MEMBER LIST section. List the day and times you are fishing and your contact information.

Welcome New Members!

Joe and Renee King
"Fin City" 26' Robalo

We also have 3 other pending applications, so watch our membership grow throughout the rest of the season!

General Membership Meeting #3

This General Meeting of the Dana Angling Club promises to be a good one! We have two exciting speakers; Kevin English from Raymarine who will explain how to get the best performance from your marine electronics and Dave Hansen, "Your Saltwater Guide" and local legend. There will also be a question and answer period at the end of the meeting.

The festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. with cocktails and dinner (dinner provided free to all members, Guests are welcome at an extra fee depending on their dinner choice).

We will be holding another one of our famous raffles and selling DAC Merchandise so bring plenty of cash! Some great prizes were raffled off at the last meeting, so don't be left out.

**VERY IMPORTANT PLEASE RSVP SO WE CAN
HAVE AN ACCURATE HEAD COUNT!!**

**The Saltwater Cowboy
Memorial Tournament**
runs August 10th and 11th.

Fish for Bluefin, Yellowfin, Marlin, Dorado, Seabass, Swordfish, Wahoo and Yellowtail!

Contact Dan Gorman for more information and to sign up for the event:

714.801.3113
Dan.gorman@integrityint.com





2018 DAC ALBACORE / TUNA TOURNAMENT

Saturday & Sunday, AUGUST 4 - 5, 2018

LINES IN: 5:00 a.m. Saturday, August 4, 2018

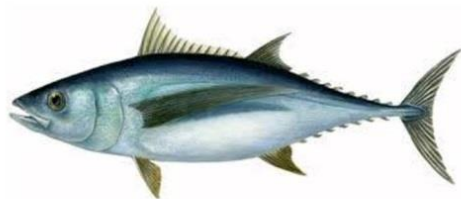
LINES OUT: 5:00 p.m. Sunday, August 5, 2018

RULES: Albacore, Bluefin, Yellowfin & Bigeye Tuna only - All DAC and IGFA angling rules apply - All weigh slips must be submitted via the website or postmarked by Midnight, August 15, 2018 - One weighed entry per angler - You MUST SUBMIT a clean 15' sample of the line/lines used to catch the fish

SCORING: ANGLER WITH THE MOST POINTS WINS!!!

Line Class Points per Lb.

2#	6.00
4#	4.00
6#	3.00
8#	2.00
12#	1.50
16#	1.25
20#	1.00
30#	.75
50#	.50
80#	.25



First tie breaker----- Lightest Line

Second tie breaker-----Earliest Fish

AWARDS:

ADULT DAC MEMBERS: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place

JUNIOR DAC MEMBERS: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place

Adult Guest: 1st Place Only - Junior Guest: 1st Place Only

*ADULT GUESTS: \$10 Entry Fee - *JUNIOR GUESTS: No Entry Fee

Big Fish will be Awarded

Top Boat will be Awarded

Control Boat: "DAC TOURNAMENT CONTROL" Channel 19

*ALL GUESTS MUST BE PRE - REGISTERED PRIOR TO LINES IN AT 5:00 a.m. 08/04/2018 via the "DAC Tournaments" message board on the website at www.danaanglingclub.org or called to a DAC Board Member with the guests name, your name, and the boat name and if the guests are adults or juniors. Mail \$10 per adult guest within 5 days to the DAC, P.O. Box 2881, Capistrano Beach, CA 92624. Guest fees may be paid online using PayPal the link is on the DAC online weigh slip page. Submit Electronic Weigh Slip at: www.danaanglingclub.org



2018 Ladies & Junior Tournament

Saturday & Sunday, August 18th & 19th, 2018

LINES IN: 5:00 a.m. Saturday, August 18, 2018

LINES OUT: 5:00 p.m. Sunday, August 19, 2018

Rules:

MARLIN, DORADO, TUNA, ALBACORE, YELLOWTAIL, WHITE SEABASS ONLY.

Open Line Class - DAC & IGFA Rules Apply

All Weigh Slips Must be Submitted via the website www.danaanglingclub.org or be Postmarked by Midnight August 29, 2018



Scoring:

Anglers may enter 1 fish per species for a total score.

Reminder: Juniors are under 18 years old.

MARLIN 150 points per Release / 1 point pound Catch

DORADO 5 points per pound

YELLOWTAIL 5 points per pound

TUNA 5 points per pound

ALBACORE 5 points per pound

WHITE SEABASS 5 points per pound

First tie breaker: Total time on fish

Second tie breaker: Earliest Fish for Total Points



Awards:

JUNIORS: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place

*JUNIOR GUESTS: 1st Place Only (No Entry Fee Required)

ADULT LADY ANGLERS: (over 18) 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place

LADY GUEST: 1st Place Only (Guest Fee Required)

Control Boat "DAC TOURNAMENT CONTROL" Channel 19

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**50 Cherry Points Awarded
to any angler who
have never landed
or released a
Billfish!**



EL NINO

2018 CHERRY - EL NINO BILLFISH TOURNAMENT

Saturday & Sunday, August 25 & 26, 2018

LINES IN: 5:00 a.m. Saturday, August 25, 2018

LINES OUT: 5:00 p.m. Sunday, August 26, 2018

RULES: BILLFISH only - Marlin, Broadbill Swordfish, Spearfish, Sailfish

All DAC and IGFA angling rules apply

All weigh slips must be posted on the web site by midnight, September 5, 2018 and must be accompanied by a clean 15' line sample.

ANGLER WITH THE MOST POINTS WINS!!!

SCORING:

MARLIN - SPEARFISH - SAILFISH		
Line Class	Release Points	Points per Lb.
8#	200	2.00
12#	180	1.50
16#	160	1.25
20#	140	1.00
30#	120	.75

BROADBILL SWORDFISH	
Line Class	Points per Lb.
30#	4.0
50#	3.6
80#	3.2
100#	3.0

BONUS POINTS: 50 Cherry points will be awarded to any member angler's score who has never landed or released a Billfish within club boundaries as a club member!

1st tie breaker: Time of day boated /released 2nd tie breaker: Total time on fish

SPECIAL PRIZE: Heaviest Albacore, Tuna, Dorado or Yellowtail wins Prizes

CONTROL BOATS: "DAC TOURNAMENT CONTROL"/Channel 19 Please call in all hook-ups, landings or releases.

AWARDS:

ADULTS: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place

JUNIORS: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place

ADULT/JUNIOR GUESTS: 1st Place Only

ADULT GUESTS: \$10 Entry Fee Junior Guests: No Entry Fee

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