



## Indian Ocean Marlin Cup

1. **Entry fee:** Indian Ocean Marlin Cup \$3,000USD per boat (each boat is referred to as “Participant”).
2. **Big Marlin Challenge (BMC):** Big Marlin Challenge an additional \$5,000USD per Participant (the “Big Marlin Challenge or BMC”).
3. **Payment and Acceptance of Entry Fee:** Payment to be made by bank wire transfer – wire transfer fees by the sender. Each Participant must receive a confirmation number from Indian Ocean Marlin Cup co-host SEYCHELLES SPORTS FISHING CLUB prior to March 2, 2019 which shall confirm Participant’s entry into the Tournament. **Registration will close 5:00pm Seychelles time February 28, 2019!**
4. **Revocation of Entry:** Indian Ocean Marlin Cup reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion to reject or revoke participation by any Participant for any reason. Revocation may be communicated or sent to Participant by phone, fax or email and is effective when sent by Indian Ocean Marlin Cup co-host SEYCHELLES SPORTS FISHING CLUB.
5. **Withdrawal:** Refunds will only be made for withdrawals if a written withdrawal and refund notice signed by the Participant is received by Indian Ocean Marlin Cup co-host SEYCHELLES SPORTS FISHING CLUB on or before 5:00pm Seychelles time February 28, 2019. Bank transfer fees will be deducted from the refund.
6. **Qualifying fish:**
  - Marlin 500 pounds or more hooked up within the stated Indian Ocean boundaries and verified as a qualifying fish in accordance with tournament rules.
7. **Winning fish:** The winning fish will be the heaviest marlin over 500 pounds caught in accordance with these Tournament Rules.
  - Tournament Champion: Heaviest Marlin 500 pounds or more. All fish below the qualifying weight or those fish caught that are smaller than the biggest reported catch shall be released.
  - Big Marlin Challenge (**BMC**): Heaviest Marlin, 500 pounds or more. All fish below the qualifying weight or those fish caught that are smaller than the biggest reported catch shall be released.



If the winner is not entered in the BMC, there may be a separate BMC winner if a BMC Participant catches a qualifying fish. In the case of a tie, the earliest confirmed time of fish boated received by Indian Ocean Marlin Cup co-host SEYCHELLES SPORTS FISHING CLUB will be the winner.

8. **IGFA and Government Rules:** Subject to the express modifications set forth in these Tournament Rules, each Participant shall comply with the IGFA rules which can be viewed at [www.igfa.org](http://www.igfa.org). under “Fishing,” and with all applicable government rules and regulations. **THE TOURNAMENT WILL ONLY ALLOW THE USE OF SPECIFIED FISHING LINE AS NOTED AT RULE NUMBER 14 BELOW. RULE NUMBER 14 WILL BE UPDATED FROM TIME TO TIME UNTIL THE DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT. PARTICIPANTS ARE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING THIS RULE AND COMPLYING WITH THE LINE SPECIFICATIONS.**
9. **Tournament Prize Money and Distribution:**

- Prize money is awarded for first place only in this winner takes all tournament to the Participant catching the largest marlin over 500 lbs. If the winner is not entered in the BMC, there may be a separate BMC winner if a BMC Participant catches a qualifying fish. Prize money shall be equal to 80% of Tournament Entry Fees (the “Prize Money”). The Prize Money will be distributed to the “Payee” designated in writing by Participant. IN THE EVENT THAT A QUALIFYING FISH IS NOT CAUGHT, THE TOURNAMENT PRIZE MONEY (TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES MINUS 20%) WILL BE ROLLED OVER AND ADDED TO THE PRIZE MONEY FOR THE 2020 TOURNAMENT. Standard entry for the 2020 Indian Ocean Marlin Cup will be required to participate in the 2020 Indian Ocean Marlin Cup.
- **Big Marlin Challenge (BMC):** Prize money is awarded for first place only in this winner takes all tournament to the Participant catching the largest marlin over 500 lbs. If the winner is not entered in the BMC, there may be a separate BMC winner if a BMC Participant catches a qualifying fish. Prize money shall be equal to 80% of Tournament Entry Fees (the “Prize Money”). The Prize Money will be distributed to the “Payee” designated in writing by Participant. IN THE EVENT THAT A QUALIFYING FISH IS NOT CAUGHT, THE TOURNAMENT PRIZE MONEY (TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES MINUS 20%) WILL BE ROLLED OVER AND ADDED TO THE PRIZE MONEY FOR THE 2020 TOURNAMENT. Standard entry for the 2020 Indian Ocean Marlin Cup and Big Marlin Challenge will be required to participate in the 2020 Indian Ocean Marlin Cup and Big Marlin Challenge.

10. **Fishing hours:** Lines in the water at 8:00 am and out of the water at 4:30 pm in the angler’s local time zone. If a hookup is reported to Indian Ocean Marlin Cup



headquarters prior to lines out at 4:30 pm and the angler reasonably believes that the marlin exceeds 500 lbs., the angler may continue fighting the marlin until it is boated, released or lost.

11. **Fishing Grounds/Extent of the Indian Ocean:** Extents of the Indian Ocean are
  1. South Africa: Cape Agulhas, South Africa - East of the 20° East Longitude Line
  2. North Australia: Darwin, Australia – West of the 130° 50' East Longitude Line
  3. South Australia: Southern Tip of Tasmania – West of the 146° 50' East Longitude Line
  4. Arabian Gulf & Red Sea: South of the 30° North Latitude line
12. **Polygraph:** Indian Ocean Marlin Cup co-host SEYCHELLES SPORTS FISHING CLUB reserves the right to require that the angler and/or any members of the crew pass a polygraph test, administered in the manner determined by Indian Ocean Marlin Cup co-host SEYCHELLES SPORTS FISHING CLUB, in order to collect the Prize Money. All tests or other verification costs incurred by Indian Ocean Marlin Cup co-host SEYCHELLES SPORTS FISHING CLUB shall be paid out of the Prize Money and/or BMC Prize Money, as applicable.
13. **Determination and Verification of Fish Size:** Fish weight as well as length (as measured from the tip of the lower jaw to the fork of the tail) and girth (the “Weight and Measurements”) shall be taken by a qualified weigh master approved by Indian Ocean Marlin Cup co-host SEYCHELLES SPORTS FISHING CLUB. At least two independent witnesses are required to witness the taking of the Weight and Measurements. The Weight and Measurements along with photos taken to verify the Weight and Measurements and the witnesses’ names and contact information shall be submitted to Indian Ocean Marlin Cup co-host SEYCHELLES SPORTS FISHING CLUB as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than midnight of your registration time zone, March 2, 2019. An observer approved by Indian Ocean Marlin Cup co-host SEYCHELLES SPORTS FISHING CLUB may be required for any Participant fishing in a remote area where there are no other Participants (the “Remote Area”). Indian Ocean Marlin Cup co-host SEYCHELLES SPORTS FISHING CLUB shall have the right to refuse any entry if it believes that adequate verification procedures are not available in the Remote Area to modify verification compliances and procedures in its sole discretion. Indian Ocean Marlin Cup co-host SEYCHELLES SPORTS FISHING CLUB reserves the right to request videographic evidence of the GPS time, GPS location and any further details required to properly confirm a qualifying fish has been caught in accordance with tournament rules. The requirement of videographic evidence is the responsibility of the registered team. Submitted videographic evidence will become the property of the Indian Ocean Marlin Cup co-host SEYCHELLES SPORTS FISHING CLUB.
14. **Fishing Line Requirements:** The Following lines are approved for use in the 2019 Indian Ocean Marlin Cup:
  - Manufacturer’s Standard 100 lb



- Any lines labeled as “IGFA class” up to 130 lb may be used

- 15. Reporting:** Participants shall use their best effort to report, as soon as possible, when a fish is hooked and then when any large marlin is boated and the estimated weight of the fish. Indian Ocean Marlin Cup co-host SEYCHELLES SPORTS FISHING CLUB may provide Tournament day activity on the Indian Ocean Marlin Cup web site or through “Twitter”, Facebook or the tournament website as it occurs throughout the day, however, in no event shall Indian Ocean Marlin Cup co-host SEYCHELLES SPORTS FISHING CLUB have any liability for any such information that may later turn out to be inaccurate or false.
- 16. Adverse Conditions:** It is the responsibility of each Participant to decide in advance whether to fish on March 2, 2019. Participants shall not be entitled to refunds for the Tournament or the Big Marlin Challenge unless Participant complies with the refund rules set forth above. Participant shall not be entitled to a refund after the refund deadline due to the inability of Participant to fish on March 2, 2019 for any reason, including, but not limited to bad weather, adverse sea conditions, other acts of God, mechanical or physical conditions or other similar conditions or events.
- 17. Dispute Resolution:** In order for any dispute or protest to be considered it must be submitted to Indian Ocean Marlin Cup co-host SEYCHELLES SPORTS FISHING CLUB prior to 5:00pm of the latest time zone with registered entry March 3, 2019. Any dispute shall be determined and resolved in the sole and absolute discretion of the Indian Ocean Marlin Cup co-host SEYCHELLES SPORTS FISHING CLUB rules committee and said determination and/or resolution shall be final and binding.
- 18. Indemnification:** Anglers / crews / boat owner and guests of Participant (collectively “Participating Parties”) enter the Tournament at their own risk, individually and collectively, and assume all risks which might occur. Participating Parties hereby release and forever discharge Indian Ocean Marlin Cup co-host SEYCHELLES SPORTS FISHING and their agents, employees, representatives, sponsors, attorneys, shareholders, officers, directors, assigns, heirs and successors-in-interest from and against any and all claims, demands, obligations and causes of action, which Participating Parties may have arising out of or in any way connected with their participation in the Tournament. Participant shall be responsible for having each of the participating parties sign a copy of these rules prior to the tournament.
- 19. Jurisdiction:** In the event of any litigation arising out of the Tournament, participant hereby consents to the jurisdiction of the SEYCHELLES courts with venue in VICTORIA, MAHE, SEYCHELLES.
- 20. Consent to Rules and Failure to Abide by the Rules:** Submission of your entry into the Tournament constitutes your acceptance of the Rules and your agreement to abide by the Rules. Failure to abide by the Rules shall constitute disqualification.