



TUNA & SWORDFISH CHALLENGE

September 17th- October 17th, 2020

Rules & Regulations

Hurricane Hole Marina

1. ENTRY

YELLOWFIN TUNA ENTRY:

Entry fee is \$2,000 per boat through September 17, 2020. The captain, mate, and four registered anglers can attend all functions. 4 anglers can be declared each day. Each additional angler is \$300.

SWORDFISH ENTRY:

Entry fee is \$2,000 per boat through September 17, 2020. The caption, mate, and four registered anglers can attend all functions. 4 anglers can be declared each day. Each additional angler is \$300.

Dues must be paid before or at registration on Thursday, September 17, 2020.

You can send a check to:

**Hurricane Hole
PO Box 750
Broussard, LA 70518**

All tournament entries are non-transferable and non-refundable. Payment of the entry fee constitutes a representation by each applicant that they have read and fully understand the tournament rules and that they will abide by such rules.

2. MAIN RULES

Each boat will be eligible to fish a maximum of 4 days, from Thursday September 17 – Saturday October 17, 2020. The Captain must declare their fishing days and team members no later than 9:00 pm the day before by notifying the tournament committee, via email or text. You may email ashlynn@hurricanehole.net or text 985.258.3586 to declare your fishing days and team members. You may be an angler on only one team during the tournament. Teams are allowed to depart from any Louisiana port but must weigh in at Hurricane Hole Marina. You may begin fishing at 12:01am and must return to Hurricane Hole by 7:00 pm on your designated fishing day to weigh in. You are allowed to fish overnight into your second day but must weigh-in by 7:00pm on that second day. If there is heavy traffic in the river or dense fog that is hindering your return, please notify a committee member once in cell range and photograph the GPS Time/Date/Location.

Fish cannot be transferred to and from any vessel. Scales will be open 4pm until 7pm each day.

3. QUALIFYING FISH

The following species are eligible for competition when caught by registered anglers in accordance with tournament rules:

Eligible for Weigh-in at Scales

- Yellowfin Tuna – 20 lbs minimum weight
- Swordfish – 47” LJFL

4. SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 17th – Registration 6:00pm, Captain’s Meeting 7:00pm and kick-off party begins at 7:30pm. Betting closes at 11 PM.

Friday, September 18th – Fishing opens at 12:01am.

Friday, September 18th through October 17th fishing is OPEN! Must declare 4 fishing days. Scales open every day 4pm-7pm.

Saturday, October 17th – Fishing ends, return to dock by 6:00pm. Scales close at 7:00pm. Live music, food, and more. Awards following.

5. CAPTAIN’S MEETING

A team member must check-in at the Captain’s Meeting held on September 17, 2020 at the Hurricane Hole Marina pool. Rules are subject to change. Any revisions to the rules will be made final by the conclusion of the Captain’s Meeting.

All participants are welcome to attend the Kick-off party with live music and food following the captain’s meeting approximately 7:30pm.

6. TOURNAMENT AWARDS

Based on 30 boats. Subject to change depending on the number of entries.

Yellowfin Tuna & Swordfish payout (per category based on 30 entries)

30 boats @ \$2,000	
1 st place, 50%	\$30,000
2 nd place, 25%	\$15,000
3 rd place, 10%	\$6,000

7. PERMITS & LICENSES

1. All captains and crew members must be in compliance with the rules and regulations of the State of Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries. If any rules are violated, the entire vessel will be disqualified.
2. Anglers must have a valid Louisiana fishing license.
3. An Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Permit (HMS) is required and anglers must be familiar with and follow the HMS regulations. <https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/>

8. TOURNAMENT START

In the interest of true sportsmanship, the start of the tournament will be as follows: September 18th, 2020 at 12:01am fishing may begin. Please text all information of checking out to Ashlynn Besson 985-258-3586.

Tournament scales will be located at the Hurricane Hole Marina only.

9. EQUIPMENT

The fish must be hand cranked when reeling in. Electric reels may be on board of boat but for deploying and retrieving bait only. Actual catching of fish must be hand cranked.

10. FISHING HOURS

Boats may begin fishing their declared days on Friday, September 18th at 12:01 am until 7:00pm Saturday, October 17th. 4 days may be declared per team for fishing. All boats must check in at Hurricane Hole marina for 6:00pm on Saturday, October 17th. Weigh-in closes at 7PM on Saturday, October 17th. Boats and fish must return to scale by water.

11. WEIGH STATION HOURS

1. Scales are open September 18th till October 17th starting at 4:00pm and closing at 7:00pm. You must be back at the dock by 6:00pm on Saturday, October 17th.
2. The fish to be weighed in must not be mutilated in any such manner and freshly caught.
3. The fish must be tail tagged with the boat and angler's name prior to leaving the boat. The angler must accompany the fish to the scales.
4. The tournament committee has final say and reserves the right to disqualify any fish in poor condition.

12. PAYMENT OF CASH AWARDS

Prior to fishing, each tournament boat must designate a payee to receive payment of cash awards. Payment of cash award will be given as checks. A single check will be written to the boat designated payee with their total of tournament cash awards and optional cash awards.

13. WEATHER

Teams have fishing days starting September 18th till October 17th between this time 4 fishing days will be declared. This will help with any bad weather that may occur.

14. TIE BREAKERS

Placement will be determined by the order of weigh-in at the scales. The recorded time of weigh-in will determine placement.

15. WAIVER/ DISCLAIMER

It is understood that all participants in the Tuna and Swordfish Challenge hosted at Hurricane Hole Marina enter the tournament at their own risk. The officers, committee members, sponsors, directors, tournament venue and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the said tournament, shall be exempt from any liability for libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm. Injury, or death suffered by any participate, entrant, angler, his/her companions, boat captains, mates, crew member, vessels and equipment which may occur during or in conjunction with the tournament. By

tournament entry, the captain consents that the Tuna and Swordfish Challenge may use without payment or restriction, any photographs in which he/she or any crew may appear for any purpose; including not limited to resale, advertising, commercial or promotional material. The captain and his crew further release the Tuna and Swordfish Challenge, officers, directors, and all persons from injury, loss, or damage which may result.

All state records winners must submit to and pass in a conclusive manner, a polygraph examination administered by a licensed polygraphist.

The tournament Director and/or Committee reserve the right to refuse entry of any anglers. In the event that an angler is refused after signed up, a full refund will be issued.

Any questions please call:

Marina store: 985-787-3014

Ashlynn Besson: 985-258-3586