

HARBOURSIDE MARINE

Bahamas Rotary Tuna Classic TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **IGFA Rules.** IGFA International Angling Rules will apply throughout the tournament.
2. **Registered anglers.** All fish entered in this tournament must be caught by registered anglers.
3. **Eligible fish.** Eligible fish include all species of Tuna, Wahoo, Dolphin, and Grouper/Snapper. Release of other species is encouraged.
4. **Minimum weight.** All tuna, dolphin, or wahoo entered in this tournament must weigh a minimum of 15lbs and all Grouper/Snapper must weigh a minimum of 10lbs in order to be eligible for prizes.
5. **Compliance with rules.** All fish qualifying for any prize shall be subject to verification as to having been caught in compliance with all rules and regulations of this tournament. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to employ verification procedures in its own discretion including the use of poly-graph tests. Judges reserve the right to refuse any entry.
6. **Forms of fishing.** Fishing with live bait, as well as the use of kites is permitted. Drift fishing is also permitted.
7. **Offshore buoys.** Fishing at offshore buoys is permitted.
8. **Number of lines/teasers.** The number of lines per boat in the water at anyone time is limited to six (6). There is no limit to the number of teasers which may be used from each boat.
9. **Area limits.** Fishing shall be limited to the waters of The Bahamas.
10. **Boat types and safety.** Any type of boat may be used in the tournament. All participating boats shall have adequate safety equipment on board and must comply with all applicable rules and regulations. All registered anglers chartering boats do so entirely at their own risk.
11. **Radio Communications.** All participating boats must have a working VHF radio on board at all times. VHF Channel 68 will be the frequency which will be used for all tournament communications.

12. Due to the extensive area over which fishing will take place, communications from participating boats to a central VHF shore station is not practical. Instead, Tournament Officials and Judges will be equipped with cell phones for the duration of the Tournament. A list of their names and contact numbers will be provided to anglers at registration.
13. **Fishing hours.** First day: Lines in at 6am. No lines out time. Optional weigh-in. Anglers may fish as long as they want to. Second Day: No lines in time. No lines out time but anglers must be at the weigh station dock (notify the weigh master) with their fish to be weighed before the closing time (see schedule of events) or those fish will be disqualified.
14. **Weigh stations.** All caught fish to be eligible for Bahamas Rotary Tuna Classic awards must be brought to an official weigh station. Weighmaster at each weigh station keeps official time. Weighmasters shall clip the tails of all weighed fish. Weigh stations and weigh station hours are as listed on the Schedule of Events.
15. **Angler presence at weigh in.** The angler must be present when his or her fish is weighed. To be eligible to have fish weighed, boats must arrive at the weigh station and be recognized by judges on duty before the closing time of the weigh station.
16. **Anglers' meeting.** A representative angler from each boat must be present at the Captain/Angler's meeting as listed on the Schedule of Events to sign in. If the representative does not attend, they accept and agree to be bound by all instructions and/or rule changes made during the meeting.
17. **Own risk.** It is expressly understood that all those participating in Harbourside Marine Bahamas Rotary Tuna Classic do so at their own risk. By registering as an angler in the tournament, the angler holds harmless the Government of The Bahamas, all Tournament Sponsors and Donors, the Rotary Club of East Nassau, the Tournament Committee, Tournament Judges, the organizers, and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the tournament from any liability for libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury or death suffered by any participant, entrant, sports-fishermen, their companions, boat captains, crew members, family, vessels and equipment which may occur during the tournament.
18. **Photographs of participants.** By registering as an angler in the tournament, the angler consents that the tournament organizers may use without payment or restrictions any photographs in which he or she appears for any purpose whatsoever, including, but not limited to resale, advertising, commercial or promotional material. The angler further releases the tournament organizers from any injury, loss or damage which may result from the use of the said picture(s).
19. **Entry fees and registration.** The boat entry fee for Harbourside Marine Bahamas Rotary Tuna Classic are as follows: \$1,000 per boat, or \$800 for boats that include a junior angler, or \$500 for 1st time boat and crew participants (\$500 shall be paid by Harbourside Marine and at the discretion of Harbourside Marine). The entry fee entitles the boat to enter fish

on all tournament days. The entry fee also entitles the boat's anglers to be eligible for all Harbourside Marine Bahamas Rotary Tuna Classic prizes and awards. Each boat must submit a registration form to a Harbourside Marine Bahamas Rotary Tuna Classic Committee Member in order to register in this tournament by 3pm on the day of the Captain/Angler's Meeting as per the Schedule of Events. Anglers registered to fish on each boat entered may not be changed once the tournament has begun.

20. **Weather.** The tournament is conducted on a "fish at your own risk basis". There is no weather committee and prizes will be awarded for eligible fish even if only a portion of the tournament is fished.
21. **Anglers per boat.** There is no restriction on the number of anglers per boat. However, only **six** registered anglers may compete.
22. **Protests.** Any protest must be filed in writing on the prescribed form at Tournament Control by 8pm on the day of the alleged offense accompanied by \$100 if protest is upheld.
23. **Decisions of judges.** All decisions of the Tournament Judges shall be final.
24. **"SPIRIT OF THE TOURNAMENT". All fishing, conduct, protests and rulings are to be within the intentions and spirit of the tournament. It is intended to be enjoyable, in good fellowship, and for everyone to have a good time. Unacceptable conduct (ashore or at sea), unfounded protests, etc. will be strongly considered as grounds for exclusion from the tournament in future years.**
25. **Ties.** In the event of a tie, the prize shall be awarded to the angler, captain or boat (depending on the prize) determined as first landing the winning fish or first reaching the winning points total as the case may be.
26. **Maximum line class.** The maximum line class for the tournament will be 80lb test.
27. **Wire line.** The use of wire line is strictly prohibited.
28. **Conservation.** The Tournament Committee wishes to stress the conservation of our marine resources. It is expected of all participants that only those fish weighed for Tournament Awards or used for food purposes be kept. Other fish of all species should be carefully released.
30. **Right of refusal.** Harbourside Marine Bahamas Rotary Tuna Classic reserves the right to refuse entry to any angler and/or boat.
31. **Junior anglers.** A registered junior angler is a boy or girl who will not have attained the age of 16 by the first day of the tournament as per the Schedule of Events. A parent or legal guardian will be required to countersign a junior angler's registration form.