

Hawaii Island Contractors' Association
Bank of Hawaii / Honsador
11th Annual Scholarship Trolling Tournament
August 1, 2010

Tournament Rules and Regulations

General:

1. Registration – Boat captains may register at the HICA office by 5:00 PM on the Friday before the scheduled tournament, July 30, 2010 (do not mail). The Hawaii Island Contractor's Association office is located at 494 C Kalanikoa Street, Hilo, HI 96720. Office phone number is 935-1316.
2. Refunds – 'Hardship' refunds up to tournament start time.
3. Each boat shall have a minimum of two (2) people on board, including the Captain. All boats entering the tournament must be paid. Additional crew members may be added on the day of the Tournament but must sign the Indemnity Form before leaving the dock. You must inform Tournament Control if you have added members or if a previously signed up member is not on board.
4. All boats must be launched from and return to the Wailoa River Basin.
5. All boats entered must contact Tournament Control by telephone (959-4038) by 7:00 AM of the tournament day if they are **not** going to participate. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of the boat's entry fee and jackpot. Contact should also be made if leaving late.
6. Tournament weigh-in station is at Suisan.
7. All boats will be subject to a complete check at the Wailoa Boat Ramp or other designated area. Inspection will include boat compliance to Coast Guard regulations, radio, fish-boxes and compartments. Boxes may be checked by 'rodding'. **NO BAIT IS ALLOWED ON BOARD WHEN LEAVING THE RAMP.**
8. All boats **must** check in with, and be acknowledged by Tournament Control, channel 23 CB, channel 68 VHF, (after boat inspection) prior to leaving and upon returning to the break-wall.
9. All boats **must** have a CB radio and/or VHF radio that is acceptable to Tournament Control. Boats with defective radios shall be suspended until repairs are acceptable. Tournament Control has the authority to call back any boat entered in the tournament. All boats must check out with Tournament Control when returning. Make sure that your radio transmission is acknowledged. Back up channel for CB is channel 21. Cellular phones and VHF radios are optional. VHF is highly recommended. The US Coast Guard does not monitor CB radio, making VHF radio the only means of communicating with them in the case of an emergency. Tournament Control will monitor VHF on channel 68, FCC rules and regulations should be observed at all times.
10. All boats must be in full compliance with Coast Guard regulations.
11. Tournament Control will NOT arrange for sale of any fish.
12. If your fish is not going to be sold by Suisan, please have your fish picked up at the boat ramp.
13. The registered captain shall be the name that appears on the original registration form. A captain shall be registered on (1) one boat only.

Fishing Time

1. Start time for all tournaments shall be 5:30 AM. No tournament boat shall leave the break-wall before this start time.
2. Stop fishing shall be at 3:30 PM for all tournaments. A five-minute radio silence shall precede stop fishing time. All boats must be inside the breakwater 30 minutes after stop fishing that is by **4:00 P.M.** - **There will be no extended fighting time.** Any Captain hooked up at the 3:30 Stop Fishing time must release the fish by locking the drag or cutting the line as quickly as possible or check out of the tournament. To check out of the Tournament, the boat must notify Radio Control immediately. For fish landed and reported to control before the 3:30 Stop fishing time to count, the boat must be in the breakwater by 4:00 P.M. by Radio Control's clock. The only exception will be for a boat assisting another boat, not the boat that needs assistance. In the event that a captain decides to continue to fight a fish after the 3:30 p.m. stop fishing deadline, it shall be without club sanction, and no fish from that boat will be weighed or counted.
3. The Tournament Committee has the authority to cancel any tournament at anytime during the tournament.
4. The marine forecast at 6:00 p.m. on the day prior to the tournament will determine if the tournament is to be postponed due to "Small Craft Advisory". If "Caution is Advised," the cancellation will be up to the Tournament Chairman and Board of Directors. If Small Craft Advisories are posted at any time after 6:00 p.m. on the day prior to the tournament or anytime after midnight, there will be an automatic tournament postponement or cancellation. This includes advisories posted anytime after the tournament has begun and boats have left the breakwater.
5. Should any Small Craft Advisory be posted during the course of the tournament, an announcement of tournament shut down and cancellation/postponement will be made and a five- (5) minute radio silence will be observed. After the radio silence, a roundup of all remaining boats will be conducted by Tournament Control. Each boat will give their location and status. No fish hooked after notice of cancellation and radio silence shall be counted. Any boat that is hooked up at time of notice of cancellation can choose to break off the fish immediately by locking the drag or cutting the line or check out of the tournament and continue fighting the fish or to release the fish. Should a captain choose to continue fighting the fish it is at their own risk. In all cases a boat must return to the breakwater within two hours for any fish landed and reported to Control before the shut down to be counted. Should any boats choose to continue to fish it will be without club sanction and no fish on board will be counted.
6. Should Small Craft Advisories be posted after the 5:30 a.m. start time, but before the 10:30 a.m. midpoint, then that tournament will be shut down (cancelled) and considered postponed. Any fish landed and called in before that time will be carried over to the next tournament. Should any tournament have to be cancelled after the 10:30 a.m. midpoint, then the results of that tournament will stand and fish landed before the time of shut down will be counted if the boat is in the breakwater within the allotted time.
7. Under any cancellation after a tournament has started, all vessels must make their way to the bay and weigh-in as safely and quickly as possible. Tournament Control and Board of Directors will monitor the weather report during the course of all tournaments. Trollers may also verify the weather report on VHF or by calling the **NOAA Office at 935-5055 or 935-9883.**

Round-Up

1. There will be (3) round-ups on tournament day. Round-up times will be conducted at 10:00 AM, 2:00 PM and 3:30 PM. Tournament Control will call each boat. When your boat is called please give the following information:
 - A. Location you are fishing in.
 - B. Number of species of all flag fish boated for the day.

2. In the event that Tournament Control cannot contact a boat for round up, it shall be the captain's responsibility to contact Control within thirty (30) minutes of the round-up time.
3. If a boat is unable to make contact with anyone at the 10:00 AM round-up, the boat must make contact or be in the break-wall by 12:00 PM and make contact with the Suisan Base or all catch for the day will be disqualified.
4. If a boat is unable to make contact with anyone at the 2:00 PM round up, the boat must be in the break-wall by 3:30 PM and make contact with Suisan Base or all catch for the day will be disqualified.
5. If a boat cannot be contacted for the final round up of the day, the captain must contact Suisan Base by 4:00 PM, or all catch for the day will be disqualified.
6. The Tournament Committee and Weight Master will enforce the round-up rules.

Hook-Ups

1. All fish must be 'hooked-up' with the boat under it's own power and in forward motion.
2. All 'hook-ups' and area fishing in must be called in immediately to Tournament Control. (Use grid map for location you are in).
3. When a fish is boated, Tournament Control must be notified of species, estimated weight of catch, and area caught. However, if fish is boated in an area where radio contact cannot be made to Tournament Control, a delay in reporting catch will be allowed. However, as soon as radio contact can be re-established either directly or by relay. Catch must be reported or catch will be disqualified. Captain shall notify Tournament Control if fish is lost.
4. Fish need not be fought from a gimbal. Fish may be fought from the rod holder. The angler may grab and pull the area of line between the reel and the guide closest to the reel to compensate for the loss of pumping action if using a gimbal or fighting chair.
5. No bait will be allowed on board any boat at check in. Boats may catch bait once the tournament has started, and the bait may be used as live bait, whole, or cut bait, during the tournament as long as the boat is in forward motion.

Weigh-In

1. Weigh-in starts at 12:30 PM Suisan control shall notify boats when to pull up to the scales. All fish caught must be weighed on the tournament scales on the day of the catch.
2. In the event of a tie for each flag fish category, the first to be officially weighed will be listed in the scoreboard as whatever place it would normally hold. The second fish and any other following of the same weight will be listed in the next place progressively downward.
3. Only two (2) fish of each flag fish category will be weighed and counted toward the tournament awards. Captains must choose which fish to weigh.
4. Any protest may be filed verbally, or in writing, by the captain of the boat entered in the tournament, to the Tournament Committee on the day of the tournament. The Protest Committee (Tournament Committee, and Weight Master) will make a ruling within 24 hours.

Awards

1. Flag fish categories are Marlin, Ahi, Mahi-mahi, and Ono. All flag fish must meet minimum weights. Minimum weights shall be Marlin (blue or black) – 100 pounds (if stripe or spear – 25 pounds), Ahi – 25 pounds, Ono – 10 pounds, Mahi-mahi – 10 pounds. Only one award may be won in each flag fish category.
2. Grand Champion will be determined by the total weight of all largest flag fish weighed.
3. The Awards Committee shall determine the type, value, and quantity of all prizes and awards.
4. There will be no transfer of points.

Tackle and Methods

1. All tackle; including leader, rod, reel, hooks, lures, and other equipment such as gaffs and methods shall comply with tournament rules.
2. Exceptions to IGFA rules.
 - A. Leaders and lures may be re-used or re-rigged.
 - B. There is no maximum breaking strength limit on main lines.
 - C. Fish may be fought from the rod holder.
 - D. 'Kagi' (killer gaff) may be used.
 - E. Double hooks may used only to catch aku or kawakawa.
3. Prohibited methods.
 - A. Green stick.
 - B. Drop stone (palu ahi).
 - C. Electric reels.
 - D. Shooting of fish.

Reasons for Disqualification:

1. Mutilated fish. By shark, boat propeller, etc.
2. Disregarding Tournament Control.
3. Un-inspected vessel.
4. Caught fish is not reported to Tournament Control in a timely manner.
5. Non-member on board except as permitted by Tournament Committee.
6. Abusive or unsportsmanlike behavior.
7. Unable to contact boat during 10:00 AM round up and boat is not in the break-wall by 12:00 PM.
8. Unable to contact boat during 2:30 PM round-up and boat is not in the break-wall by 3:30 PM
9. Unable to contact boat during last round up and boat is not in the break-wall within 30 minutes.