



# VANUATU MARLIN CLASSIC 2018

## PORT VILA VANUATU

FRIDAY 21ST – THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

(Updated Version 28 Jun 18 Supersedes previous versions)

***1<sup>st</sup> Major Prize:***

***75% of the Pool of and Sponsorships***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Major Prize:***

***15% of the Pool and Sponsorships***

***3<sup>rd</sup> Major Prize:***

***10% of the Pool of and Sponsorships***

*Most points Champion Angler: 50,000 Vatu Cash.*

*Angler Heaviest Wahoo: 10,000 Vatu Cash.*

*Angler Heaviest Mahi Mahi: 15,000 Vatu Cash.*

*Angler Heaviest Yellowfin Tuna: 10,000 Vatu Cash.*

*Plus a chance to win the Calcutta.*

**Unofficial Rules & Regulations Vanuatu Marlin Classic 2018**

**ALL BOATS WISHING TO COMPETE MUST BE REGISTERED BY 6.30pm ON THE EVENING OF THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 at the BLUE MARLIN CLUB**

**Entry Fee will be 120,000 Vatu per boat team for 4 anglers**

**If book register and pay by 01 August Entry Fee will be 100,000 Vatu**

**1 extra Angler permitted 25,000 if paid by 01AUG18 or 30,000 after 01AUG18.**

Briefing of official rules, Sponsors recognition, spot prizes available and the holding of Calcutta. Tony Ryan will commence the Calcutta at 7:30pm. The Calcutta will be won by the boat with the most Marlin only on Tagged & Released points.

The Blue Marlin Club will host the Presentation Evening & Buffet on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm. Additional guest tickets for family and friends will be available at 5000vt per Adult and 2000vt per Child:

**Any angler caught cheating, misrepresenting captures or not competing in a sportsman like manner may be disqualified for the tournament at the organiser's discretion.**

A team shall consist of a minimum of two anglers and a maximum of **5 anglers**.

### **FISHING TIMES:**

First day of fishing lines in at 7.30 there will be no Sail past or official shotgun start this year. For the rest of the tournament days, lines in and commencement of fishing will be 7am and cease fishing will be at 4pm every day till Thursday 27th September 2018.

Teams will designate their **THREE** days of the allotted seven days allowing one Lay Day per team. Designated days can be nominated before 6.30pm on the day prior by contacting Tournament Base.

All anglers will act in a sportsmanlike manner at all times any protest should be reported to the organizers on the day and the organizers consideration of any protest will be final.

The Vanuatu Marlin Classic is an invitational tournament with teams receiving an application to participate. Acceptance of the application will be at the sole discretion of the organizers.

**The rules laid out are in addition to IGFA Rules. Teams are responsible to review the IGFA Rules and all skippers and anglers should carefully read and be aware of the IGFA Rules as well as the new rules released 01 April 2017. <https://www.igfa.org/News/ruleschange2017>. A copy of the IGFA Rules will be included in your team pack.**

In a charter situation the Captain and Deck Hand may not participate in fishing, casting or dropping back baits or the handling of live rods, the reason is fish can be hooked up in the process consequently as a non-registered angler any hook up will be disqualified.

All Vessels fish at their own risk and will carry all appropriate safety equipment, including Flares, life jackets for each person on board **plus** one extra for any observer that the organizers may allocate to any boat. Radio communication with tournament base is essential to relay skeds when called for on channel 60.

The Vanuatu Marlin Classic 2018 and its organizers and its sponsors accept no responsibility whatsoever for decisions and/or actions made by crew members or observers going out to sea.

All Team Leaders must provide the teams Video Camera/s (absolutely essential). No team will enter the tournament without firstly having their Cameras identified and registered by the organizers.

Teams are responsible for ensuring all IGFA Rules are followed. Teams are encouraged to check all tackle, leaders, hook arrangements and line prior to start fishing and also study the IGFA Rulebook.

The organizers reserve the right to allocate an observer or photographer on any boat any day. The Captain will be responsible for the comfort of the person at all times. Observers do not determine official releases or catches.

### **TAG & RELEASE POINTS BY LINE CLASS - No Video Proof, No Points.**

MARLIN: 50LB LINE CLASS 1000 POINTS

MARLIN: 80LB LINE CLASS 700 POINTS

MARLIN: 130LB LINE CLASS 400 POINTS

Tag and Releases will only be qualified by the appointed adjudicator by verifying species of fish hooked up and being tagged and released in accordance with the rules. This includes substantiated proof by video footage of the boat, angler, the tagging and releasing of the healthy fish.

Line classes will be 50lb, 80lb and 130lb tested line only. Points for tagged and released Marlin on 50lb will be 1000 points and tagged and released Marlin on 80lb will be 700 points. Points will be awarded for Blue Marlin, Black Marlin and Striped Marlin only.

All tagged and released Marlin **or** fish to be weighed (Non Marlin) report sheets must be handed in at tournament base by 6.30 pm on the same day. Tournament Base is the Blue Marlin Wharf. Port Vila. No sheets will be accepted after 6.30 pm unless permitted by the organizers whereby a hook up is or was still being fought after cease fishing time, preventing the 6.30 pm deadline.

No lines whatsoever are permitted in the water before the commencement of fishing each day.

Dead Marlin at the boat will not be awarded any points, however a Marlin weighed that qualifies as a **WORLD RECORD** or the first 1000 pounder will be awarded full tournament points.

### **RADIO SCHEDULE & TAG INFORMATION:**

All boats must be able to receive and transmit on VHF Channel 60 and must maintain contact with the Tournament control base – Watchdog – directly or by relay through another boat at every sked. The first daily radio sked will be at 0705hours and then every 2 hours. Please advise Grid location (alpha – numeric from the SAR chart provided) and score e g: strikes, hook ups, landed, released.

The fishing area will be no more than forty nautical miles from Devils Point.

Boat skippers must sign “ON” on departure and “OFF” on return by radio to Watchdog. When signing on the skipper must advise team name, angler names, and total number of people on the vessel.

Boats that miss two consecutive radio skeds (directly or by relay) will be liable to disqualification. Where reasonable concern exists for the safety of any vessel a search may be instituted. If Radio failure happens whilst at sea communication through mobile phone, sat phone or HF will be at the discretion of the committee.

All “Hook Ups” must be radioed in immediately. Clear video evidence of the tagged and released fish is required to qualify for points. All “tagged and released” fish details must be radioed in immediately giving the Vessel name, Anglers name, Species of fish, Line class and time released. All tag cards must be handed in daily to tournament base.

Weather has always been a controversial issue, so the decision to fish or not will be at the team leaders and the Captain of the boat’s discretion to go out and fish or not. All boats have the right to determine whether to take the risk or not fish on any given day. The organizers take no responsibility whatsoever for decisions made by team leaders or Captains in relation to fish in adverse weather during the tournament.

### **WEIGHED FISH – Gutted/Gilled Fish**

Please weigh fish between 5.30 – 6.30pm each day at Blue Marlin Lodge Wharf. If any reason due to unforeseen circumstance that may delay your weigh please advise tournament base. In the interests of maintaining fish quality, catches may be brought to the weigh station gutted and iced. An additional weight factor of 10% will be awarded. If you think you have a record claim fish the fish must be weighed intact.

### **PRESENTATION NIGHT.**

The venue of the presentation of awards night is at the Blue Marlin Club. Numbatu. on the evening of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018 from 6.30pm. We do encourage you to bring family or friends and for none anglers there will be a charge of 5,000vt per extra adult and 2,000vt per extra child. Please advise on registration form if extra guests will be joining us on the presentation evening.

## **PRIZES:**

Major prizes will be awarded by the number of accumulated and authenticated tag and release points per team for Marlin only.

**First Prize:** Will be: 75% of the Pool in cash.

**Second Prize:** Will be: 15% of the Pool in cash.

**Third Prize:** Will be: 10% of the Pool in cash.

Calcutta Prizes Will be 75% of Pool for Top Boat.

15% of Pool for Runner Up.

10% of Pool for 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up.

**Outright Points Champion Angler Prize:** 50,000 Vatu cash.

### **Heaviest species:**

There will be a trophy and a cash prize of **10,000 Vatu** cash for the heaviest Wahoo.

There will be a trophy and a cash prize of **15,000 Vatu** for the heaviest Mahi Mahi.

There will be a trophy and a cash prize of **10,000 Vatu** for the heaviest Yellowfin Tuna.

All Fish must be weighed at Blue Marlin Wharf weigh station or Wahoo Bar weigh station **ONLY** on the same day as capture and within the given official times.

*Tournament Organiser's.*

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*GOOD LUCK TO ALL PARTICIPATING*

*KEEP IT SAFE AND HONEST*