

4th Annual Chub Cay Open

March 11th–13th, 2027 | Chub Cay Resort & Marina

Let's Get Ready to Fish!

Mark your calendars — the 4th Annual Chub Cay Open hits the water March 11th–13th, 2027 at Chub Cay Resort & Marina, and we cannot wait to see you there! Three days of world-class billfishing, incredible crews, and no shortage of stories in the making.

Get set to chase down Blue Marlin, White Marlin, Sailfish, and other top gamefish, all while giving back to the fishery with our catch-and-release format. Whether you're a seasoned pro or hooking your first billfish, this tournament brings the thrill every angler dreams about.

Everything you need is right here in this packet: the registration and payment form, tournament rules, catch-and-release requirements, the liability waiver, wire instructions, and the dining and team shirt form. Fill it out, get your team ready, and let's make some memories out on the water.

See you at the dock!

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. FISHING HOURS

"Lines in" at 8:00 am, "Lines out" at 3:00 pm. All boats must be back in the marina by 5:00 pm. In the event a team is fighting a fish past lines out, you have two hours from release time to make it back to the marina.

2. BOUNDARY

A 60-mile boundary radius from the marina is in effect.

3. ELIGIBLE SPECIES

Billfish (Blue Marlin, White Marlin, Sailfish), plus Tuna (Yellowfin or Blackfin), Wahoo, and Dolphin (Mahi Mahi) for weigh-in.

4. FISH LIMIT

Eligible fish for weigh-in (Tuna, Wahoo, Dolphin) must meet a minimum weight of 10 lbs. Fish that do not meet this requirement will not count.

5. TACKLE

An unlimited number of teasers and lines are allowed; "J-hooks" only with lures; offset circle hooks are not allowed.

6. BILLFISH HOOK-UP & RELEASE

A billfish hook-up must be called in to the "Committee Boat" within the first minute on VHF channel 71. The "Committee Boat" will validate your hook-up by announcement. A billfish release must be called in to the "Committee Boat" with the following information: species released and boat name. The "Committee Boat" will then verify your information by announcement and give you a release time, which must be recorded on your daily sheet.

7. WINNERS

All billfish must be released to qualify. A billfish is considered released when an angler brings the leader close enough to the boat for the mate or captain to grasp the leader or leader passes through tip. Billfish trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place based on the total points achieved per the scoring below. An additional trophy will be awarded to the 1st place non-sonar boat.

Points will be awarded according to the following points system:

- Blue Marlin – 500 points.
- White Marlin – 200 points.
- Sailfish (including unidentified billfish and Spearfish) – 100 points.

In the event of a tie in total points between two or more boats for the same award, the winner shall be the first boat to reach the score.

8. ELIGIBILITY

Any angler who has worked as a professional crew member, Captain, mate or commercial fisherman in the previous 3 years will not be allowed to participate as an angler. Hook and hand are permitted with one pass as soon as possible, then IGFA rules apply.

9. WEATHER

Chub Cay Resort & Marina has the right to move tournament dates in case of severe weather and can refuse entry/participation to anyone for any reason at any time.

10. PROTESTS

In case of a protest, forms are available and must be filled out on the same day of infraction of the rules observed, plus a non-refundable \$1,000 protest fee. The decision of the Fishing Committee regarding the protest and the interpretation of the rules shall be final.

11. LIABILITY

Participants of this tournament enter at their own risk. Officials, committee members, sponsors and ALL persons connected directly or indirectly with the operations of the Chub Cay Club Members & Guest Fishing Tournament shall be exempt from any liability for loss, damage or negligence, harm or injury suffered by any participant, entrant, sportfishing vessel, captain, crew members, vessels and equipment which may occur during this tournament.

12. AGREEMENT

All teams must possess a Bahamas Fishing Permit. By signing the entry, you adhere to all tournament rules.

CATCH & RELEASE VERIFICATION

IDENTIFICATION MARKERS:

Each team will obtain a marker prior to the day's fishing. This marker must be displayed during the fight and recorded. Failure to show the marker in your video proof will disqualify your catch, even if it is time-stamped.

RELEASE VERIFICATION RECORDINGS:

- Teams must display identification markers during fish fights and submit video proof of each catch and release, showing the registered angler, proper identification marker, sufficient footage of the fish, and proof of release.
- A daily affidavit must be submitted with video proof by 5:00 pm each fishing day.

RELEASE AFFIDAVIT:

Each billfish release is required to be noted on the day's affidavit and submitted with your video to the committee each fishing day. Failure to turn in your affidavit will disqualify that day's catch(es). Affidavits are supplied with your registration package. If you do not have one for each day, please see the committee for a replacement.

FORMS & WAIVERS

(I, We), the undersigned, do contemplate participating in the CHUB CAY CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES TOURNAMENT to be held:

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Participants acknowledge the risks associated with the tournament, including weather and mechanical failures, and agree not to hold the tournament organizers liable for any injuries, damages, or losses.

Participants authorize the organizers to provide medical treatment if necessary and assume responsibility for any related costs.

As a consequence of the foregoing and in consideration of permitting us to engage and participate in the tournament, we do hereby individually and collectively release and forever discharge the released parties, from any and all manner and actions, cause and causes of action from whatever cause including but not limited to the negligence, breach of contract, or wrongful conduct of the parties hereby released, which (I, We) or (My, Our) heirs may hereafter have by reason of any injury or damages suffered during or resulting from (My, Our) participation in the tournament.

(I, We) authorize released parties to provide (me, us) with medical treatment if participant is injured, to accept financial responsibility for any costs related to that treatment, and to release, waive and forever discharge released parties from any claims in any way connected with said medical assistance or treatment.

(I, We) agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the released parties from any and all claims, whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence and/or fault of the released parties or otherwise, that arise from participation in the tournament to the fullest extent of the law.

(I, We) understand that (I, we) enter the tournament at (My, Our) own risk and (I, We) hereby assume all risk which may be involved in participating in the tournament, particularly hazards due to weather conditions and (I, We) fully understand that at any time during (My, Our) participation (I, We) may elect not to participate when (I, We) think weather hazards are too great.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, (I, We) have hereunto set (My, Our) hand(s) and seal(s),

(DATE) _____

Team Captain (print) _____

Team Captain (sign) _____

Each participant must answer and submit this form prior to registration.

Name of Boat & Length: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

DINING & TEAM SHIRTS

Please complete and return this form with your registration.

DINING OPTIONS

Dining option will be buffet-style. Kindly indicate the number attending and your preferred seating time.

Friday, March 12th, 2027

Number attending dinner: _____

Preferred seating time: ☐ 6:00 PM ☐ 7:30 PM

Saturday, March 13th, 2027

Number attending dinner: _____

Preferred seating time: ☐ 6:00 PM ☐ 7:30 PM

Dietary Restrictions / Allergies: _____

TEAM SHIRT SIZES

Please list each team member and indicate their shirt size.

1. Name: _____

Size: _____

2. Name: _____

Size: _____

3. Name: _____

Size: _____

4. Name: _____

Size: _____

5. Name: _____

Size: _____

6. Name: _____

Size: _____

Available sizes: S · M · L · XL · XXL · XXXL

Team / Boat Name: _____

Submitted By: _____

Date: _____