

GRAND LAGOON

GRAND SLAM

PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA
PRESENTED BY



August 9 – 11, 2018

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Lighthouse Marina, Grand Lagoon-Panama City Beach

Remaining balance of all entry fees due by August 1

- **Entry Fees:**

Sportfish Division: *(payout based on 30 boats: \$96,000)*

- **\$4,500** Entry Fee (After July 15th)

Center Console: *(payout based on 30 boats: \$48,000)*

- **\$2,500** Entry Fee (After July 15th)

Sportfish Division:

Payouts:

1st place Tournament = \$33,600
2nd place Tournament = \$20,160
3rd place Tournament = \$13,440

Center Console Division:

Payouts:

1st place Tournament = \$24,000
2nd place Tournament = \$14,400
3rd place Tournament = \$9,600

Blue Marlin Payout (Sportfish Division only):

Heaviest Weighed Blue Marlin (30% of Total) = \$28,800*

**Minimum length for eligible Blue Marlin: 106". If no eligible Blue Marlin are weighed, the prize money for Blue Marlin will be rollover to Sportfish 1st – 3rd place winners (50/30/20).*

- **The Grand Lagoon Grand Slam** Tournament, with two separate divisions, is open to all outboard-powered fishing boats (including center-consoles, cuddy cabins, catamarans, etc.) and all sportfish vessels targeting three species: Tuna, Wahoo and Dolphin. Teams in the Outboard Division may enter the Sportfish Division with payment of Sportfish entry fees. Teams qualified for the Sportfish Division may not enter the Outboard Division. Teams must pay the general tournament entry fee to be entered into the Tournament.
- Two fish per species per boat may be weighed. Only one Blue Marlin per boat per day/trip may be weighed. (Each boat may not be in possession of more than **ONE** Blue Marlin at any given time.)
- Withdrawal / Refund Policy – Tournament entry fee (less Deposit) will be refunded anytime up to 48 hours before the start of fishing.
- Boats may depart from any pass between Mexico Beach, FL and Mobile Bay, AL. All boats must weigh-in by water on the entered tournament boat.
- **Tournament Scoring:** Winners are determined by their cumulative points scored across all three species. Teams will score one (1) point per pound for their single heaviest fish weighed in each category. Each fish must weigh a minimum of 20 pounds. Teams can choose to weigh more than one fish of each species; however, only their heaviest entrant will be scored. **Grand Slam Bonus:** Teams that weigh an eligible fish of each species (Tuna, Dolphin, and Wahoo) will be awarded an additional 75 bonus points. The team that has the most points totaled across all three species will be crowned the winner.

Scoring Example:

Species Weight Points - Tuna 120 lbs. = 120 pts; Dolphin 35 lbs. = 35 pts; Wahoo 50 lbs. = 50 pts
 Points Scored: 205 + Bonus Points 75 = Total Score: 280

Species	Weight	Points
Tuna	120 lbs.	120
Dolphin	35 lbs.	35
Wahoo	50 lbs.	50
	Points Scored:	205
	Bonus Points:	75
	Total Score:	280

OPTIONAL JACKPOTS:

These Optional Jackpots are not part of the General Tournament entry. Only boats who have entered these optional jackpots will be eligible to win in these categories. Minimum of 3 entries required per jackpot. Jackpots pay 1st place only. There is no second or third place payout.

GAMEFISH OPTIONAL JACKPOTS: (Tuna, Dolphin, Wahoo)

- Center Console Division: \$500 per species.
- Sportfish Division: \$1,000 per species.

BILLFISH OPTIONAL JACKPOTS:

Center Console Division:

- \$1,000 Jackpot for the single heaviest weighed Blue Marlin (106" minimum length – tip of lower jaw to fork in tail/tape over body of fish measurement method) First place only. Note: Only one Blue Marlin permitted per boat per day.
- \$1,000 Jackpot for the team with total highest Catch & Release points (video verification required) First place only.

Sportfish Division:

- \$2,500 Jackpot for the single heaviest weighed Blue Marlin (106" minimum length – tip of lower jaw to fork in tail/tape over body of fish measurement method) First place only. Note: Only one Blue Marlin permitted per boat per day.
- \$2,500 Jackpot for the team with total highest Catch & Release points (video verification required). First place only.

CATCH AND RELEASE RULES:

Only Billfish caught and released according to the following rules are eligible for Optional Jackpot cash awards. Billfish are considered caught when the leader connection or swivel touches the tip of the rod or the mate or other team member touches the leader. Billfish removed from the water or boated will be disqualified. Catch & Release Forms are available on the Grand Lagoon Grand Slam Website (<http://www.grandlagoongrandslam.com/>) under "Registration Forms".

Video must include:

- Angler fighting fish including video of rod and reel.
- Tournament designator – Tournament Designator will be sent to the Team Contact prior to departure.
- Video of swivel at rod tip or mate touching the leader.
- Video of Billfish for species identification.
- Video of release of Billfish.
- Clear video of GPS date & time of release. Hold camera steady for several seconds to allow clear focus of GPS Date & Time. GPS must display in CDT.

Eligible Billfish:

- Blue Marlin 100 points
- White Marlin 49 points
- Sailfish/Unidentifiable billfish 39 points
- Catch and Release ties will be broken by the team which reaches the highest total points first.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

- **Thursday, August 9th:**

Kickoff Lunch and Optional Registration at Legendary Marine, PCB 11 am – 1 pm.

Rules Recap Meeting starts at 1 pm. For those departing from other locations, the Rules Recap Meeting may be viewed via Facebook Live on the Grand Lagoon Grand Slam Facebook page.

***New for 2018!** - Boats may depart from Panama City, Mexico Beach, Destin, Pensacola Pass, Perdido Pass and Mobile Pass providing the following requirements are met:

*Each team is required to take a digital photo of GPS time/date at the time of departure with latitude and longitude indicating the departure pass location. Photo of GPS departure time/date with latitude and longitude must be presented to Jim Hamilton prior to weighing in eligible fish.

Departure Times:

- Panama City Pass/Mexico Beach: 2:00 pm (CT)
- Destin Pass: 3:00 pm (CT)
- Pensacola Pass/Perdido Pass/Mobile Pass: 4:00 pm (CT)

- **Friday, August 10th:**

For Billfish Only – Friday night weigh-in, 7-8 pm.

*Weigh-in of Blue Marlin on Friday night requires prior notification by 2 pm Friday. Call Jim Hamilton at (850) 625-2728. Boats having Blue Marlin to weigh in must be inside of the “split” Marker in Grand Lagoon by 7 pm on Friday night.

- **Saturday, August 11th:**

Weigh Scales open from 6 pm until last eligible fish is weighed.

*Boats having fish to weigh in must be inside of the “split” Marker in Grand Lagoon by 7 pm on Saturday night.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Credit Cards are subject to a 3% handling fee. 80% of entry fees and 90% of optional jackpots will be paid out. All fish must be caught on rod and reel by registered boats during tournament hours and weighed in before scales close on Saturday, August 11th. Fish Handling: All fish that appear to have been altered, spoiled, mutilated or frozen will be disqualified from the tournament. Any team submitting a fish that is proven to have been weight-altered or frozen will be immediately disqualified. It is the Team's responsibility to comply with all applicable State and Federal laws regarding fishing licenses, permits, size limits, bag limits or any other regulations which may apply. In the event of a tie in weight, the first fish weighed wins. In the event of a tie in total points, the tie will be broken by the team which reached the total tied points level first (i.e., the team weighing their last fish first wins). All rulings and final judgment are based on the discretion of weigh-master and tournament officials. There are no disputes or protests of judge's rulings – this is a FUN tournament.

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY:

An assessment of sea conditions will be made prior to the Kickoff Luncheon. If conditions are calling for 3' – 5' seas or greater, we will notify you of postpone/reschedule or cancelation plans. If cancelation is deemed necessary, 100% of deposit, entry fees and optional jackpot entries will be refunded within one week.

RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS:

Participants in the Grand Lagoon Grand Slam hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless the Tournament Committee, Sponsors, Wheels Up Special Events, LLC, North Lagoon Partners INC, Coastal Marina Management, LLC and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, volunteers, partners, members, the and/or attorneys for any and all losses, claims, or demands of any kind or character whatsoever arising from the negligence or gross negligence of the Releases or from any other cause connected with or occurring during the Tournament. The Participants expressly acknowledge that he/she has received, reviewed, and agrees to abide by the Tournament Rules and this Release. Furthermore, the Participants expressly acknowledge that activities relating to deep sea fishing are extremely dangerous and involve the risk of serious injury or death. Having so acknowledged, the Participants hereby assume full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury or death due to the negligence or gross negligence of the Releases or any other cause connected with or occurring during the Tournament.

For more information, please contact Jim Hamilton (850) 625-2728.