

Paradise Bank and Mahogany Services

Present the

Annual Charity Billfish Blast

At the Ocean Reef Club, Key Largo, FL



**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
TWIN PALMS CENTER FOR THE DISABLED**



1. **Dates:** Registration and Captain's Meeting – Friday March 3rd, 2017 from 7:00-10:00pm, Ocean Reef Club, Key Largo, FL
Tournament – Saturday, March 4th, 2017 8am-4pm – Offshore southeast Atlantic Ocean with weigh in at the Ocean Reef Club Fishing Village to follow.

Awards Ceremony & Raffle – Saturday March 4th , 2017, from 7pm-11pm,
Ocean Reef Club, Key Largo, FL

Sunday: All Tournament events are done – Enjoy the day and have a safe trip home.

2. **Entry Fee**: \$1,500.00 per boat which includes four registered anglers – All entry fees will go directly to Twin Palms Center for the Disabled. **No refunds will be given for entry fee**. Entry fee deadline is February 15th , 2017, after February 15th , 2017, the entry fee is \$1,750.00. Entry will include dinner tickets and drink tickets for both Friday night and Saturday night for the four registered anglers; however six anglers are permitted to fish and will be responsible for their meal and drink tickets available upon request. Extra meal and drink ticket will be available to purchase for guests in attendance.

3. **Lodging and Boat Slips**: All reservations for rooms and dockage must be arranged by each entrant directly with the Ocean Reef Club. The reservation desk of the club may be contacted by calling 1-800-741-7333 or email reservations@oceanreef.com. Please identify yourself as part of the Paradise Bank Fishing Tournament. Boat slip reservations must be made directly with the dock master, at 305-367-5908.

4. **Licenses**: All anglers must possess necessary valid fishing licenses.

5. **Tournament Hours**: Saturday – Lines in at 8:00am, Lines out at 4:00pm. Weigh in will be held at Orvis Outfitters between 4:00pm and 5:30pm. Boundaries are between Triumph Reef (Latitude 25° 28 minutes 59 seconds) and Elbow Reef (Latitude 25° 8 minutes 40 seconds). Committee boat will monitor VHF channel 78.

6. **Equipment** – All fish must be caught on rod and reel. The angler must fight and bring the fish to the boat unaided by any other person. Kites may be used, electric reels permitted for kites only. IGFA rules. No professional anglers allowed. Six line maximum.

Live bait will be available for purchase but must be reserved a week prior to tournament. Contact Edgar Benes for more information: 561-866-6075.

7. **Registration** – All anglers on board must be registered. Up to six anglers may be registered.

8. **Eligible Fun Fish** – Tuna, Wahoo, Kingfish, and Dolphin. All fish weighed in must be fresh fish caught the day of the tournament. Anglers are encouraged to release fish not being entered. Minimum weight 10 lbs.

All billfish are eligible. 100 points will be issued for each billfish released which must be called in at the time of release. During the last 10 minutes of the tournament, all hook ups must be called in.

9. **Categories** – Top Boat – Two prizes, one for heaviest fish of eligible species of fun fish and most billfish releases.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Dolphin
1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Tuna

Most Releases
Top Male

1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd Place Wahoo	Top Female
1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd Place Kingfish	Top Junior-15 years or younger
1 st Place Male Angler (heaviest fish)	Top Captain(most releases)
1 st Place Female Angler (heaviest fish)	Top Mate (most releases)
Top Junior Angler (heaviest fish)	Last Billfish Release
Top Captain (heaviest fish)	
Top Mate (heaviest fish)	
First Billfish Release	

There will also be a Hard Luck trophy awarded to the best fish tale heard at the awards ceremony.

10. **Protests** – Any protests must be filed in writing with the committee prior to the close of weigh in. All decisions of the tournament rules committee are absolute and final.

11. **Release of liability** – It is expressly understood that all participants enter at their own risk and that the sponsors and charity and their officers and directors and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operations of the tournament shall be exempt from any liability for loss, damage, negligence, harm, or personal injury including attorney fees, by any participant, entrant, sport-fisherman or their companions, boat captains, mates, crew members, guests, vessels and equipment which may occur during the tournament.

12. **Consent** – By signing the entry form, the angler agrees to follow the tournament rules and that the tournament may use, without payment or restriction and photographs in which he or she appears for any purpose including but not limited to advertising, commercial or promotional material without compensation or restriction. All anglers are required to sign their entry form as certification that they have read and agree to abide by all the rules and the above liability release. No entry will be accepted unsigned.

13. **Prizes**: The prizes will consist of cash awards, trophies, tackle, trips, hotel stays and many other exciting items.

***SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Friday March 3rd, 2017:

**7:00 pm Registration (wristband distribution) & Captain's Meeting
At least one angler from each boat must be present to register.**

8:00 pm Casual Dinner

Saturday March 4th, 2017:

8:00 am Lines In

4:00 pm Lines Out – Weigh In at Orvis Outfitter's until 5:30 pm

7:00 pm Dinner and Awards Ceremony

Sunday March 5th , 2017:

Check Out and you're on your own! Thank you for your participation and have a safe journey home.

Mark your calendars for our 2016 Charity Billfish Blast scheduled for March 3rd and 4th, 2017 , at the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, FL. Entry fee will be \$1500.00 deadline for entry is February 15, 2017, anyone wishing to enter after this date will pay \$1750.00.

***Information subject to change**

**PARADISE BANK & MAHOGANY SERVICES
CHARITY BILLFISH BLAST**

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Boat Owner/Angler: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Your Facebook name: _____ Instagram name: _____

Name of Boat: _____

Captain & Mate(s): _____

Contact number for Captain: _____

Total of six (6) anglers per boat – **list all anglers' names below indicating: Male, Female, Adult or Junior. Anglers age 15 and under are considered junior anglers:**

Name: _____ Jr: Yes ___ No ___ Tee shirt size: _____

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All participants in the tournament enter at their own risk. Officials, committee members and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the Annual Billfish Blast Tournament shall be exempt from any liability for loss, damage, negligence, harm or injury suffered to any participant, entrant, sports-fisherman, their companions, boat captains, crew members, vessels and equipment which may occur during the tournament.

PLEASE SIGN BELOW TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THIS EVENT.

I understand and agree to the above paragraph. I also understand the tournament Official Rules and Regulations and agree to abide by them.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Entry Fee: \$1,500

***Entry fee deadline is February 15th , 2017**

***After February 15th, 2017 the fee will be \$1,750.00**

ENTRY FEE IS NON REFUNDABLE

**Mail completed copy of entry form along with check payable to:
"Twin Palms Center for the Disabled" send to the attention of:**

Lisa Mundell
C/O Paradise Bank
2420 North Federal Hwy
Boca Raton, FL 33431

Any questions regarding the Fishing Tournament may be directed to the committee c/o Edgar Benes, (561) 866-6075 (cell) or (561) 999-1993 (office).

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FISHING RULES

- **IGFA Rules Apply**
- **No professional Anglers**
- **Circle hooks for all natural bait**
- **Fishing is based on the honor system**
- **Boundaries are between Triumph Reef (Latitude 25° 28 minutes 59 seconds) and Elbow Reef (Latitude 25° 8 minutes 40 seconds)**
- **Fishing Hours: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm**
- **Weigh In until 5:30 pm**
- **Billfish releases must be called in to Committee boat**

- **Last 10 minutes of tournament hook ups must be called in**
- **Monitor VHF channel 78**
- **No Wire Lines or downriggers**
- **Six Lines ONLY**
- **No live bait chumming and all dead baits not used must not be thrown overboard.**
- **Kites may be used-electric reels may only be used for kites**
- **Billfish release is official when the mate or other angler touches the leader.**
- **Release Sheet with time of release and angler name must be signed and turned into the committee no later than 5:30pm on Saturday to be official.**