

The Pink Ladies Tournament - Format and Rules

The Format :

This is a **boat tournament using dead-bait, trolling** methods. We will fish on Thursday in January to accommodate those that will participate in the Ft. Pierce Billfish Derby held the following Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There are no lay days. Cash and trophies will be awarded to the top 3 boats.

The **Entry Fee is 1000.00** and the proceeds will benefit the Pink Ties Organization.

There will a prize for the Biggest Dolphin of \$500.00.

The entry fees are due in full by December 14, 2007. If payment is made after deadline the new entry fee will be \$1,250.00. If a refund is made it will be with a \$500.00 deduction.

This is a billfish **release** tournament. There are no meat or fish categories.

Nightly events are to be determined by the Tournament Committee, please visit the **Schedule page** for the most up to date information at this time. You will be provided with food, drink, and entertainment nightly during the tournament weekend!

The Rules :

- 1. This is an invitational tournament. The tournament has the right to accept or reject any application.**
- 2. Vessels must be 30' in length to compete.**
- 3. Vessels must carry a comprehensive insurance policy covering all persons on board.**
- 4. Owner and captain are required to sign the "Tournament Held Harmless Agreement".**
- 5. Lines in at 9am. Lines out at 3:00pm.**
- 6. Captains are to report in to the "Committee" by 8:00am for roll call.**
- 7. Captains are to report each release to the "Committee". You will be given a time for the observer to record. The Captain must sign the daily score card and hand it to our "Committee" at City Marina by 6pm.**
- 8. Professionals are permitted to fish.**
- 9. IGFA rules ([IGFA website - 2004 rules](#)) apply with the following exceptions:**
- 10.**
- 11. Leaders are not to exceed 15 ft (including wind on) in length regardless of line test.**
- 12. Handing off of hooked billfish is permitted**
- 13. A release is consider valid when the leader has touched the rod tip or the mate has control of the leader in his hand and the observer has witnessed the release.**
- 14. No live bait. No live bait teasers. No chumming. No pitching or casting of baits.**

Tackle:

1. **Conventional gear only. No spinning tackle.**
2. **15 ft. leaders are the maximum.**
3. **Non-offset circle hooks are REQUIRED.**
4. **No limit on lines out in spread.**
5. **No limit on lb. test on spool.**

Boundaries:

North-43700 (off Melbourne in 150ft)

South-43000 (Jupiter inlet in 150ft)

East-no boundaries

Automatic team DQ if a fish is called in and recorded out of bounds.

Breakdown or Substitutions:

In the event of a breakdown, the tournament will reserve the right to consider a change in vessels. Two teams may not merge into one with points added together. Teams must be registered on the official entry form by the registration deadline of Wednesday January 2nd, 2008 by 8pm. Late shows are ok as long as the teams are registered and paid by the above referenced date and time.

Weather - Your discretion.

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Deadline: December 14, 2007 for \$1,000.00 entry with proceeds benefiting the [Treasure Coast Pink Ties Organization - "Women Fighting"](#)

\$1250 after December 14, 2007

Payable to: Fort Pierce Billfish Derby

Pink Ladies Billfish Tournament

The cost is \$1,000.00 per boat

Benefits to the [Treasure Coast Pink Tie Organization](#)
"Women Fighting"