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## WARRANT OFFICERS' & SERGEANTS' MESS 71<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

### INTRODUCTION

1. The Annual Fishing Tournament organized and run by The Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess (WOs & Sgts Mess) of the Royal Bermuda Regiment (RBR) will be on Sun, 2 Jun 24. The alternative dates are Sun, 9 or 16 Jun 24 pending weather.
2. It is open to all residents of Bermuda. The WOs & Sgts Mess is a non-profit organization. The entrance fee is \$50.00 per competitor. All monies is payable in order to purchase prizes for the tournament. All competitors are requested to read the attached rules thoroughly.
3. We invite all participants, family and friends to the Fish Fry and Prize Presentation at the WOs & Sgts Mess on Sat, 8 Jun 24 commencing at 1930hrs (7:30 p.m.). The alternative dates are Sat, 15 or 22 Jun 24.
4. If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact the following organizers below:
  - a. Colour Sergeant Tyler Smith 591-5471 or [tmsmith1@gov.bm](mailto:tmsmith1@gov.bm)
  - b. Colour Sergeant Leslie Spanswick 505-6389 or [lspnswick@gmail.com](mailto:lspnswick@gmail.com)

***"IT'S NOT THE SIZE OF THE FISH IN THE STORY  
BUT THE STORY ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE FISH".***

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(\*) No sharks of any kind will be accepted as game fish in this tournament, but there is a prize for the largest shark caught.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5. Teams must comprise of a minimum of two (2) persons. Therefore, a boat may contain more than one (1) team depending on the size of the boat. Each team must be registered on a separate official entry form.
6. Team composition may not change, but if there is a change in the boat being used, please call Colour Sergeant Tyler Smith by 1600hrs (4:00 p.m.) on Fri, 31 May 24 to notify of the change via cell 591-5471.

## METHOD OF ENTRY

7. Entry forms can be collected from any of the following locations:
  - a. Blue Water Angler's Club & Bar
  - b. C-Mart
  - c. Ex-Artillerymen's Association
  - d. Marine Locker
  - e. Pier 41 Marina
  - f. Royal Artillery Association
  - g. RUBIS Boaz Island
  - h. RUBiS Dowling's Marine
  - i. RUBIS Robinson's Marine
  - j. Spanish Point Boat Club
  - k. St. George's Dingy & Sports Club
  - l. Warwick Camp (Regimental Headquarters)
8. There will be an entrance fee of \$50.00 per competitor as all entry fees go towards the purchasing of prizes.
9. Team captains are responsible for the submission of all entry forms and fees to **WARWICK CAMP** when registering their teams.
10. Deadlines are as follows:
  - a. The FINAL DAY for entries will be no later than 1600hrs (4:00 p.m.) on Wed, 29 May 24.
  - b. LATE entries will be accepted at WARWICK CAMP up to 1600hrs (4:00 p.m.) on Fri, 31 May 24. A late fee of \$10.00 per team member will be added to the entry fee.

## FISHING TIMES

11. All official timings will be taken from the telephone (909):
  - a. Fishing commences at 0700hrs (7:00 a.m.);
  - b. Fishing will cease at 1500hrs (3:00 p.m.);

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- c. Any angler who has a fish on their line at 1500hrs, has until 1600hrs to land the fish. All boats are then to report to the weigh-in station.
- d. **NO FISH WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE WEIGH-IN AFTER 1600hrs (4:00 p.m.)**

## **WEIGH-IN STATION**

12. There will be two (2) weigh-in stations. Each location will be manned by one (1) Mess Member with coolers and scales to weigh and collect fish. Please read the procedure for weighing-in:

- a. RBR Coast Guard (Scenic House) and Blue Water Anglers.
- b. All fish presented to the weigh-in marker should be properly identified as the species of fish, name of angler catching it and the test it was caught on.
- c. During the weigh-in, it will be gratefully appreciated if the team whose catch has been weighed, could move their boat from the weigh-in area in order that remaining boats may come alongside the dock.
- d. All teams are asked to donate fish for the Prize Presentation on Sat, 8 Jun 24.

***THIS DONATION WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE WEIGH-IN STATION***

## **TACKLE**

- 13. All tackle should be available for inspection by the tournament committee.
- 14. All fish caught on rod and reel will be eligible for prizes. Fish caught on hand lines will be eligible for the **Hand Line Prize Category**.

## **SPECIES OF FISH**

15. All fish will be accepted by the **IGFA / BGFA**, with the exception of Sharks\* and Marlin, are eligible for entry.

## **MINIMUM WEIGHTS**

16. There will be a minimum fish weight of half the line test used (e.g. 16lb test line – 8lb fish and above).

17. The following absolute minimums must be observed in accordance with **BERMUDA LAW**:

- a. Yellow Fin (Allison) Tuna - 7 lbs;
- b. Big Eye Tuna - 7 lbs;
- c. Blue Fin Tuna - 14 lbs.

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18. In addition, all fishing must conform to all other current **Bermuda Fisheries Regulations**.

## **SCORING**

19. **The Sea Horse Angler's Club** factor system will determine the points allocated to each fish.

20. Line Categories are as follows:

- a. 8 lb Test,
- b. 12 lb Test,
- c. 16 lb Test,
- d. 20 lb Test,
- e. 30 lb Test,
- f. 50 lb Test.

**There will be no fish allowed on 80 lb or 130 lb Test tackle.**  
**However, it can be donated for the fish fry.**

## **LINE PRIZES**

21. An angler may only win one line prize but they may also win the following prizes:

- a. High Point Angler;
- b. Largest Fish;
- c. Largest Shark;
- d. Hand Line (In-Shore Prize, Offshore Prize, Kiddies off the Rocks).

22. Individual prizes will be presented to all category winners.

23. The complete prize list is attached to these rules, which briefly outlines each individual category to be contested.

## **HIGH POINT ANGLER**

24. **The High Point Angler** is the angler who scores the most points from no more than five of their best weighable fish.

## **HIGH POINT JUNIOR ANGLER**

25. There will be a special prize for the **High Point Junior Angler** aged 16 years or under (both male and female) who score the most points from one fish only.

## **HIGH POINT BOAT**

26. **The High Point Boat** is determined by totalling all the points from all weighable fish caught on the boat by registered anglers.

## LT COLONEL MICHEAL L. DARLING TROPHY

27. The teams from the Services in Bermuda compete for the **Lt Col M. L. Darling Serving Forces Trophy**. The eligible Services are:

- a. Royal Bermuda Regiment;
- b. Bermuda Police Service;
- c. Department of Corrections;
- d. Bermuda Fire Service;
- e. HM Customs.

## TEAM PRIZE “AVERAGE WEIGHT”

28. Team prizes for the **Average Weight Trophy** is determined by totalling all the weights from the weighable fish caught by the registered team members and dividing by the number of members on the team (regardless of whether the whole team turns up or not).

- a. All serving and ex-serving members of a uniform service are eligible to fish on each team.
- b. It is hoped that each of the uniformed services will enter at least one (1) team to make this a successful angling event. The rules for the trophy are as follows:
  - (1) Teams. Must consist of two (2) or more members and must be nominated when registering.
  - (2) Points. Teams with the greatest number of points from all weighable fish divided by the number in the team registered, regardless of whether the whole team turns up or not.

## LIONFISH CATEGORY

29. There will be a new addition to the competition this year with the implementation of a **Lionfish Category**; open to those with a **valid Lionfish Permit**. The competition has the same entry conditions as for the remainder of the tournament with teams of two (2) at the same price. Conditions are as follows:

- a. Hunting with legal spear;
- b. Free diving or SCUBA allowed;
- c. Weigh-in location remains the same as the remainder of the competitors.

There will be a prize for the top team with the highest total weight of Lionfish (not the most fish caught). Donations of Lionfish caught for the fish fry will be greatly appreciated.

## PRESENTATION

30. The presentation of prizes will take place on Sat, 8 Jun 24 in the WOs & Sgts Mess at 1900hrs. Dress will be smart casual. Alternative dates are the 15 or 22 Jun 24.

31. All Regimental silverware is to remain in possession of the WOs & Sgts' Mess in order to inscribe the date and winner's names on the trophies.

## **FOUL WEATHER**

32. Should weather conditions appear or be forecasted as inclement on the day of the tournament, participants are requested to call 591-5471 for confirmation.

## **RESULTS**

33. The results will be tabulated by the WOs & Sgts Mess Fishing Tournament Committee whose decision will be final.

a. Fishing Tournament Committee:

- (1) President - CSgt Leslie Spanswick;
- (2) Vice President - CSgt Tyler Smith.

## **SUMMARY**

34. The Committee and Members of the WOs & Sgts Mess wish to extend their appreciation to all individuals for choosing to compete in this year's tournament. Have a safe day and remember to ***'Keep Those Lines Tight!!!'***

**Tyler Smith**  
Colour Sergeant  
Maritime Enforcement Officer  
**Royal Bermuda Regiment Coast Guard**

## **ANNEXES:**

- A. Tournament Rules;
- B. Entry Forms;
- C. Prize Presentation Form.

# ROYAL BERMUDA REGIMENT FISHING TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

(Please Print Clearly)

Name of Team: .....

Team Captain: ..... Tel No: .....

Team Captain Email Address: .....

	Names of Team Members:	Age		Sex
		16 and Under	17 and Over	M/F
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

Are you entering the Inter-Service Competition? If so please ensure that all members of your team are currently serving.

YES	NO
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Name of Boat: .....

Name of Boat Captain: .....

Boat Captain Email Address: .....

Entry Fee enclosed (CIRCLE ONE):      \$100      \$150      \$200      \$250      \$300

Late Fee enclosed (CIRCLE ONE):      \$20      \$30      \$40      \$50      \$60

Signature of Team Captain: .....

Date: .....

### WOs' & SGTs' MESS FISHING TOURNAMENT PRIZE LIST 2024

SER	COMPETITION	RULES	TROPHY
1.	High Point Angler	Best 5 Weighable Fish Or Up To 5 Fish	Bacardi Trophy
2.	High Point Team "Average Weight"	Team With The Greatest Number Of Points From All Weighable Fishes, Divided By Number In Team	Lines Brothers Trophy
3.	High Point Team	Team With The Greatest Number Of Points From All Weighable Fishes	Ex WOs' BVRC Shield
4.	High Point Boat	Boat With The Greatest Number Of Points From All Weighable Fishes	Bay Queen Trophy donated by Mr. Eddy Dawson
5.	Largest Fish In Tournament	Caught On Rod And Reel Regardless Of Line Test	Mayor Of St George's Trophy
6.	Largest Fish Hand Line	Largest fish caught on Hand Line	Lt Col JC Astwood Cup
7.	Largest Fish Caught By A Lady	Largest Fish caught on Rod And Reel by a Lady Sea Horse Points System.	TBA
8.	Largest Fish Caught By A Lady Open Category	Any Test, Rod And Reel Or Hand Line	Jr Executive Service
9.	Largest Shark	Any Test, Rod And Reel Or Hand Line (not also eligible for hand line prize)	Sgt Perry Bowl
10.	Largest Fish "Boy"	High Point ( <i>One Fish Only</i> )	Bermuda Regiment/Smirnoff High Point Angler
11.	Largest Fish "Girl"	16 Years Or Under	
12.	WOs' & Sgts' MESS MEMBER	High Point ( <i>One Fish Only</i> )	Maj LS Mowbray Cup
13.	Member Of The Royal Bermuda Regiment	High Point ( <i>One Fish Only</i> )	Cpl Fox Trophy
14.	Cpls And Below Bermuda Regiment	High Point ( <i>One Fish Only</i> )	Pioneer Sect Trophy
15.	Servicing Forces Trophy	Best Services Team (Scoring As For Competition Number 2)	Lt Col ML Darling Trophy
16.	8lb Test	Sea Horse Anglers Point System	Sportsman Shop Cup
17.	12lb Test	Sea Horse Anglers Point System	TBA
18.	16lb Test	Sea Horse Anglers Point System	Fly Bridge Tackle Shield
19.	20lb Test	Sea Horse Anglers Point System	Bait And Tackle Cup
20.	30lb Test	Sea Horse Anglers Point System	Lyndon Clay Trophy
21.	50lb Test	Sea Horse Anglers Point System	Fire Dept Trophy #1
22.	80lb Test	Sea Horse Anglers Point System	Fire Dept Trophy #2
23.	Largest Blackfin Tuna 20lb Test	Sea Horse Anglers Point System	Maj J Darling Trophy
24.	Largest Blackfin Tuna 30lb Test	Sea Horse Anglers Point System	ZBM Trophy
25.	Largest Allison Tuna 30lb Test	Sea Horse Anglers Point System	Supreme Studio Trophy WO2 VNC Tucker Trophy



<b>SER</b>	<b>COMPETITION</b>	<b>RULES</b>	<b>TROPHY</b>
26.	Largest Wahoo 30lb Test	Sea Horse Anglers Point System	Pitt & Co Trophy
27.	Largest Amberjack 20lb Test	Sea Horse Anglers Point System	BOAC Trophy
28.	Largest Amberjack 30lb Test	Sea Horse Anglers Point System	WO2 G Wade Trophy
29.	Largest Fish Service Woman (Rbr Only)	Sea Horse Anglers Point System	CSgt J Dill Shield
30.	High Point Service Woman	Service Woman From All Serving Forces In Bermuda (As Per Col Darling Trophy, Scoring As For Competition Number 1)	Woodstock Shield
31.	Officers' Mess Vs Sergeants' Mess	Rules As Per Lt Col Darling Trophy	WO2 Burnard (QM's) Trophy
32.	Smallest Fish (Caught By A Non-Mess Member)	Smallest Fish of the tournament on any tackle caught from a boat.	Maj HRG Evans Bowl
33.	Smallest Fish (Caught By A Mess Member)	Smallest Fish of the tournament on any tackle caught on land or sea.	CSgt Gibbons Cup
34.	SGTS Vs CPLS	Rules as Per Lt Col Darling Trophy	Sgts vs Cpls Trophy
35.	Hand Line Inshore	Hand Line Only	TBA
36.	Hand Line Offshore	Hand Line Only	TBA
37.	Hand Line Kiddies Off The Rocks	Hand Line Only	TBA
38.	Lionfish	Highest Total Weight	TBA



**THE WARRANT OFFICERS' & SERGEANTS' MESS**  
**71<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL FISHING TOURNAMENT**  
**PRIZE PRESENTATION**  
at  
**THE WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESS**  
Saturday, 8 June 2024 | 1930hrs (7:30 p.m.)

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[FISHING TOURNAMENT PRIZE PRESENTATION RETURN FORM](#)

(To be returned with entry form)

I No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

will be attending the Fishing Tournament Prize Presentation.

I will be bringing  Guests.

**(\*) If the tournament is postponed, it will be held on the next alternative date. This will also include the Presentation.**