

16th Annual Virginia Beach Billfish Tournament — 2019 Fact Sheet

CURRENT YEAR INFORMATION

SUMMARY: August 21-24, 2019: 16th Annual Virginia Beach Billfish Tournament – an invitation only tournament with a focus on fun, conservation and charity. Eighty teams compete for a purse of \$620,000. Call Paula for information at 757-652-8409 or email paula@vbvt.com; find details and a form to request to be added to the waiting list at www.vbvt.com.

DATES: Wednesday, August 21 – Saturday, August 24, 2019

HOST FACILITY: Southside Marina

LOCATION: Virginia Beach, Virginia USA

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ENTRY FEE: \$10,500

PURSE: \$620,000

ENTRY LIMITS: limited to 80 teams by invitation, open to both private and charter boats

TARGET SPECIES: blue marlin, white marlin, sailfish, spearfish, tuna, dolphin and wahoo

FORMAT: modified release: 110" or 400 lb. minimum on blue marlin, release only on all other billfish species

ANGLING RULES: IGFA saltwater equipment and angling rules are followed with exceptions outlined in the rules

SANCTIONED BY: InTheBite Captain of the Year Cup

CHARITIES SUPPORTED: Achievable Dreams, Boys and Girls Club of Southside and Peninsula, Stop Abuse and The Billfish Foundation

PUBLICATIONS: annual tournament program published by Liskey Printing, Norfolk, VA

HISTORY

TOURNAMENT STARTED IN: 2004

FIRST YEAR STATISTICS: 42 teams, 231 anglers, \$213,500 cash awards

2018 STATISTICS: 80 teams, 574 anglers, \$620,000 cash awards

HIGHEST PURSE PAID TO DATE: \$620,000 in 2018

HIGHEST PURSE PAID TO DATE TO A SINGLE TEAM: \$282,000 in 2018 to *Waste Knot* for 1st Place Team (released 5 white marlin and weighed a 683 lb. blue marlin)

HIGHEST NUMBER OF BOATS PARTICIPATING TO DATE: 80 in 2018

BEST YEAR FISHING TO DATE: 2013 – 483 billfish released

OTHER: only four blue marlin have been weighed in the tournament's history (2004, 2017, 2018 (2))

DESCRIPTION: The VBVT is part of the Virginia Beach Billfish Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to giving back to the community through youth and marine related charities—over \$850,000 has been donated to date. Started in 2004 to highlight the often-overlooked fishing opportunities off Virginia Beach, the VBVT is the area's best known big game fishing tournament with a focus on fun, conservation and charity. Over the years the tournament has become famous for its evening dock parties which feature 5-star dinners, a top shelf bar and rockin' live music. Eighty teams compete for \$620,000 in cash awards each year, and in addition to Top Boat awards there are awards for Top Lady and Juniors. The tournament is a family-oriented event and many family activities are available in Virginia Beach.

RECORD FISH

BLUE MARLIN (2017) — 801.0 lbs., *Qualifier*, 57 ft. Paul Mann

Capt. Fin Gaddy from Manteo, North Carolina USA; angler Craig Revere from Hartfield, Virginia USA

DOLPHIN (2009) — 52.1 lbs., *Big Oh*, 63 ft. Ricky Scarborough

Capt. Ronnie Fields from Lake Park, Florida USA; angler Tim Lanahan from North Palm Beach, Florida USA

TUNA (2008) — 147.7 lb. bigeye, *Skirt Chaser*, 54 ft. Buddy Cannady

Capt. Barry Daniels from Wanchese, North Carolina USA; angler Shane Moore from Jarrettsville, Maryland USA

WAHOO (2005) — 77.8 lbs., *Huntress*, 59 ft. Ricky Scarborough

Capt. Bill McAllister from Richmond, Virginia USA; angler Preston Smith from Manakin, Virginia USA

2018 TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS

80 boats participated

ALEXIS	Viking 92'	MARTHA D.....	Viking 52'
ANN WARRICK	Paul Mann 76'	MICABE.....	Jarrett Bay 55'
ANTICIPATION.....	Paul Spencer 61'	MIMI.....	Garlington 61'
A-SALT WEAPON.....	Paul Mann 56'	MISTER PETE	C&L 58'
BACKLASH	Purdue 56'	MY THREE SONS.....	Garlington 63'
BIG SMOOTH.....	Ricky Scarborough 63'	OBSESSION	Sheldon Midgett 55'
BI-OP-SEA.....	Paul Spencer 59'	OUTLAW	Island Boat Works 57'
BUILDER'S CHOICE	Jarrett Bay 64'	PLANE SIMPLE	Paul Spencer 70'
CHASIN TAIL.....	Paul Spencer 62'	POINT RUNNER	Guthrie 60'
CONTANGO.....	Viking 52'	POOR GIRL.....	Paul Mann 65'
COTTON PICKER.....	Ricky Scarborough 57'	QUALIFIER	Paul Mann 57'
COVERAGE	Sportsman 61'	REELIN N DEALIN.....	Blackwell 62'
CROUPIER	Knight & Carver 76'	RIGGED UP	Omie Tillet 54'
CUTTIN' UP.....	Viking 52'	SAGA.....	Ricky Scarborough 60'
DAY MAKER.....	B&D Boatworks 58'	SALLY GIRL.....	Ricky Scarborough 57'
DELLA ANN.....	Paul Spencer 61'	SANDMAN	Ocean Yacht 46'
DELTA DAWN	Island Boat Works 57'	SEA I SEA.....	Viking 72'
DESPERADO (NC)	Taylor Made 56'	SEA STRIKER	Jarrett Bay 61'
DESPERADO (VA)	B&D Boatworks 60'	SEA TOY	Paul Spencer 59'
DIAMOND GIRL.....	Weaver Boat Works 68'	SEA TRADER.....	Hatteras 60'
DOC FEES	Jarrett Bay 58'	SEAHOUND.....	Core Sound Marine 58'
DON'T PANIC.....	Viking 43'	SENSATION.....	Jarrett Bay 52'
ELECTRIC BILL.....	Paul Spencer 60'	SKILIGAL	Buddy Cannady 52'
EVELYN KENNEDY	Ricky Scarborough 48'	SKIRT CHASER.....	Buddy Cannady 53'
EYE CATCHER	Garlington 61'	SMOKER	Irvin Forbes 58'
FENDER BENDER.....	Jarrett Bay 55'	SNIPER	Paul Mann 58'
FIN AGAIN	Gary Davis 50'	STARFLITE.....	Jarrett Bay 54'
FIN PLANNER	Buddy Harris 58'	STREAM WEAVER.....	Paul Spencer 60'
FREESTYLE.....	Blackwell 61'	TIPPECANOE.....	Viking 56'
FULL PULL	Croswait Brothers 57'	TOP HOOKER.....	Blackwell 61'
GOOMBAY.....	Weaver Boat Works 62'	TRASH MAN.....	Weaver Boat Works 59'
GRATITUDE	Paul Spencer 66'	UNDERDOG	Island Boat Works 57'
HAPHAZARD.....	Billy Holton 61'	VICTORY LAP.....	Viking 61'
HOME RUN	Paul Spencer 60'	VIKING 68	Viking 68'
JUGGERNAUT.....	Custom 36'	WALL HANGER	Paul Spencer 59'
JUST RIGHT	Viking 56'	WASTE KNOT.....	Sunny Briggs 56'
KATHERINE ANNE	Paul Spencer 63'	WAVERUNNER	Bobby Sullivan 53'
KNOT DONE YET.....	Viking 64'	WELDOR'S ARK.....	Jarrett Bay 55'
LEGACY.....	Bobby Sullivan 57'	WILDLIFE	Paul Mann 60'
MAMA C.....	Bayliss 60'	WIRED UP	Tim Winter 62'