

# 17th Annual Virginia Beach Billfish Tournament — 2020 Fact Sheet

## CURRENT YEAR INFORMATION

**SUMMARY:** August 19-22, 2020: 17th 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](http://www.vbvt.com).

**DATES:** Wednesday, August 19 – Saturday, August 22, 2020

**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

**2019 STATISTICS:** 79 teams, 579 anglers, \$612,250 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 \$1 million 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

## 2019 TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS

79 boats participated

ALEXIS .....	Viking 92'	KNOT DONE YET .....	Viking 64'
ANN WARRICK .....	Paul Mann 76'	LAURA T .....	Sunny Briggs 58'
ANTICIPATION .....	Spencer Yachts 61'	LULU .....	Blackwell 50'
A-SALT WEAPON .....	Paul Mann 56'	MICABE .....	Jarrett Bay 55'
BACKLASH .....	Purdue 56'	MIMI .....	Garlington 61'
BB .....	Viking 65'	MISTER PETE .....	C&L 58'
BENCH MARK .....	Buddy Cannady 58'	OBSESSION .....	Sheldon Midgett 55'
BILL COLLECTOR .....	Buddy Davis 61'	OUTLAW .....	Viking 50'
BI-OP-SEA .....	Spencer Yachts 59'	PIRACY .....	Shearline 61'
BUILDER'S CHOICE .....	Jarrett Bay 64'	POINT RUNNER .....	Guthrie 60'
CALCUTTA .....	Ocean Yacht 58'	POOR GIRL .....	Paul Mann 65'
CARRISMA .....	Ocean Yacht 55'	QUALIFIER .....	Paul Mann 57'
CARTERICAN .....	Gwaltney 57'	RARE BREED .....	Paul Mann 63'
CHASIN TAIL .....	Spencer Yachts 62'	REEL CURRENT .....	Viking 50'
CONTANGO .....	Viking 60'	REELIN N DEALIN .....	Blackwell 62'
CROUPIER .....	Knight & Carver 76'	RIGGED UP .....	Omie Tillet 54'
CUTTIN' UP .....	Viking 52'	SALLY GIRL .....	Ricky Scarborough 57'
DAYMAKER .....	BB Boatworks 58'	SARAH JEAN .....	Gamefisherman 42'
DELLA ANN .....	Spencer Yachts 61'	SAVING GRACE .....	Viking 60'
DESPERADO (NC) .....	Taylor Made 56'	SEA BREEZE .....	Bobby Sullivan 58'
DESPERADO (VA) .....	Viking 66'	SEA HOUND .....	Core Sound Marine 58'
DIAMOND GIRL .....	Weaver Boat Works 68'	SEA I SEA .....	Viking 72'
DOC FEES .....	Jarrett Bay 58'	SEA STRIKER .....	Jarrett Bay 61'
DON'T PANIC .....	Viking 56'	SEA TOY .....	Spencer Yachts 59'
ELECTRIC BILL .....	Spencer Yachts 60'	SEA TRADER .....	Hatteras 60'
EVELYN KENNEDY .....	Ricky Scarborough 48'	SENSATION .....	Jarrett Bay 52'
EYE CATCHER .....	Garlington 61'	SHENANDOAH .....	Spencer Yachts 61'
FENDER BENDER .....	Jarrett Bay 55'	SKILIGAL .....	Buddy Cannady 52'
FIN AGAIN .....	Gary Davis 50'	SKIRT CHASER .....	Buddy Cannady 53'
FIN PLANNER .....	Buddy Harris 58'	SNIPER .....	Paul Mann 58'
FIRST LOOK .....	Weaver Boat Works 60'	SPORTIN' LIFE .....	Garlington 61'
FLIGHT PLAN .....	Spencer Yachts 74'	STREAM WEAVER .....	Spencer Yachts 60'
FREESTYLE .....	Blackwell 61'	TIPPECANOE .....	Viking 56'
FULL PULL .....	Croswait Brothers 57'	TOP HOOKER .....	Blackwell 61'
GOOMBAY .....	Weaver Boat Works 62'	VICTORY LAP .....	Viking 61'
HAPHAZARD .....	Billy Holton 61'	WASTE KNOT .....	Sunny Briggs 56'
HOME RUN .....	Spencer Yachts 60'	WAVERUNNER .....	Bobby Sullivan 53'
JUGGERNAUT .....	Custom 36'	WELDOR'S ARK .....	Jarrett Bay 55'
KATHERINE ANNE .....	Spencer Yachts 63'	WIRED UP .....	Hatteras 60'
KELLY V .....	Alex Willis 58'		