

15th Annual Virginia Beach Billfish Tournament — 2018 Fact Sheet

CURRENT YEAR INFORMATION

DATES: Wednesday, August 22 – Saturday, August 25, 2018

HOST FACILITY: Southside Marina

LOCATION: Virginia Beach, Virginia USA

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ENTRY FEE: \$10,500

ENTRY LIMITS: limited to 75 teams, previous year's teams have first right of refusal, 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

TOURNAMENT SERIES AFFILIATIONS: none

CHARITIES SUPPORTED: Achievable Dreams, Boys and Girls Club of Southside and Peninsula, Stop Abuse, Recreational Fishing Alliance 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

2017 STATISTICS: 75 teams, 541 anglers, \$525,500 cash awards

HIGHEST PURSE PAID TO DATE: \$544,500 in 2016

HIGHEST PURSE PAID TO DATE TO A SINGLE TEAM: \$244,500 in 2016 to *A-Salt Weapon* for 1st Place Team (23 sailfish)

HIGHEST NUMBER OF BOATS PARTICIPATING TO DATE: 75 in 2017

BEST YEAR FISHING TO DATE: 2013 – 483 billfish released

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

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 \$650,000 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. An expected 75 teams compete for over \$500,000 in cash awards each year, and in addition to Top Boat awards there are awards for Top Lady and Top 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

2017 TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS

75 boats participated

ALEXIS	Viking 92'	QUALIFIER	Paul Mann 57'
ANN WARRICK	Paul Mann 76'	REBEL	Ritchie Howell 60'
ANTICIPATION	Paul Spencer 61'	REELIN N DEALIN	Blackwell 62'
A-SALT WEAPON	Paul Mann 56'	RIGGED UP	Omie Tillet 54'
BACKLASH	Purdue 56'	SAFARI.....	Garlington 61'
BB.....	Viking 65'	SAGA	Ricky Scarborough 60'
BI-OP-SEA.....	Paul Spencer 59'	SALLY GIRL	Ricky Scarborough 57'
BUILDER'S CHOICE	Jarrett Bay 64'	SANDMAN.....	Ocean Yacht 46'
CANYON EXPRESS	Bayliss 57'	SEA BREEZE	Bobby Sullivan 58'
CAPT. CHERYL.....	Buddy Cannady 56'	SEA I SEA	Viking 72'
CARRISMA	Ocean Yacht 55'	SEA STRIKER	Jarrett Bay 61'
CHASIN TAIL	Bayliss 68'	SEA TOY	Paul Spencer 59'
CONTANGO	Viking 52'	SEA TRADER	Hatteras 50'
COTTON PICKER	Heritage Boatworks 50'	SENSATION	Jarrett Bay 52'
COVERAGE	Sportsman 61'	SKILIGAL.....	Buddy Cannady 52'
CUTTIN' UP.....	Viking 52'	SKIRT CHASER	Buddy Cannady 53'
DAY MAKER.....	B&D Boatworks 58'	SMOKER	Irvin Forbes 58'
DELLA ANN.....	Paul Spencer 61'	SNIPER	Paul Mann 58'
DELTA DAWN	Island Boat Works 57'	STARFLITE	Jarrett Bay 54'
DESPERADO (NC)	Taylor Made 56'	STREAM WEAVER	Paul Spencer 60'
DESPERADO (VA).....	B&D Boatworks 60'	TIPPECANOE	Viking 56'
DIAMOND GIRL	Paul Spencer 61'	TOAST	Dean Johnson 57'
ELECTRIC BILL.....	Paul Spencer 60'	TOP HOOKER.....	Blackwell 61'
EVELYN KENNEDY	Ricky Scarborough 48'	VICTORY LAP	Viking 61'
EYE CATCHER	Garlington 61'	WASTE KNOT	Sunny Briggs 56'
FENDER BENDER	Jarrett Bay 55'	WATERMAN	Ricky Scarborough 63'
FISHAHOLIC.....	Paul Spencer 61'	WAVERUNNER	Bobby Sullivan 53'
FREESTYLE	Blackwell 61'	WELDOR'S ARK	Jarrett Bay 55'
HAPHAZARD.....	Billy Holton 61'	WHITE EAGLE	Blackwell 50'
HOME RUN	Paul Spencer 60'	WIRED UP	Tim Winter 62'
INSTIGATOR	Blackwell 57'		
JABEZ.....	Jarrett Bay 56'		
JUGGERNAUT	Custom 36'		
JUST RIGHT.....	Viking 56'		
KATHERINE ANNE	Custom Carolina 48'		
LEGACY.....	Bobby Sullivan 57'		
MCKAY ELIZABETH	Deadrise 46'		
MICABE	Jarrett Bay 55'		
MIMI	Garlington 61'		
OBSESSION.....	Sheldon Midgett 55'		
OUTLAW	Island Boat Works 57'		
PIRACY.....	Shearline 61'		
PLANE SIMPLE.....	Paul Spencer 70'		
POINT RUNNER	Guthrie 60'		
POOR GIRL	Paul Mann 65'		