

MAKE-A-WISH TUNA CHALLENGE 2010
(An Auxiliary of the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of San Diego, Inc.)
September 11th & 12th

Rules, Regulations & General Information
100% of Proceeds will Benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of San Diego!

Rules & Regulations:

Rules are subject to change prior to the captains meeting on September 10, 2010

Captains Meeting:

Friday, September 10, 2010 @ 6:00 PM at Silver Gate Yacht Club, 2091 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego.

Check in will begin at 4:00 PM. One team member must be present for registration & the meeting that will start promptly at 6:00 PM. This applies to teams fishing in the Charter Boat division as well. All teams not checked in prior to 6:00 PM will have to check in after the Captains Meeting concludes. Due to space limitations, please limit attendance to **one** member!

Lines In:

5:00 AM, Saturday, September 11, 2010

Fishing Area:

In those waters of the Pacific Ocean between a line running due East and West from the Southern tip of San Martin Island in the South to a similar line running due East and West from the Northern tip of San Miguel Island in the North. Boats may depart from any Southern California port or Ensenada, but must return to either San Diego Bay or Mission Bay via water in order to be eligible for weigh-in.

Divisions:

There will be (3) divisions in 2010: Smaller Boats (less than 27 feet), Larger Boats (27 feet or greater) and the Charter Boat division ("6-Pack Charter Boats and Chartered Sport Boats). Each division will have its own set of individual angler awards although only participating anglers in either the Smaller Boats or Larger Boats division are eligible to win the Richard Thomas Memorial Grand Prize Award and/or the Super Grand Prize (if awarded).

Teams:

A team consists of as many paid anglers per boat as the team desires. Regardless of the number of team members, only the four largest scoring fish will count towards the team prize. Team championship jackets will be awarded to each paid angler on the high team in each division. Charter Boat division participants are excluded from team award considerations.

Crew:

Captains, deckhands or guests may gaff, chum, run the boat, etc. They may not clear trolling lines and shall not touch any rod or reel while there is a line in the water.

Weigh In:

All eligible fish must be weighed in from the boat of entry at either the San Diego Marlin Club or Dana Landing Market & Fuel Dock in Mission Bay no later than 10:00 AM, Sunday, September 12th, 2010. Trailer boats are not permitted to remove their boat from the water and drive the boat to a weigh in station for the purpose of weighing fish. The only exception to the fish removal rule is that any anglers fishing on a Chartered Sport Boat will be allowed to bring their fish to either weigh station via car after placing a specially marked tag on their fish. This will best accommodate any participating Sport Boats arriving to the docks in the middle of the night, while preserving equity in weigh in procedures. Please note that anglers fishing on a Chartered "6-Pack" boat must follow regular weigh in procedures. Scales will be open from 4:00 PM-10:00 PM on Saturday the 11th and 7:00 AM-10:00 AM on Sunday the 12th. (Fish identification & final weigh in details will be announced at the captains meeting).

Point System:

Tuna (Blue Fin, Yellow Fin, Big Eye, Albacore and Skipjack) shall receive one point per pound. Yellowtail and Dorado shall receive ½ point per pound. Billfish (Swordfish and Spearfish) shall receive ¼ point per pound. Marlin scoring will be defined in the paragraph below. No other fish will qualify. For individual awards, only the largest scoring fish for each angler will be eligible for an award. For the team award (if applicable), the four highest scoring fish for the entire team will count towards determining the team point total. All qualifying fish will count whether they are caught on the troll or via other method.

Points (MARLIN):

Marlin points may only be accrued in a release format. In addition, there will be a limit of 1 marlin per team that may accrue points. A released marlin will be credited for 100 pounds or 25 points. In order to receive credit for a marlin release, you must successfully photograph a crew member with the leader in hand AND the marlin in the same photograph OR a crew member holding the bill of the marlin. Photographs that do not meet this burden of proof will lead to the disqualification of the fish. Each team is encouraged to use a personal digital camera (but may also use a disposable camera). Digital camera cards marked with the owner's name must be turned in at the time of weigh in of the rest of the team's catch (and will be returned to the captain shortly thereafter). All captains will be instructed to photograph an item TBA prior to the commencement of fishing. Marlin will not be weighed in for Tuna Challenge purposes. In addition, marlin will not be considered for points accrual in the Charter Boat division.

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Ladies Award:

The lady angler catching the highest point scoring fish will be eligible for a special prize. Should the winner also qualify for an adult individual award, they will be allowed to retain their right to this award as they are paying the adult entry fee. Only lady anglers from the Smaller Boats and Larger Boats divisions are eligible for this prize.

Juniors Category:

The Juniors Category is for children fishing aboard a boat in the Smaller Boats or Larger Boats divisions and who are aged 15 y/o and younger as of September 10th. Junior anglers are eligible only for the junior prizes unless they pay the adult entry fee. They may be a member of a team entry (does not apply to Sport Boat participants) and therefore be eligible for the team jackets. A junior can participate in the adult category by paying the adult entry fee, however, should they qualify for an adult individual award they will forfeit their right to a junior award. Juniors must be accompanied by at least one paid adult angler. There will be two junior divisions in 2010: Juniors aged 11 y/o and younger as of 9/10/2010 & Juniors aged 12 y/o-15 y/o as of 9/10/2010.

Outboard Award:

The Smaller Boat Division private boat team who catches the highest point scoring fish (marlin are excluded from consideration for this award) and whose boat is powered by an outboard motor will be eligible for a special prize. Teams must specify this designation on the application in order to be eligible. Inboard/outboard powered boats do not qualify for this division.

Special Awards:

Anglers catching the largest dorado and largest yellowtail will be eligible for special prizes. Should the winner also qualify for an adult individual award, they will be allowed to retain their right to this award as they are paying the adult entry fee.

Licenses:

All Anglers shall abide by California and Mexican rules regarding permits and licenses. In addition, all anglers are encouraged to abide by bag limits from each respective agency.

Angling Rules:

IGFA Standards will apply with the exception that double and treble trolling hooks are allowed. In the event that there is a qualifying catch for the Super Grand Prize (if available), IGFA Rules must be followed with the above exception of the use of double and treble trolling hooks.

Protests:

The protest committee includes: Joe Plymesser, Don Mumby and Celeste Leginski. Any protests must be submitted in writing by 10:00 AM on Sunday, September 12th.

Awards Banquet:

10:00 AM, Sunday, September 12th, 2010 at Silver Gate Yacht Club. The banquet will include presentation of tournament awards, a mega raffle and silent/live auction. Parking will be available in the parking lots across the street from Silver Gate Yacht Club and via shuttle from the island. All anglers will receive a participation bag, tournament t-shirt and banquet ticket. See application for entry fee, t-shirt, hat and extra banquet ticket information. Entries submitted on or before July 18th will receive one raffle ticket per paid angler, which will make them eligible for the early bird prize.

Please make checks payable to “Tuna Challenge 2010.”

***** No entry refunds will be offered after 8/26/2010. *****

Due to space limitations, entries to this event may have to be limited to the first 150 boats and/or first 600 anglers.

Please enter your application early to secure your position.

ALL FORMS MAY BE DOWNLOADED FROM www.tunachallenge.org

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Fishing Tournament Chair:

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