

# 2008 ENTRY FORM

## WORLD CUP BLUE MARLIN CHAMPIONSHIP

EASY ONLINE REGISTRATION AT  
**WWW.BLUEMARLINWORLD CUP.COM**  
(AFTER JUNE 18, 2008, REGISTRATION WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ONLINE)

### PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Fishing Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Angler Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Payee on Winner's Check: \_\_\_\_\_ SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

### CAPTAIN INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### BOAT INFORMATION

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Brand: \_\_\_\_\_  
Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Engines: \_\_\_\_\_

### BIG BLUE CHALLENGE

This is an optional event that you may chose to enter in addition to participating in the Tournament.  
Payee: \_\_\_\_\_ SS# (If US Citizen): \_\_\_\_\_

**Tournament entry fee = \$3,000      Big Blue Challenge entry fee (Optional event) = \$5,000**

Payment can be made by check, wire transfer or by credit card if registering online. CALL THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR FOR WIRE TRANSFER INSTRUCTIONS. After June 18, 2008 only internet credit card payments will be accepted. All funds must be available without restriction to the World Cup on or before 5:00 pm, July 3, 2008 EST.

Checks should be made payable to:  
**International Gamefisherman, Inc. • PO Box 4350 • Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33338**  
**Overnight delivery address: 2118 NE 14 Court • Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304**

**Tournament Director: Mike Leech • Email: [mike@bluemarlinworldcup.com](mailto:mike@bluemarlinworldcup.com) • Phone: 954-566-2813**

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Submission of your entry into the Tournament constitutes your acceptance of the Rules  
and your agreement to abide by the Rules.

## CONFIRMATION NUMBER REQUIRED

Acceptance of your participation in the Tournament will be deemed to occur upon your receipt  
of a confirmation number from the World Cup.

# 2008 WORLD CUP

ONE WORLD · ONE TOURNAMENT · ONE CHAMPION

**Fished Worldwide**  
**JULY 4, 2008**

**Minimum Size**  
**500 Pounds**

For Details Contact:  
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**24th Annual**

## WORLD WIDE TOURNAMENT

**Welcome to the 24th annual World Cup Blue Marlin Championship.** We look forward to your participation in this unique and exciting international event. Each year the World Cup attracts many of the world's most experienced and skilled anglers and captains. This year we expect several new big marlin locations to be represented in the competition. Eight of the past twenty-three World Cup events could have been won by blue marlin weighing less than 600 lbs. Twelve of the competitions could have been won with a 650 lb blue. We note that many tournaments along the Gulf Coast, Florida Panhandle, Mid-Atlantic Coast, Bahamas, and Caribbean are often won by fish of this size. We encourage anglers in these locations to participate in the 2008 World Cup. Bermuda and Kona have each won the World Cup five times. They field far more boats on July 4th than other locations. If the Cape Verde Islands, Principe, Madeira, Azores, Gulf Coast, Bahamas, Caribbean, Portugal, Angola and South Pacific had the same number of boats, the competition would really heat up. The current record payout for the World Cup is \$375,000. We would like to see that record broken in 2008. **Good luck and good fishing!**

**FOR MORE BLUE MARLIN WORLD CUP CHAMPIONSHIP  
INFORMATION SEE  
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REGISTER ONLINE**

# OFFICIAL RULES

## INTERNATIONAL GAMEFISHERMAN, INC. WORLD CUP BLUE MARLIN CHAMPIONSHIP

The following are the official rules (the "Rules") of the International Gamefisherman, Inc. ("IGI") World Cup Blue Marlin Championship Tournament (the "Tournament").

- 1. Entry fee:** \$3,000 per boat (each boat is referred to as "Participant").
- 2. Optional Big Blue Challenge:** \$5,000 per Participant (the "Big Blue Challenge").
- 3. Payment and Acceptance of Entry Fee:** Payment can be made by standard commercial means either by mail, wire transfer or over the internet. After June 18, 2008 only internet credit card payments will be accepted. All funds must be available without restriction to IGI on or before 5:00 pm, July 3, 2008 (unless otherwise stated, all times in the Rules refer to US EST). Each Participant must receive a confirmation number prior to July 4 which shall confirm Participant's entry into the Tournament.
- 4. Revocation of Entry:** IGI reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion to reject or revoke participation by any Participant for any reason within five business days after receipt of entry or July 3, whichever is earlier. Revocation may be communicated or sent to Participant by phone, fax or email and is effective when sent by IGI.
- 5. Withdrawal:** Refunds will only be made for withdrawals if a written withdrawal and refund notice signed by the Participant is received by IGI on or before midnight June 24, 2007.
- 6. Qualifying fish:** Blue Marlin, 500 pounds or more. All fish below the qualifying weight or those fish caught that are smaller than the biggest reported catch shall be released.
- 7. Winning fish:** The winning fish will be the heaviest blue marlin over 500 pounds caught in accordance with these Tournament Rules. In the case of a tie, the earliest confirmed time with IGI of fish boated will be the winner.
- 8. IGFA and Government Rules:** Subject to the express modifications set forth in these Tournament Rules, each Participant shall comply with the IGFA rules which can be viewed at [www.igfa.org](http://www.igfa.org) under "Fishing," and with all applicable government rules and regulations. ***THE TOURNAMENT WILL ONLY ALLOW THE USE OF SPECIFIED FISHING LINE WITH DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS POSTED ON THE TOURNAMENT WEB SITE AT [WWW.BLUEMARLINWORLDCUP.COM](http://WWW.BLUEMARLINWORLDCUP.COM)***
- 9. Prize Money and Distribution:** Prize money is awarded for first place only in this winner takes all tournament. Tournament prize money shall be equal to 80% of entry fees (the "Prize Money"). Taxes will be withheld if required by the US Internal Revenue Code. The Prize Money for the winning Participant will only be distributed to the individual designated on Participant's entry form as the "Payee" for the Winner's check. ***IN THE EVENT THAT A QUALIFYING FISH IS NOT CAUGHT, THE TOURNAMENT PRIZE MONEY WILL BE ROLLED OVER AND ADDED TO THE PRIZE MONEY FOR THE 2009 TOURNAMENT.*** Re-entry and payment of the 2009 entry fee will be required to participate in the 2009 World Cup.
- 10. Fishing hours:** Lines in the water at 8:30 am and out of the water at 4:30 pm in the angler's local time zone. If a hookup is reported to World Cup headquarters prior to lines out at 4:30 pm and the angler reasonably believes that the marlin exceeds 500 lbs., the angler may continue fighting the marlin until it is boated, released or lost.
- 11. Polygraph:** IGI reserves the right to require that the angler and/or any members of the crew pass a polygraph test, administered in the manner determined by IGI, in order to collect the Prize Money.
- 12. Determination and Verification of Fish Size:** Fish weight as well as length (as measured from the tip of the lower jaw to the fork of the tail) and girth (the "Weight and Measurements") should be taken by a qualified weigh master approved by IGI. At least two independent witnesses are required to witness the taking of the Weight and Measurements. The Weight and Measurements along with photos taken to verify the Weight and Measurements and the witnesses' names and contact information (collectively "Catch Information") shall be submitted to IGI as soon as reasonably possible. An observer approved by IGI may be required for any Participant fishing in a remote area where there are no other Participants (the "Remote Area"). IGI shall have the right to refuse any entry if it believes that adequate verification procedures are not available in the Remote Area.
- 13. Fishing Line Requirements:** ***THE TOURNAMENT WILL ONLY ALLOW THE USE OF SPECIFIED FISHING LINE WITH DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS UNDER RULES POSTED ON THE TOURNAMENT WEB SITE AT:***  
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- 14. Reporting:** Participants shall use their best efforts to report, as soon as possible, when a fish is hooked and then when any large blue marlin is boated and the estimated weight of the fish. The Catch Information shall be reported to IGI headquarters by midnight, July 4, 2008. IGI may post Tournament day activity on the Blue Marlin World Cup web site as it occurs throughout the day, however, in no event shall IGI have any liability for any posted information that may later turn out to be inaccurate or false.
- 15. Big Blue Challenge:** Entry in the Big Blue Challenge is optional and all Tournament Rules will apply. The winning Big Blue Challenge participant will be said participant catching the largest blue marlin over 500 Lbs. Monies will be distributed for first place only, winner takes all, less IRS withholding (if required) and 15% for tournament administrative expenses (the "Big Blue Challenge Pool"). The Big Blue Challenge Pool shall be paid to the "Big Blue Challenge Payee" noted on the Entry Form. If there is no Big Blue Challenge winner, the entry fee for the Big Blue Challenge only will be refunded less the 15% Tournament fee.
- 16. Adverse Conditions:** It is the responsibility of each Participant to decide in advance whether to fish on July 4. Participants shall not be entitled to refunds for the Tournament or the Big Blue Challenge unless Participant complies with the refund rules set forth above. Participant shall not be entitled to a refund after June 26 due to the inability of Participant to fish on July 4 for any reason, including, but not limited to bad weather, adverse sea conditions, other acts of God, mechanical or physical conditions or other similar conditions or events.
- 17. Dispute Resolution:** In order for any dispute or protest to be considered it must be submitted to IGI prior to 5:00 pm on July 5, 2008. Any dispute shall be determined and resolved in the sole and absolute discretion of the IGI rules committee and said determination and/or resolution shall be final and binding.
- 18. Indemnification:** Anglers / crews / boat owner and guests of Participant (collectively "Participating Parties") enter the Tournament at their own risk, individually and collectively, and assume all risks which might occur. Participating Parties hereby release and forever discharge IGI and their agents, employees, representatives, attorneys, insurers, shareholders, officers, directors, assigns, heirs and successors-in-interest from and against any and all claims, demands, obligations and causes of action, which Participating Parties may have arising out of or in any way connected with their participation in the Tournament.
- 19. Jurisdiction:** In the event of any litigation arising out of the Tournament, participant hereby consents to the jurisdiction of the Florida courts with venue in Broward County, Florida.
- 20. Consent to Rules and Failure to Abide by the Rules:** Submission of your entry into the Tournament constitutes your acceptance of the Rules and your agreement to abide by the Rules. Failure to abide by the Rules shall constitute disqualification.

# WINNING CATCH

## 728-POUND CAUGHT OFF BERMUDA



Back row left to right: Jack Hessler, Ken Gapsch, Walter Cross, Angler-Vince Cann. Front left to right: Kevin Walsh, Glen Astwood, Captain-Peter Olander, aboard the *Queen of Hearts*, with the 2007 winning marlin.

The angler and crew aboard the *Queen of Hearts* in Bermuda had to wait until the early hours of July 5th to find out they had won the 23rd Annual Fourth of July World Cup Blue Marlin Championship (World Cup). Standing in their way was the crew aboard the *Hokulia I* who had hooked a blue marlin late in the day in Kona, Hawaii. The *Hokulia I* battled the fish for almost two hours, but in the end, they saw their fish was not big enough to beat the 728 lb blue marlin weighed in by *Queen of Hearts*. The *Hokulia I* tagged and released their fish.

# BLUE MARLIN WORLD CUP

WINNERS

Year	Angler	Hometown	Boat	Location	Weight
2007	Vince Cann	St'Davids	Queen of Hearts	Bermuda	728 lbs.
2006	Christopher Brand	Cape Verde	Happy Hooker	Cape Verde	850 lbs.
2005	Geoffrey Redmond	Bermuda	Sea Scorpion	Bermuda	712 lbs.
2004	Martin Estis	Bermuda	Tripleplay	Bermuda	1,189 lbs.
2003	Jim Bullock	Greensboro, NC	Oppositional	Bermuda	647 lbs.
2002	Weldon Douglas	Fountain Hills, AZ	Marlin Magic	Kona	612 lbs.
2001	Ephrem Cloostermans	Belgium	Capri	Azores	729 lbs.
2000	Curt Fujimoto	Kailua-Kona	Holly Aim	Kona	633 lbs.
1999	Robert Gollahon	King George, VA	Southern Exposure	N.C. Outer Banks	763 lbs.
1998	Rusty Arnbreeht	Richmond, TX	The Hooker	Cape Verde IS	458 lbs.
1997	Mike Day	Rockville, MD	Captivator	Madeira	696 lbs.
1996	Steward Campbell	Houston	Chunda	Madeira	673 lbs.
1995	Jess Miller	England	Freed-Em	Maderia	953 lbs.
1994	Sue Stolzman	Saratoga, CA	Pacific Blue	Kona	654 lbs.
1993	Don Hunt	Bermuda	Challenger	Bermuda	1,195 lbs.
1992	Bill Holt	San Francisco	Maka Iwa	Kona	487 lbs.
1991	Dom Siano	Fort Pierce, FL	Magic	Costa Rica	498 lbs.
1990	Bill Boyle	Honolulu	No-Problem	Kona	612 lbs.
1989	Paul Davis	Houston	Magic Dragon Freeport	TX	544 lbs.
1988	Enrique Ricart	Santo Domingo	D.R. Mar-Y-Cristy	St. Thomas	499 lbs.
1987	No Qualifying Marlin				
1986	No Qualifying Marlin				
1985	Tex Schramm	Dallas	Key Venture	San Salvador	537 lbs.



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