



**“3rd” Annual Greg D. Perez International
Sportfishing Derby
August 26, 2023
Gregorio D. Perez Marina (Hagatna) and Agat Marina**

Official Rules & Regulations

1. Entry fee: \$200.00 per boat for two persons (Captain and one Crew); \$40.00 per additional crew/angler.
2. Fishing hours are from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday, August 26, 2023.
3. Increment Weather: Should a small craft warning be issued, or an earthquake occurs that forces the cancellation of the Derby Day, the Derby will be rescheduled for the next most convenient day. The Derby committee shall meet to determine the specific dates for the Derby. Event details will be announced.
4. Two Derby stations will be open for your fishing convenience. Greg D Perez Marina (Hagatna) is the Main Derby Station and the Agat Marina is the Secondary Station. Each will be equipped with a certified scale, status board, and VHS radio. Both Derby Stations will monitor Channel 68.
5. Participants must determine which Marina they will be departing (checking-out) from. Vessels **MUST** depart and check-in at the SAME Marina. Example: Vessels departing from Greg D Perez Marina **MUST** check back in at Greg D Perez Marina, and those departing from Agat Marina **MUST** check back in at the Agat Marina. All qualifying catch must be weighed at the same Marina.
6. Check-out and check-in of boats from both marina stations will continue throughout the day but must check in **no later than 6:00 pm** on August 26, 2023, for your catch to qualify. All participants must have their boat inside the tip of either Marina entrance (inside Channel markers) at or before 6:00 p.m and proceed to the Official Weigh Station, for their catch to qualify. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification of their catch.
7. All boats participating in the Derby must have completed an Entry Form, signed the **Waiver** and have a Entry receipt. The receipt will be issued upon registration and should be available upon request by a Tournament Official. The Registration form must indicate the name of the person who will receive the Derby prize, if their boat wins any prize.
8. All boats **MUST** submit a **Float Plan** with Tournament Officials prior to departure from Marina. The float plan information will be kept confidential by Tournament Officials.

9. Vessels will be inspected by Tournament Officials and signed off prior to departure from the designated Marinas. Tournament official will begin inspection at 4:30am at the Gregorio D. Perez (GDP) Marina (Hagatna) and Agat Marina.
10. Participants not having any qualifying catch to report, or are returning late, are required to contact derby officials (Tournament Official) on radio on channel 68 and advise that they are done for the day.
11. All fish must be recorded and certified by the Tournament Weigh Master to qualify for prizes.
12. Electric Reels are NOT ALLOWED on participating boats.
13. A boat may win only one (1) prize per category (place).
14. There are five (5) categories of fish: Billfish (Shortbill Spearfish; Sailfish; Blue Marlin, Black Marlin; Broadbill Swordfish), Yellow-Fin Tuna, Wahoo, Mahi Mahi and Bonita. **Note:** For **BONITA** category, only Bonita weighing **10 lbs. and over** will qualify for Derby prizes.
 - a. BILLFISH– Grand: \$4,000; 1st Place - \$2,000; 2nd Place - \$1,500; 3rd Place - \$1,000
 - b. YELLOWFIN: 1st Place – 1,500; 2nd Place - \$ 1,000; 3rd Place - \$700
 - c. WAHOO: 1st Place - \$ 1,000; 2nd Place - \$700; 3rd Place - \$ 300
 - d. MAHI MAHI: 1st Place – \$1,000; 2nd Place - \$ 700; 3rd Place - \$300
 - e. BONITA; 1st Place - \$ 1,000; 2nd Place - \$700; 3rd Place - \$300
15. The “**Greg D. Perez World Record Marlin Category Special Prize**” is awarded to the First Participant to weigh and record a **Marlin** that weighs over 1,153.0 pounds within the Tournament Rules. **The “Special Prize” will be offered only once.** The order for weighing and recording is based on the first boat that enters the tip of the Gregorio D. Perez Marina and/or the AGAT Marina entrance. The Special Prize will only be honored on Derby date and time. The winner of this special prize will not be eligible to win the largest Billfish Category or Grand prize. Any fish that qualifies for a Special Prize must be photographed on the weight scale and the photo must show weight reading. Official documents certified by the Tournament Committee must be submitted upon confirmation of the event/category winner.
16. In the event that two fish weigh the same amount, the first fish to be weighed and recorded at the either the Gregorio D. Perez Marina or Agat Marina will be considered the winner. The second fish weighed and recorded may be eligible for another prize in the same category.
17. No boat may assist another boat with landing their catch.
18. Transfer of catch from one boat to another is NOT allowed. No other boat or person from another boat may assist in landing/boarding a fish. Any catch being transferred between boats, or a boat being assisted by another boat in landing/boarding a fish will disqualify both boats and the catch.
19. Prohibited Fish Handling: shooting, harpooning or lancing fish during any stage of catch will disqualify the fish. Gaffs exceeding 8 feet or flying gaffs in which rope exceeds 30 feet are prohibited. Firearms are prohibited.
20. Fish mutilated by sharks, other fish or propellers that remove or penetrate the flesh will be disqualified. Injuries or scratches caused by leaders or lines, healed scars or regenerated deformities are exempted. Any mutilation of the fish must be explained to the satisfaction of the Tournament Officials.



21. Fish Quality / Prohibitions: All fish must be properly handled, iced and be of good quality. Fish that are not well kept throughout the day and appear to be old may be disqualified for that reason. Ice them down.
22. Stomach contents of all fish entered for a prize may be randomly checked and removed by Tournament Officials.
23. Only protests submitted to a Tournament Official in writing and within an hour after the closing of the tournament day will be entertained by Tournament Officials. The decision of the Tournament Officials will be final.
24. Participants are responsible for their own safety, actions, and property at all times.
25. All participating boats must observe safe boating rules and regulations. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of the boat from the tournament. A registered boater will not qualify for reimbursement if disqualification is due to the boater negligence in furnishing the required safety equipment and current boating registration. Vessels must comply with US Coast Guard and Local boating safety rules.
26. Participants are encouraged to assist boats in distress if they are able to. Boats responding to a distress call will be exempted from the 6:00 p.m. deadline **IF they have a qualifying catch onboard PRIOR to responding to the distress call BUT must obtain prior approval from the Tournament Rules Official.**
27. In case of a “MAY DAY” or “DISTRESS CALL”, the closest boat to the vessel in distress will take charge of communication and rescue attempts. Immediately notify GFD Rescue on Channel 68 and the US Coast Guard on Channel 16, utilizing your VHF radio. On your cellular phone, dial 911.
28. Sportsmanlike Conduct
All participants are expected to maintain a reasonable and sportsmanlike demeanor at all times throughout the tournament. Unsportsmanlike or threatening conduct towards tournament organizers or other participants, or any other behavior which the tournament organizers deem inappropriate, in their sole discretion, will result in immediate disqualification of the entire team with no refund of entry fees.