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PROUDLY PRESENT

The 11th annual Boat Harbour-HMY Billfish Blast
May 31 - June 4, 2010

HMY Yacht Sales in cooperation with Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour Marina cordially extend this invitation to the 11th annual Billfish Blast.

Our tournament is ranked among the best for many reasons as we pride ourselves on producing an atmosphere that encourages both camaraderie and competition. The Blast provides the best and most enjoyable tournament experience possible by offering exceptional dinner banquets and fantastic fishing. From the moment fireworks light up the sky at the Kick-Off Dinner until the champion is presented with the Perpetual Trophy, prepare your team for an entertaining week and first-rate competition.

As an added feature this year, your entry fee includes a weekly social ticket for the captain of your boat! We always sell individual social tickets onsite which include access to both dinner and the open bar along with children's packages as well, so just let us know at registration how many extra tickets you'll need and how many children will be dining with you each evening. **We've also modified the rule for junior anglers to allow for assisted catches in order to promote family fun!**

The Billfish Blast is designed to provide as much entertainment at a tournament as possible while still keeping healthy competition alive. Join in the fun and show off your spirit each evening as the Tournament Tent is transformed daily according to a different theme. This year's theme nights are as follows:

MONDAY:	Memorial Day Kick-Off – Show off the reds, whites and blues
TUESDAY:	Sports Night – Wear team colors and jerseys and be sure to bring a cheerleader
WEDNESDAY:	Rockstar Talent Contest – Dress to impress (or to impersonate) and showcase your talent
THURSDAY:	Mandatory Lay Day – Beach and pool activities for everyone
FRIDAY:	Awards Dinner and Cocktail Ceremony plus the Grand Finale Showcase

This tournament has gone back to basics, and we expect an increase in participation from previous years. Please keep in mind that the number of boats at the Blast is limited in order to guarantee that each participant receives first-class treatment from everyone involved. Bring your friends and family to the Abaco Beach Resort at Boat Harbour for a true Blast this Memorial Day!

Take a moment to review the entire entry packet, and sign up early! Feel free to contact me at anytime should you have any questions about the 2010 Blast. I can be reached at 954-868-8022 or via e-mail at LaurieBass@hmy.com.

Best regards,

Laurie Bass
Tournament Director

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BOAT NAME:	PORT OF CALL:
LOA & MANUFACTURER:	MODEL YEAR:
TYPE OF ENGINES:	SAT PHONE #:

OWNER INFORMATION	NAME:		
	STREET ADDRESS:		
	CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
	HOME PHONE:	CELL PHONE:	FAX:
	E-MAIL:		
CREW INFORMATION	CAPTAIN'S NAME:		
	CAPTAIN'S CELL PHONE:		
	CAPTAIN'S E-MAIL:		
	MATE(S):		

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Please make all checks payable to **ABACO BEACH RESORT - BILLFISH BLAST** and return application, payment and signed agreement to Billfish Blast c/o C-Bass Productions, 430 Village Creek Drive, Webster TX 77598.

ENTRY FEE: <i>Includes the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Registration for four anglers ♦ Five (5) social tickets and bar pass for nightly events ♦ Dockage at Boat Harbour from May 31 to June 4, 2010 (not including electric, water, and/or cable) ♦ Various giveaways (one registration boat bag, morning and afternoon gifts, raffle entry) 	\$5,000
ADDITIONAL ANGLER (\$750 each): <i>Additional anglers are entitled to the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Eligibility of catches for all prizes, trophies, and points ♦ One (1) weekly social ticket 	
# of additional anglers: _____ x \$750 each =	
WEEKLY SOCIAL TICKET FOR ADULT (\$550 each): <i>Package for five nights includes one (1) dinner ticket and one (1) bar pass per person per night</i>	
# of adult weekly social tickets: _____ x \$550 each =	
Cancellation policy: Once an application has been processed, written notice of a cancellation must be sent to C-Bass Productions. Refunds and credits will be issued according to the following formula: Full refund - 30 days prior to start of event; 50% credit - less than 30 days prior to start of event.	TOTAL COST

		SHIRT SIZE	FEMALE ANGLER	JUNIOR ANGLER
TEAM INFORMATION	ANGLER #1:			
	ANGLER #2:			
	ANGLER #3:			
	ANGLER #4:			

NOTES: Angler names can be changed on-site as needed. Please use reverse side of application for additional anglers. Junior anglers are children 15 years old and younger.

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Credit Card Authorization Form

If payment will be made by credit card, please complete the following information. A photocopy of a picture ID is required in order to process your request. Abaco Beach Resort at Boat Harbour Marina will process the charge in care of the Billfish Blast.

**Please return application, payment and signed agreement to the following address:
Billfish Blast c/o C-Bass Productions, 430 Village Creek Drive, Webster TX 77598.**

Please PRINT all information!

BOAT NAME: _____

NAME (as it appears on card): _____

BILLING ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: _____

EXPIRATION DATE: _____ VERIFICATION CODE: _____

(3 digits located on back of card)

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

Please complete the following information:

Entry fee \$5,000

Additional registered anglers (\$750 each) _____

Additional adult social tickets (\$550 each) _____

TOTAL TO CHARGE CREDIT CARD: _____

ATTACH COPY OF PHOTO ID HERE (or use separate page)

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PARTICIPANT AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

IMPORTANT

Read this form carefully before signing. Your signature indicates you agree to these terms.

The undersigned are Participants in the "BILLFISH BLAST TOURNAMENT." As consideration for participant being permitted to participate and/or be present during this event, the participant freely and voluntarily, after having read this Agreement, agrees to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Releasees refer to and are all persons and entities involved in the running and/or operation of the "Billfish Blast", including, but not limited to HMY Yacht Sales Inc., HMY New Yacht Sales, LE Marine, Abaco Beach Resort at Boat Harbour Marina, C-Bass Productions, and all promoters, sponsors and originators, entertainers and all of the employees, agents, officers, and the directors of the foregoing.

1. PARTICIPANT HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGERS AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE the releasees and each of them from all liability of the undersigned, his personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin for any and all loss or damage, and any claim or demands therefore on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in death of the undersigned, whether caused by the negligence of the releasees or otherwise while the undersigned is participating in the Billfish Blast Tournament, either directly or indirectly, and coming to or returning from said event.
2. PARTICIPANT HEREBY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE due to the negligence of releasees or otherwise while participating in the Billfish Blast Tournament, either directly or indirectly, and coming to or returning from said event.
3. EACH OF THE UNDERSIGNED PARTICIPANTS expressly acknowledges and agrees that some of the activities of the Billfish Blast Tournament might be very dangerous and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage. EACH OF THE UNDERSIGNED further expressly agrees that the foregoing release waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of Florida and if any portion of this Agreement is held valid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. It is agreed that Florida law applies, and that the place of exclusive jurisdiction for any actions or claims arising from the Billfish Blast, either directly or indirectly, and coming to and returning from said event shall be in Broward County, Florida.
4. PARTICIPANT is fully and completely responsible for the conduct, behavior and actions of his/her crew, vessel operator, family members, guests, and invitees. The PARTICIPANT INDEMNIFIES AND SAVE HARMLESS RELEASEES, without limitation, from any and all liability, loss, damage, expense, costs (including all attorney fees), claims and judgment caused by or arising, directly or indirectly, in whole or part, from the actions or lack of actions of PARTICIPANT, vessel's operator, participant's crew, participants team, family members, guests and invitees to releasees.
5. PARTICIPANT willfully and completely compensates releasees for any and all loss, damage, expense, and cost arising directly or indirectly in whole or in part, from the actions or lack of actions of PARTICIPANT, vessel operator, participant's crew, participants team, family members, guests and invitees to releasees. PARTICIPANT will cooperate with releasee, in the event of any third party claim or action against releasees.
6. There will be no weather days. All boat PARTICIPANTS, owners, operators, crews, guests and anglers will operate their vessels and/or fish at their own discretion and solely at their own risk. Any weather reports posted or announced by the Billfish Blast Tournament Committee will be for information purposes only. It is agreed that the Billfish Blast will not be liable for such weather day posting or announcements, or the omission of such posting or announcements.
7. PARTICIPANT executes this Agreement for himself/herself/itself, and in the event that there are minor children of THE participant involved in or present during the Billfish Blast Tournament, on behalf of said minor children and as parent of such minor children.

THE UNDERSIGNED PARTICIPANT HAS READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNS THE RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, and further agrees that no oral representations, statements or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made. This agreement shall take effect as an instrument under seal, and shall be binding.

BOAT NAME: _____

BOAT OWNER: _____ SIGNATURE: _____
(please print)

BOAT CAPTAIN: _____ SIGNATURE: _____
(please print)

DATE: _____

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

The HMY-Boat Harbour Billfish Blast is a team event. The total of all billfish points accumulated by adults on one boat will determine the overall winning boat, and how other boats place in the tournament. The registration fee of \$5,000 covers the participation of up to four anglers per boat.

Only release points count toward release trophies. Only registered anglers qualify for trophies, prizes and release recognition. Additional anglers may be added by registering and paying the additional angler fees. All other, non-fishing, guests are required to purchase social tickets.

It is required that the names of all anglers, captains and mates are listed on the tournament registration form. On-site changes are permitted, but please notify the Committee Boat or a tournament staff member as soon as possible when a change occurs. Any changes must be authorized by the Committee Boat prior to the boat checking out for the days fishing. Important note: As a courtesy to HMY Yacht Sales, yacht brokers from brokerages other than HMY will not be permitted to participate in the Billfish Blast or attend its events, whether as your guest or as a team member of your boat.

FISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS: Teams will fish Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Thursday is a mandatory lay-day. If Tuesday or Wednesday fishing is called due to weather, Thursday will be used as a fishing day. Teams must report to the Committee Boat immediately upon departure from the dock. Any boat not contacting the Committee Boat prior to the announcement of lines in the water will be officially recorded to be taking a second, voluntary, non-fishing day. Once the day's fishing begins, only boats registered with the Committee Boat will be eligible for that day's weigh in. In the Junior and Ladies Divisions, rods may be passed to the Junior or Lady angler after the hook-up. If the rod is passed, the Junior or Lady must complete the catch or release. A second passing of the rod will disqualify the fish.

IGFA RULES: All anglers and crewmembers are expected to abide by the IGFA international angling rules for saltwater fishing. Only fish caught in accordance with IGFA international angling rules, and within the intent of these rules, will be considered for world records. The angler must hook, fight and bring the fish to gaff or the point of release unaided by any other person. No one other than the angler may touch the rod, reel or line at any time during the hook up or fighting of the fish.

JUNIOR ANGLERS: Junior anglers are age 15 and under and will be the only exception to the above rule. Junior anglers may receive assistance with a hook up, but the junior angler must fight and bring the fish to gaff or point of release unaided by any other person. Be advised that all assisted catches and/or releases DO NOT qualify for IGFA records.

LOCAL RULES: There will be no transfer of fish from one boat to another. The borders for the tournament are to be held within a 70-mile radius of Boat Harbour Marina.

FISHING HOURS: All boats may leave the marina at 7:00 AM everyday except on the last day of fishing. Boats may leave the marina at 6:00 AM on the last day of fishing. Lines in will be announced at 8:00 AM and lines out will be announced at 4:00 PM everyday except on the last day of fishing. Fishing on the last day begins at 7:00 AM and ends at 3:00 PM. On Tuesday and Wednesday an angler can fight the fish until landed provided that the fish has been properly reported to the Committee Boat as "Hooked up". On Friday, as long as the fish is reported as hooked up prior to the 3:00 PM announcement of lines out, an angler may continue to fight the fish, as long as the boat is at the weigh station by 6:30pm. If the boat arrives after 6:30pm, none of the catch or release points for that days fishing will count towards the final point standings.

ELIGIBLE SPECIES AND SCORING: Blue Marlin - Release, 600 points; If boated, one point per pound for fish measuring 115" LJFT or greater. White Marlin - Release, 200 points. Sailfish - Release, 50 points. Fish boated for measuring purposes will be disqualified as a released fish, but no points deduction will be assessed if the minimum length requirement is not met.

LINES: Manufacturers stated line strength should not exceed 100 lb. test line. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to take line samples for testing. Wire lines are prohibited. IGFA rules apply.

RODS, REELS, BAIT, TEASERS, AND HOOKS: A maximum of six rods and reels may be fished per boat. Power reels are not permitted. Either live or dead bait is permissible. A maximum of four teasers may be used per boat. Circle hooks are not required but are encouraged.

REPORTING: All hook-ups of eligible species must be reported to the Committee Boat as soon as possible. When the fish is boated, released or tagged, the captain or designate must notify the Committee of the species and the name of the angler. Failure to call in a hook-up, boated, released or tagged fish will disqualify the catch. A malfunctioning radio is not an acceptable excuse. It is acceptable for another tournament vessel to relay information to the Committee Boat.

RELEASE AND TAGGING:

1. *Digital Video:* Each boat shall use a digital video camera, with correct date and time stamp. Your camera and camera cable must be capable of downloading to a USB port in the official tournament computer, or the camera must be able to play back the catch clearly and concisely for verification. Each official catch and release of a fish must be captured on video with the number designated by the Committee Boat at the time of the hook up clearly visible in the video clip. The species must be clearly visible in the video clip. Failure to video a fish, within these terms will result in disqualification of that particular fish. The Rules Committee may request a special polygraph test or other corroborating evidence that would help validate the catch. Basically, NO VIDEO=NO FISH. The decision of the Rules Committee is final.
2. *Polygraph:* All winning teams as well as any person aboard the boat may be subject to and must pass polygraph testing. Refusal to take the test will result in disqualification. Polygraph tests will include but will not be limited to questions on angling and release procedures and species of fish. Polygraph tests are final and winners are not official until test results are obtained.
3. *Release:* Proper release techniques must be used. A release is official only if the following conditions are met: The fish must be fought on the specified class line for the majority of the time the fish is hooked up; the fish must be brought close enough to the boat for the mate, angler, or captain to touch the leader and recognizable video of the species be taken for a qualified release.

WEIGH-IN HOURS AND PROCEDURES: The weigh-in station is officially open at 4:00 PM everyday, except on the last day when the scale will open at 3:00 PM. On Tuesday and Wednesday, if a fish is boated, the scale will remain open until the boated fish is brought to the scale. On the last day of fishing, the fish must be at the weigh scale no later than 6:30 PM. Boats which have caught and released fish must show their recorded video in the Tournament Tent at Boat Harbour Marina immediately upon return each day. All releases must be verified by 7:00 PM every day, except on the last day of fishing when all verifications must be completed by 6:00 PM. Failure to follow these procedures will result in loss of points for that days fishing.

PROTEST FORMAT AND COMMITTEE: Any protest must be filed in writing and presented to the protest Committee prior to the close of the weigh-in station on the same day as the alleged violation. The decision of the Protest Committee is final.

TROPHIES OF THE BILLFISH BLAST

OVERALL WINNER: Determined by the boat with the most accumulated points. The winner is recognized with the Perpetual Trophy, and the name of the winning boat and boat owner's name are engraved on the perpetual trophy.

Determined by total points:

2nd place Boat Team
3rd place Boat Team

1st place Captain and Crew
2nd place Captain and Crew
3rd place Captain and Crew

Determined by total release points accumulated by blue marlin, white marlin, and sailfish:

1st place Release Boat
2nd place Release Boat
3rd place Release Boat

Determined by weight – 115” minimum on billfish, 25 lb. minimum for non-billfish:

Largest Blue Marlin
Largest Dolphin
Largest Wahoo
Largest Tuna

Determined by total points:

Top Overall Angler
Top Female Angler
Top Junior Angler

JIM SCHAEFER MEMORIAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: Presented to the participant displaying the most sportsmanlike conduct throughout the tournament.

SPIRIT OF THE BLAST: Presented to the team with the most spirit throughout the tournament's theme nights.

Plus... other exciting games, contests and prizes!

BOAT POOL INFORMATION

This Boat Pool was created to allow participation across the board, only in select categories, or not at all. This structure offers the opportunity for many boats (rather than just a few) to enjoy the rewards of their efforts!

2% of each pool is donated to Every Child Counts, a local Bahamian charity that provides alternative education for children with learning, developmental or physical disabilities regardless of financial, family or social restraints to maximize each child's ability to become a productive, successful and independent citizen. The official donation is presented to Every Child Counts at the Awards Ceremony.

Only blue marlin meeting the 115" LFJT qualify for the Big Fish category and dolphin, tuna, and wahoo meeting the 25 lb. minimum qualify for boat pool winnings.

All other categories are release categories and points are awarded as follows: Blue Marlin - Release, 600 points; White Marlin - Release, 200 points. Sailfish - Release, 50 points.

ENTRY FEES

Daily Pool – \$2,000
Winner's Pool – \$2,000
Big Fish Pool – \$1,000
Big Bet Pool – \$1,000
Fun Fish Category – \$1,000
\$7,000 across the board

CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

Daily Pool– The two high release point boats each day will win their share of the Daily Pool each fishing day. The first place boat receives 70% each day while the second place boat receives 30% (less the 2% designated for charity). In the event that any of the three fishing days does not produce a daily winner, all other daily winners will equally share the money that would have been won that day. In the event that only one boat qualifies for the release points, that boat receives 100% of the Daily Pool.

Winner's Pool– At the end of the tournament, the four boats with the highest release point totals will share the total money collected in the Winner's Pool (less the 2% designated for charity). The first place boat receives 40% of the pool, second place receives 30%, third place receives 20% and fourth place receives 10%

Big Fish Pool– This is a winner take all pool where 100% (less the 2% designated for charity) is awarded to the largest blue marlin boated during the tournament.

Big Bet Pool– This is a winner take all pool where 100% (less the 2% designated for charity) is awarded to the boat accumulating the highest release point total during the tournament.

Fun Fish Category– This is a three-way split pool (less the 2% designated for charity) and is awarded to the boats that catch and weigh in the largest tuna, dolphin, or wahoo.