



**THE MAURITIUS  
BILLFISH RELEASE**  
INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT  
25-31 January 2018



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## Welcome!

The Mauritius Billfish Release International Tournament is taking place in Black River during the peak of the marlin season. Situated on the west coast of the Island, sheltered from the prevailing trade winds, Black River is the perfect place for unforgettable deep-sea fishing experiences!

The Event is being organized by dedicated and passionate anglers, in synergy with one of the regional leading hotel group in the Indian Ocean, LUX\* Resorts and Hotels. The Main promoters and organizers are JPH Charters and LUX\* Sports with the support of La Balise Marina.

Number one in deep-sea fishing in Mauritius and established since 1975, JPH Charters has a solid experience in the organization of international fishing tournaments.

LUX\* Sport (LUX\* Resorts and Hotels) is the leader for sports travel and the organization of international sports events in Mauritius.

Situated in the breath-taking Black River area, La Balise Marina is an exclusive IRS project in Mauritius as it is the only residential marina development of the island.

The organizing committee, the tournaments' partners and sponsors really look forward to welcome you, your family and friends to this 2018 and fourth edition!

Tight lines!



## **Results and reports – 3rd Edition of the Mauritius Billfish Release International Tournament: EXCEPTIONAL FISHING**

The third edition of the Mauritius Billfish Release International Tournament successfully took place from 27th to 31st of January 2017 in the open sea of Black River and Le Morne. 56 Anglers - making a total of 14 Teams - took part in this edition.

«It is a big satisfaction to see such an increase in the number of Teams this year: from 9 teams in 2016 to 14 teams this year. Furthermore, fishing was exceptional during the tournament and, without being conceited we can say that we have not seen such good results since the beginning of international fishing tournaments in Mauritius:

- 28 Marlins were released with some of them estimated at 400, 600 and 800lb
- Plus 32 strikes above the marlins released were recorded

We received many positive comments from Anglers and journalists who came to cover the tournament as per these few samples hereunder:

First and foremost, I need to compliment you guys for running such a professional Competition; having attended hundreds of such events during 32 years and organized a good few myself, I must hand it to you and your team for putting on a world class event. The cherry was the great fishing and as we all know getting Marlin to co-operate is not in our hands but from what I experienced and the relatively short distance you have to travel to get to the fishing area really impressed me. SO A BIG CONGRATS TO THE WHOLE TEAM A JOB VERY WELL DONE

“It was a fabulous tournament: perfect organization, very good atmosphere and these magic marlins that were there! I had the opportunity to fish in many Billfish destinations around the world such as Cairn, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Mexico, Bahamas, Kenya, Bermuda and Hawaii, I need to tell you that this tournament is exceptional. Congratulations.”

“Just a few words to say a big thank you for this marvellous event; my congratulations goes to all your team who did a great job full of friendship, smiles, and joy during those 4 days. I shall certainly be in next year with hopefully my friend who shall be pleased to participate in such a tournament. My best regards to you all.”

“Once again my team members and I would like to thank you for your warm welcome and the quality of the organization of this wonderful tournament”

### **Our sponsors are :**

LUX\* Resorts and Hotels, JPH Charters, la MTPA, Phoenix Bev-Blue Marlin, Illy, Drones & Dreams et Kreola.

## TEAM CHALLENGE 2016

BOAT NAME	Day 1		Day 2			Day 3			Day 4		
	Points	Rank	Points for the day	Total points	Rank	Points for the day	Total points	Rank	Points for the day	Total points	Final Rank
ABYSS 974	19,8	4		19,8	6	1000	1019,8	7		1019,8	11
BAVARIA	1100	2		1100	3		1100	5	1000	2100	6
ESSEX BOYS	1000	3		1000	5	1000	2000	4	1000	3000	5
FLYING RABBIT	0			0			0			0	
LES BOURBONNAIS	1000	3		1000	5	2270	3270	2		3270	2
LT UNITED	0			0		1000	1000	8		1000	12
MANTRA	0			0		1000	1000	8	2250	3250	3
MAURITIUS	0			0			0		1037	1037	10
PROLAM	0			0			0			0	
REEL MAN	1000	3	1070	2070	2	1000	3070	3		3070	4
SALOMA	0			0			0		1070	1070	8
TEAM PULSATOR	0		1050	1050	4		1050	6	1000	2050	7
URODA POLAND	0			0		1050	1050	6		1050	9
VIVAX	2320	1	1100	3420	1	3300	6720	1	1100	7820	1

## ANGLER RANKING

ANGLER / RANKS	Day 1		Day 2			Day 3			Day 4		
	Points	Rank	Points for the day	Total points	Rank	Points for the day	Total points	Rank	Points for the day	Total points	Final Rank
EVGENY NOVOZHEEV	2320	1		2320	1	1000	3320	1	1100	4420	1
HELMUT LEX	1100	2		1100	2		1100	1	1000	2100	3
PIERRE LE MERLE	1000	3		1000	5	2070	3070	2		3070	2
DAVID HAWKESWOOD	1000	3		1000	5		1000	8		1000	9
JOSEF POTSIK	1000	3		1000	5	1000	2000	4		2000	5
BERTRAND DE BOISVILLIERS	19,8	4		19,8	6		19,8	9		19,8	10
ALEX SLIVKER			1100	1100	2	1000	2100	3		2100	3
JEAN FRANCOIS NUTTIN			1070	1070	3		1070	6		1070	7
GARY HIRST			1050	1050	4		1050	7	1000	2050	4
SLAVOMIR PIOTROVSKI						1050	1050	7		1050	8
GRAHAM KENDALL						1000	1000	8	1000	2000	5
LINAS SOLOMINAS						1000	1000	8		1000	9
PAUL MARRIS						1000	1000	8	1000	2000	5
LUDOVIC DOBEL						1000	1000	8		1000	9
VLADISLAV SHUMSKIY						1100	1100	5		1100	6
VIVIAN SERRET									1070	1070	7
GERALD WIEHE									1000	1000	9
ERIC DE SPEVILLE									1000	1000	9

## BOAT RANKING

BOAT NAME	POINTS	RANK
Moana 2	7820	1
Pailles-En-Queue	3270	2
Mantra	3250	3
Gamefisher 4	3070	4
Tomahawk	3000	5
Moana 1	2100	6
Ugly Fish	2050	7
Saloma 3	1070	8

BOAT NAME	POINTS	RANK
Moana 3	1050	9
Ticou	1037	10
Abyss	1019,8	11
Nostalgie	1000	12
Chillipoint	0	13
No Limit	0	13

## PRIZES WON

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** Roupies 350000, Trophes Souvenir et Challenge, Sejour a LUX\* Resorts, Champagne et Excursion en Catamaran Madiana.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** Roupies 100000, Trophes Souvenir et Challenge

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** Roupies 50000, Trophes Souvenir et Challenge



## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

All tournament times will be based on local GMT+4

Tournament Headquarters: JPH Charters office at La Balise Marina.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

17:00	Meeting and briefing with skippers, boat owners and the organizing committee at Tournament Headquarters.
17:00 - 19:00	Cocktail

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

06:00	Meeting at Tournament Headquarters
06:30	Fishing starts
16:30	Lines out of water
17:00 - 18:30	Release and point's record, cocktail

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

05:30	Meeting at Tournament Headquarters
06:00	Fishing starts
16:00	Lines out of water
16:30 - 18:00	Release and point's record, cocktail

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Day off

### MONDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018

05:30	Meeting at Tournament Headquarters
06:00	Fishing starts
16:00	Lines out of water
16:30 - 18:00	Release and point's record, cocktail

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

06:00	Meeting at Tournament Headquarters
06:30	Fishing starts
16:00	Lines out of water
16:30 - 19:00	Release and point's record, cocktail
20:15 - 22:00	Prize Giving Ceremony



**(TOTAL PRIZE MONEY RS 600,000)**

**WINNING TEAM**

Team who has scored the highest number of points

**Rs 350,000 PRIZE MONEY**

The Mauritius Billfish Release Challenge & Souvenir Trophy

Free accommodation (6 nights) offered by LUX\*

Resorts for each member of the team on B&B basis

**RUNNER UP TEAM**

Team who has scored the 2nd highest number of points

**Rs 100,000 PRIZE MONEY**

Souvenir Shield

**THIRD TEAM**

Team who has scored the 3rd highest number of points

**Rs 50,000 PRIZE MONEY**

Souvenir Shield

**WINNER SINGLE EVENT**

Angler who has scored the highest number of points

**Rs 50,000 PRIZE MONEY**

The Mauritius Billfish Release Challenge & Souvenir Trophy

**RUNNER UP SINGLE EVENT**

Angler who has scored the 2nd highest number of points

**Rs 25,000 PRIZE MONEY**

Souvenir Shield

Released Certificates

Souvenir Shield to each Team

**WINNING CREW**

Boat that has scored the highest number of points

**Rs 15,000 PRIZE MONEY**

Souvenir Shield

**RUNNER UP CREW**

Boat that has scored the 2nd highest number of points

**Rs 10,000 PRIZE MONEY**

Souvenir Shield



The Tournament will be fished according to the IGFA Rules & Regulations as well as to the Tournament RELEASE PROCEDURES. The tournament organizing committee reserves the right of changing the starting and finishing times according to the tides and for any other necessary reason.

## 1. BOAT AND EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

The minimum length of a participating Boat is 25 Feet with twin engines.

The boat must be equipped with a VHF radio, two cell phones and all safety equipment as per pleasure craft act.

The maximum line test allowed is 130 lbs IGFA Class

No extra points will be awarded for the use lighter line category.

Only rods and reels will be used

Dead baits and artificial lures may be used, live bait must be caught during the fishing hours of the day.

The use of non-offset circle hooks for fishing live/dead bait is compulsory.

## 2. QUALIFYING FISH & POINTS

RELEASED - QUALIFYING FISH	POINTS	RELEASED BONUS & SCHEME	POINTS
Blue, Black or Striped Marlin	1000	First released Marlin of each day	100
Sailfish	400	Second released Marlin of each day	70
Spearfish	200	Third released Marlin of each day	50
Shark	250	Two or more marlins released each day	200

  

BOATED FISH	POINTS
Tuna, Dorado, Wahoo (min 15 Lbs)	1 point per lb
Any Billfish	1 point per lb

A 100 points penalty will apply to any dead billfish

A boated shark will not be eligible for points

A mutilated fish will not qualify

## 3. TIES

In the event that one or more teams end up with the same amount of points, the victory will be attributed to the team who reached the total points first during the Tournament.



## 4. RELEASE RULES & PROCEDURES

A fish will be considered as released according to the IGFA rules as well as to Tournament RELEASE PROCEDURES. Only one Angler is allowed to handle the rod after the strike.

Tournament Release Rules:

The technical committee will consider a fish officially released when one of the following actions is completed:

- A. The crew is able to grab the leader
- B. The swivel hits the rod tip
- C. The connection (knot, splice, etc.) between the leader and the mainline/double passes through the rod tip

Tournament Release Procedure:

- 1. Report the strike to the technical committee on Cell (230) 57 27 88 94 or VHF 09 the name of Boat, the fishing zone and the fish species.
- 2. Take a picture and a film of the angler during the fight with the bracelet of the day.
- 3. Record film as per release video camera requirements.
- 4. Report the release of the fish to the technical committee on Cell (230) 57 27 88 94 or VHF 09

## 5. RELEASE VIDEO CAMERA REQUIREMENTS

All teams must provide their own video Camera(s) and know how to operate them to verify releases.

All video recording equipment must be synchronized to the official tournament time (GMT+4) and checked in by the tournament organizers.

To score an official release, the video footage must include sufficient continuous footage to:

- (1) Show a team member or crew touching the leader with the bracelet of the day while the fish is still hooked
- (2) Show part of the fight and full release of the healthy fish swimming away
- (3) Clearly identify the species

The video must be continuous with no breaks in recording and identify all of these elements. Do not delete any video taken during fishing hours, even if it does not include the above elements and will not be used to prove a catch.

Each registered angler and boat captain must then sign the catch-report affidavit. At the end of the day's fishing, the video camera and its connection devices, score card signed by the team captain and skipper and all video footage must be brought to the weigh station for verification of official release points. Unless a team is still fighting a fish all score cards must be returned to the weigh master before weigh master closing time. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of the catch. The organisers reserve the right to use all images for advertising purposes.

## **6. THE COMMITTEE OBSERVER**

The Committee reserves the right to place an observer on each participating Boat on each Tournament day.

## **7. FISHING EQUIPMENT**

The tournament will be fished according the IGFA rules and regulations. The technical committee may request from the angler the lure, line, and reel used to catch/release the fish. The technical Committee has the right to investigate and act upon any incident occurring during the tournament. It shall have the right to disqualify any capture following examination and measurement of tackle and equipment used on the boat. The technical committee holds the right to examine any tackle, hooks, line and/or leaders anytime during the event. Refusal to allow the committee to examine any tackle, line and/or leaders will result in immediate disqualification from the event without a refund of any registration fees. All decisions of the Ruling Committee are final and non-appealable.

## **8. PROTESTS**

Any protest should be filed in writing by the Captain of the protesting Boat to the technical committee within one hour after the Weigh Master Closing Time.

## **9. WEATHER**

The Organizing Committee may move or cancel any tournament fishing day if, in their judgment, unsafe conditions may exist at sea. If rough weather conditions exist and the tournament committee takes the decision to allow the participating boats to fish, the final decision to fish will be based solely on the judgment of the crew of each participating boat, keeping in mind the level of seaworthiness of their fishing vessel. All attempts will be made to fish as many days as possible, but as little as one day of fishing or any part thereof constitutes a complete tournament. If a scheduled day of fishing must be canceled, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 automatically becomes a fishing day.

Notice - bad weather conditions and exceptional situations: The Organising Committee can change, modify and/or cancel fishing dates in case of bad weather conditions resulting from cyclones, cyclone alert, strong winds, tidal wave, rough seas, flooding and any other natural disaster or exceptional situations beyond its control, occurring during or prior the period of the tournament.

## **10. RIGHT OF ADMISSION**

The committee reserves the right of admission to the tournament. Furthermore, any team member threatening or insulting a member of the committee will subject the team to immediate disqualification.

**IN ALL CASES THE DECISIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE ARE IRREVOCABLE & FINAL.**

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## THE MAURITIUS BILLFISH RELEASE INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

There must be a maximum of 4 Anglers per team and a team captain must be appointed for each team.

Team Name:	Country:				
	T-Shirt sizes (Please tick a size for each member)	M	L	XL	XXL
Team Captain:					
Team Member No. 1					
Team Member No. 2					
Team Member No. 3					

Entry fee per team for The Mauritius Billfish Release International Tournament 2016 is: Rs 92,000 (All taxes included) per Team to be paid either by Bank Transfer, Credit card debit or Cash including all social events, but excluding boat charter. Boat charter options:

**Option A** booking through the tournaments selected boats, (LINK: [www.mauritiusbillfishtournament.com/boats](http://www.mauritiusbillfishtournament.com/boats)) further info: [pascal@jph.mu](mailto:pascal@jph.mu)  
**Option B** participants are free to make their own boat choice as per boat and equipment specifications (see tournament rules section 1)

Number of entries will be limited in order to guarantee your entry.

**Payment Terms:** 20% deposit to be received maximum 15 days after invoice received. Balance at latest 30 November 2016.

**Cancellation Fees:** 50% cancellation fee 1 month prior.

Contact Details:

Address of Team:

Telephone:

Email:

Proposed date of Arrival:

Proposed date of Departure:

Entry form duly filed and signed to be faxed to No (230) 483 5038 or email [pascal@jph.mu](mailto:pascal@jph.mu)

Payment of entry fee can be either by bank transfer or credit card (Visa or Master).

I, hereby declare that I am the Captain / Responsible person of the team:

I have read the rules and regulations of the competition and agree to abide by those. This equally applies for my team members.

Name and Surname:

Signed:

Dated: / /

Accompanying persons: please complete the attached accompanying persons form, if applicable.

Last date arrival of teams in Mauritius is Wednesday 25th of January.

## ACCOMPANYING PERSONS (INFORMATION) FORM

NAME AND SURNAME OF ACCOMPANYING PERSON:	IF CHILDREN, PLEASE GIVE DATE OF BIRTH

Comments if any:

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Contribution for accompanying persons for the Tournaments' social events (including meals and drinks):

**Per adult:** Rs.6500

**Per child:** 0-5 years: free | 6-11 years: Rs.3000 | 12-17 years: Rs.4000



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## **Accommodation will be at LUX\* Le Morne (5 Star)**

Located at Le Morne the hotel is surrounded by white sandy beaches in a calm turquoise lagoon. Nestled amongst lush green vegetation, LUX\* Le Morne has been designed in an authentic and sensitive manner, owing a great respect to the surrounding environment. Combining natural and traditional materials and colours with modern amenities, LUX\* Le Morne unites the classic with the contemporary to exquisite effect. A natural elegance permeates the property.

Accommodation rates include transfers to and back from La Balise Marina during fishing days and social events for Anglers and accompanying persons (Transfer time LUX\* Le Morne to La Balise Marina is 15mns)

<http://www.luxresorts.com/en/hotel-mauritius/luxlemorne>

Optional Accommodation

- Tamassa (4 Star) produced by LUX\*
- Appartments at La Balise Marina

## **Tamassa**

Situated at Bel Ombre, in the south of Mauritius, Tamassa is a spacious 4-star hotel with a resolutely contemporary setting for a clientele looking for a difference. All the rooms, housed in a set of villas, face the sea and are arranged in three arcs, two around large swimming pools with a beach and the third one on the seafront. Around the hotel's main swimming pool, the "Show" restaurant, the "B-Bar" and the boutique are grouped together in a village style, where each component is ideally placed. The view extends from the mountains through the lush sugar cane fields, to end up across an azure lagoon towards the horizon.

Accommodation rates include transfers:

- To and back from La Balise Marina during fishing days and social events for Anglers and accompanying persons (Transfer time Tamassa to La Balise Marina is 25mns)
- To and back from LUX\* Le Morne for Gala dinner and Prize Giving Ceremony

<http://www.luxresorts.com/en/mauritius/tamassa-an-all-inclusive-resort>

## Further information and booking procedure

Please contact for your booking or any information on the hotels and accommodation set-up, either:

- LUX\* Sports (LUX\* Resorts) email: [albert.dunienville@luxresorts.com](mailto:albert.dunienville@luxresorts.com) or [jerome.rault@luxresorts.com](mailto:jerome.rault@luxresorts.com)
- The Tournaments Organizing Committee, email: [pascal@jph.mu](mailto:pascal@jph.mu)

Payment of accommodation will be made to the Tournament's Organizing Committee together with the Tournament's Entry Fee. LUX\* Sports will liaise with the Tournament's Organizing Committee accordingly.

### Travel

Air ticket: we advise you to contact your normal Travel Agent or Airliner.

We remain however at your disposal for any further assistance and advice.

### The Organizing Committee

