

MAY 28 - 30, 2009

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

18th Annual Bald Head Island Fishing Rodeo



Hosted by
Bald Head Island Limited, LLC

Awards

(Based on 30 Boat Entries)

Prize money increases or decreases proportionately to number of boats entered.

First Place Boat - \$10,800 and Trophy

Second Place Boat - \$5,400 and Trophy

Third Place Boat - \$1,800 and Trophy

Fourth Place Boat - Trophy

Fifth Place Boat - Trophy

Lady Angler - Trophy

Junior Angler - Trophy

Largest Tuna, Wahoo and Dolphin Catch Daily - \$500

Billfish Category

Winner takes all. Trophy for 1st and 2nd place.

\$200 entry fee

NOTE: The Bald Head Island Fishing Rodeo Committee will deduct 10% for charity from the pool before money is awarded. All billfish will be released, and points awarded for billfish will count only toward the billfish tournament.

Winners of the 2008 Fishing Rodeo

1st: <i>Tuna Trappe III</i>	Capt. Brian Smith, Wilmington, N.C.	307.04 lbs.
2nd: <i>Musicman</i>	Capt. David Marshall, Wilmington, N.C.	166.82 lbs.
3rd: <i>Reel Quick</i>	Capt. Chris Bailey, Raeford, N.C.	143.02 lbs.

Thursday, May 28

6 - 8 p.m., Welcome Dinner

7:30 p.m., Captains' Meeting

Friday, May 29

8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., First Day of Fishing

5:30 - 8 p.m., Weigh-in

8:30 p.m., Scales close

7 - 9 p.m., Dinner

Saturday, May 30

8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Second Day of Fishing

4 - 6 p.m., Final Weigh-in

6:30 p.m., Scales close

6:30 - 9:30 p.m., Party with Dinner/DJ

7:30 p.m., Awards Ceremony

- As a participant in the Fishing Rodeo, you'll receive a 15% discount on rental accommodations when you call BHI Limited at 1-800-432-RENT.
- For more information on the Fishing Rodeo, call the Shoals Club Recreation Department at 1-800-234-1666, ext. 3701.
- If you are interested in docking in the Bald Head Island Marina, please call the Dockmaster at 910-457-7380, locally, or 1-800-1666, ext. 7380, or use VHF Channel 16.

www.bhifishingrodeo.com



Entry Fee

\$700 per boat if received now through May 21, 2008

\$800 per boat if received May 22-28, 2008

\$200 additional for Billfish Tournament

Includes four (4) passes to tournament, meals and entry angler kit with T-shirt, hat and gifts for each crew member. See entry form. *Limited dock space available in the Bald Head Island Marina for an additional fee.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Requests for a full refund of tournament fees must be received by 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2009. Any refund request after this date will be granted to those with a confirmed medical or family emergency, and the refund will be in the form of a credit for all monies paid toward participation in the 2010 Bald Head Island Fishing Rodeo.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM 2009

Please print or type

Check recipient's information

Boat Name: _____

Name: _____

Make: _____

Phone #: _____

Length: _____

Social Security #/Tax ID: _____

Home Port: _____

Address: _____

Boat Owner: _____

Captain's Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Email: _____

Captain's Address: _____

_____ \$700 (through May 21, 2009)

_____ \$800 (May 22 - 28, 2009)

_____ Friday Dinner Tickets, adults, \$16/children 6-12, \$8

_____ Saturday Awards Ceremony & Dinner Ticket, adults, \$16/children 6-12, \$8

Reduced prices for participants, advance purchase required.

Contact phone number during tournament: _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Please make check payable to: **BHI Fishing Rodeo**
 Mail entry form and check to: **Bald Head Island Fishing Rodeo**
 Attn: Wendy Irick
 P.O. Box 3069
 Bald Head Island, NC 28461

Phone: (910) 457-3701

FISHING RODEO RELEASE

This Tournament is held in strict compliance with the laws of the State of North Carolina and the United States of America. The Tournament and its sponsors are not responsible for the conduct, personal injury, damages, or negligence on the part of any participant. It is expressly understood and agreed that all participants in this Tournament enter at their own risk, and that, Bald Head Island Limited, LLC, its affiliates and their respective agents, employees, officers and directors, and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of said Tournament, including sponsors, shall be exempt from any liability for libel, slander, loss, or damage, negligence, harm, injury, or death suffered by any participant, entrant, sport fisherman, their companions, boat captains, mates, crew members, vessels, and/or equipment. Bald Head Island Limited, LLC, its affiliates, and their agents and assigns (collectively "BHI") reserve the right to photograph and/or videotape all participants, their guests, mates, crew members, vessels, and property before, during, and after the Tournament. The photography/videography created will be the sole and exclusive property of BHI, and may be used in the sale and marketing of Bald Head Island and for any other purposes deemed suitable by BHI, including but not limited to publication in brochures and magazines, broadcast on television and the Internet, etc. Participants will not be compensated for any appearance in the photography/videography, nor for any endorsements that their appearance may express or imply.

By signing the entry form, the undersigned Captain and owner, for themselves, their guests, mates, and crew members, release, and agree to indemnify Bald Head Island Limited, LLC, its affiliates, and their respective agents, officers, directors, sponsors, employees and volunteers from and against any liability for any injury, loss or damage which may occur during the Tournament. The undersigned further irrevocably authorizes BHI to photograph and/or film or videotape them, their guests, mates, crew members, vessels and property, before during and after the Tournament. The undersigned understands that any photography/videography will be the sole and exclusive property of BHI, and may be used in the sale and marketing of Bald Head Island and for any other purposes deemed suitable by BHI. The undersigned further understands that they will not be compensated for any appearance in the film or any endorsements that their appearance may express or imply, and the undersigned for themselves, their guests, mates and crew members, hereby waives any and all claims for compensation, rents or profits whatsoever resulting from the photograph/filming/videotaping of the undersigned, their guests, mates, crew members, vessels, or property. The undersigned also understands that even though they may be photographed, filmed or videotaped, no representations, promises or guarantees have been made that they will appear in final published versions of the photograph/videography. All captains and owners are required to sign their entry form, which is a certification that they and their mates and crew have read and agree to abide by all rules inclusive. No entry will be accepted unsigned.

OWNER _____ DATE _____

CAPTAIN _____ DATE _____

An Angler's Paradise



For generations, sport fishermen have found the waters in and around Bald Head Island rich with the bounties of the sea. In recent years, anglers competing in the Bald Head Island Fishing Rodeo have discovered that these waters seem to be regenerative. And this year's event promises some of the greatest fish tales ever.

Whether you fish from your home port or the Bald Head Island Marina, you'll find the Bald Head Island Fishing Rodeo one of the most competitive in the region, as well as offering some appealing cash prizes. And with many special activities planned for families as well as anglers, the Bald Head Island Fishing Rodeo has a specially designed "lure" for excellent sport fishing and family fun.

In addition to having unobstructed access to the Atlantic's Gulf Stream, Cape Fear River and Intracoastal Waterway, Bald Head Island Marina's modern amenities include floating docks, fuel, power hook-ups, showers, laundry, nearby restaurants and a convenience store. An attentive dock staff is always on hand to assist marina guests.

Surrounded by the picturesque residential community of Harbour Village, the marina is also the gateway to an extraordinary island community. Picket fences, broad

pedestrian walkways, and cedar-sided homes with ample porches and weathered rockers lure yachtsmen and anglers to come ashore and explore this rare cape island.

Families who accompany their competing anglers soon discover there's a variety of leisure activities. Nature trails, kayak or canoe safaris on Bald Head Creek, or a visit to the Smith Island Museum of History and a climb to the top of Old Baldy Lighthouse are just a few of the adventures that await.

Participants who dock overnight in the BHI Marina are eligible to acquire temporary memberships in the Bald Head Island Club and the oceanfront Shoals Club during the length of their stay. Memberships in these clubs allow access to an 18-hole golf course, tennis, croquet, pools, fitness centers, beach access and a variety of dining facilities.

For those interested in a long-term stay, BHI Yacht Club memberships granting exclusive use of specific boat slips are available for purchase.

To participate in the 2009 Fishing Rodeo, please complete the attached entry form, get your crew together, and beat the early entry deadline. Fish from your home port or any nearby marina, or reserve a slip at the BHI Marina. Docking space is limited, so call today. 910-457-7380 or 1-800-234-1666, ext. 7380, or use VHF Channel 16.

BALD HEAD ISLAND FISHING RODEO RULES

All boats must be registered and fees paid to the Bald Head Island Fishing Rodeo prior to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 28, 2009. Fishing will be from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Friday, May 29 and 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m., Saturday, May 30, unless altered by weather or other conditions. Final decision regarding fishing days will be made at the Captain's meeting Thursday, May 28, at 7:30 p.m. At least one person from each boat shall be represented at this Captain's meeting and is responsible for knowing the rules, including any changes that may take place. One day of fishing is sufficient to constitute a tournament.

Boats must return to their ports each fishing day. No overnight anchoring will be allowed. Official weigh station hours: 5:30 - 8 p.m. on first day of fishing. Boats must be inside the green and red markers of BHI Marina by 8 p.m. on the first day and 6 p.m. on the second day, with scale closings at 8:30 and 6:30 p.m., respectively. Any boat entering the BHI Marina after 8 p.m. on day one, and after 6 p.m. on day two, will not have their catch weighed. Listen for scale closing announcement. If all boats are accounted for and have been given ample time and fair warning to weigh in, scales may close prior to posted scheduled closing time. No substitute boat shall be permitted unless the request is reviewed and sanctioned by the tournament committee beforehand.

Charter fishing vessels may enter the tournament only if they are not operating as a commercial fishing vessel under a NC commercial fishing license. Commercial/charter fishing vessels that fished the tournament in 1996 are grandfathered into the tournament.

All dolphin, tuna (yellowfin and blackfin only) and wahoo that are eligible for prizes must be weighed in on the same day they are caught, be in edible condition, and will become property of the Bald Head Island Fishing Rodeo. Any dolphin, tuna or wahoo shall be weighed by the tail. No holes or lacerations shall be closed by artificial means after the fish is removed from the boat. All fish that have been mutilated; i.e., cut, shot, bitten by a shark, or in any other way mutilated—except by gaffing—will be disqualified.

Dolphin, tuna and wahoo: one point per pound. Awards for largest fish in a species entered will be determined by weight. If two or more entries are of the same weight, the fish with the greatest total measurements (length and girth) shall be deemed the winner. If total measurements are the same, the winner will be determined by the first fish of that species weighed. Minimum weight for tuna and wahoo, 20 pounds; dolphin, 15 pounds. Daily prizes will be awarded for the largest tuna, dolphin and wahoo. If no fish are weighed in any of the categories, the money that was to be awarded that day will automatically go to the Old Baldy Foundation.

Billfish Tournament Within A Tournament: All billfish will be released, and points awarded for billfish will count only toward the billfish tournament. Released billfish must be attested to by a signature of everyone on board the vessel 18 years of age or older, and accompanied by a photo of the mate touching the leader (cameras will be provided by the BHIFR). To qualify the fish as a release, the mate must touch the leader before the fish is otherwise injured. In the event of a tie, the first boat to complete the winning total shall be considered the winner of the billfish tournament. All billfish must be reported to a committee boat at the time of hookup and at the time of release or loss. Committee boats will monitor channel 68. Dolphin, tuna or wahoo need not be reported unless hooked close to the hour of lines out. Billfish Points (applicable only to Billfish Tournament): Blue Marlin, 100; White Marlin, 50; Sailfish, 50.

All prizes including cash will be awarded to the check recipient as listed on the Official Entry Form submitted by each participating boat. The captain shall be responsible for providing to the tournament committee an address to which prizes can be forwarded, a social security number, or taxpayer I.D. number. The tournament committee will not distribute any prizes until the time for appealed disputes has ended, and there is adequate time to review and investigate all appealed disputes. In most instances, this will result in prizes being distributed within seven (7) days following the close of the tournament. If no qualifying fish are caught, 100% of that cash prize level will go to the Old Baldy Foundation.

All prizewinners are subject to a polygraph test. Any dispute concerning rules interpretation or awarding of prizes must be filed with the tournament committee by the captain of the boat believed aggrieved by the ruling. A verbal appeal must be given as soon as possible after the event in question, and the verbal appeal must be followed within twenty-four (24) hours after the close of the tournament by a written notice of the appeal, which specifies at a minimum, the following: the precise nature of the appeal, the facts and rules supporting the appeal, and any witnesses or third parties with knowledge relevant to a determination of the appeal.

Notice of the appeal must be delivered to the tournament committee chairman in a timely fashion. The tournament committee will respond to the appeal, in writing, as soon as it has investigated the appeal. The determination of the tournament committee as to the appeal shall be binding and final on all parties, and there shall be no recourse to any party regarding the result of an appeal, upon a good faith determination by the tournament committee as to the ultimate result and the award of prizes. All parties impacted by an appeal shall be notified of the appeal and given an opportunity to comment or respond within a time specified. This notification may be verbal or in writing. If, following reasonable efforts, the tournament committee cannot locate a party impacted by the appeal, the tournament committee may render a decision without benefit of that party's comment.



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All proceeds benefit the **Old Baldy Foundation**.