

The 13th Annual 2023 Bash Fishing Tournament

June 17, 2023

Rules

- 1) Lionfish, mahi-mahi (dolphin), snapper, and grouper are eligible for entry and may only be obtained during tournament hours. No previously caught or frozen fish will be allowed. However, please keep all fish on ice. The Woody Foundation reserves the right to keep and use all fish presented at weighing station, including uses for Awards Dinner appetizers, research, and market development.
- 2) Bash teams must check in and complete waiver at the captain's meeting on the **16th of June** to participate in the Tournament. If your captain does not complete the waiver **or** a representative does not attend the Captain's Meeting, any lionfish, mahi, snapper or grouper caught will not be eligible for awards or prizes. Non-award eligible lionfish caught may be used in overall tournament count reported to the FWC.
- 3) For anglers to qualify for prizes, they must be registered by the end of the Captain's Meeting.
- 4) Only legal means of capture in areas allowing use of those gear types will be allowed. **All existing federal, state, and local laws must be followed.** State and Federal laws will be strictly enforced. Anglers are responsible for obtaining and maintaining any applicable fishing licenses.
- 5) All fish may be taken by spear, hand net, slurp gun, and/or hook and line, as long as the methods used are permitted by local regulations with regard to the given area and/or species being targeted.
- 6) Tournament hours: Harvesting is allowed from sunrise (local time) to 4:59pm on the 17th of June, 2023. Boats must leave a port from the "local Miami area", as defined by Key Largo to the south, Hillsboro Inlet to the north, and Key Biscayne to the east, and return in time for the weigh-in to be eligible for awards. Boats may travel to international waters to harvest fish, if they leave from a qualifying port (within the boundaries outlined above) and return before the end of the weigh-in. Please obey all international rules and regulations if traveling to international waters. Please remember: all fish must be present at official weigh-in at Shake-A-Leg Miami out of Coconut Grove between 3:05pm – 5:00pm local time to qualify for awards and prizes.
- 7) To be eligible for awards, the winner's name must be noted on the waiver submitted by the captain otherwise they **will not be eligible for prize**. To qualify for a junior angler prize, the angler must be under 18 years old at time of the Captain's Meeting. **Note that when entering a category for a prize, a single fish can be used only one time.** Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:
 - Most Lionfish
 - Smallest Lionfish
 - Largest Lionfish
 - Top Female Angler (largest fish by weight)
 - Junior Angler Largest Fish (by weight), denoted as the Frank Cooney Sr. – Junior Angler Award
 - Largest Mahi
 - Aggregate Mahi
 - Your largest three mahi, aside from the mahi that is weighed in as the largest
 - Largest Snapper
 - Largest Grouper
 - Bash Can Slam - See attached rule Appendix I for Bash Can Slam info

- 8) All fish must be in whole condition, largest and smallest categories will be determined by total weight.
- 9) All entrants agree to allow Bash officials to take and use photos for media and promotional purposes.
- 10) The Bash takes place regardless of weather conditions. Captains make their own decision whether to venture out. The Woody Foundation retains no liability for decisions made by Captains of private vessels.
- 11) In the event of a tie, the winning team will be determined by the earliest check in at the Official Weigh-In.
- 12) The Bash Fishing Tournament is an honor system tournament with the captain being responsible for team compliance with the Rules.
- 13) Only species mentioned Rule #1 may be brought out at Official Weigh-In.
- 14) Please respect all rules at Shake-A-Leg Miami and keep music on boat to a respectable volume while docked in the marina.
- 15) Have fun and be careful on the seas. Best of luck to all!

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Appendix I

The Bash Can Slam

The Bash is happy to introduce a new category for this year's tournament, The Bash Can Slam! You may have heard of the traditional "Trash Can Slam" where anglers are rewarded for those not-so-glamorous catches, but we're going to do things a little differently.

That's right, if you want to win this award, you'll have to go the extra mile, but what does that mean? If you catch a so-called trash fish – barracuda, bonito, remora, jack crevalle, amberjack or almaco jack – you've accomplished step one.

Next, snap a photo of that fish and text it to the tournament committee at 305.586.3107 to enter your catch. Along with the photo, we expect you to tell us all about your fish. The fish itself matters, but it's the story that takes the prize! We all know fishermen like to push the truth and tell tall tales, so here's your chance to get rewarded for it!

We'll post your entries on the @woodychatter Instagram account as we receive them, so earlier submissions will be live online for longer. 1 Like = 1 Vote. The post with the most amount of likes at the time the award is presented will be the winner! (HINT: Honesty is NOT required... Let's get creative!)