



# TOURNAMENT RULES

## **FORMAT**

The tournament format is a team of 4-persons conformed of  
2 spearfishermen.  
1 boat captain.  
1 commissioner.

## **FISH CATEGORIES**

- Barracuda
- Cobia
- AmberJack
- Yellowjack
- Barjack
- Snapper
- Yellowtail
- Mahogany
- Lane
- Dog
- Vermillion
- Schoolmaster
- Gray
- Cubera
- Mutton
- Sheepshead
- Trigger fish
- Hogfish
- Spanish Mackerel
- king mackerel
- Goatfish
- Wahoo
- Dolphin

## **TOURNAMENT DATES, LOCATION AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

A Captain's Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 7:00 PM. At least 2 competitors from each team must attend the Captain's Meeting. The location of the Captain's meeting is at the Miami Yacht Club Marina, 1001 MacArthur Causeway. Miami, FL 33132. The Captain's Meeting will serve a couple of different purposes; a last minute Question & Answer session regarding rules, as well as late registrations. Last minute rule changes can be instituted at the Captain's Meeting.

The tournament will be held at Miami Yacht Club Marina starting Friday, June 11, 2010. Participants can spearfish until 5 Pm. Saturday is resting day and informative meeting about the tournament. The tournament continues on Sunday, June 13, 2010. Participants may spearfish into the afternoon but they must be back at 3:00 PM and their fish must be in the weight in area by 3:45 PM. A raffle of the prizes from our Sponsors will be conducted at 3:00 PM after the informative meeting and lunch on Saturday t the Miami Yacht Club Marina. The raffle is open to competitors and guests.

Sunday afternoon, after the Sunday weigh-in, will be the Award Ceremony and Trophy Presentation will be conducted at the Miami Yacht Club Marina.

A Sunday Night Celebration party will be held for all participants. Please indicate on your registration form how many will attend the event and extra tickets are for sale at \$10.00

## **TOURNAMENT PACKAGE**

For each team, you will be provided a tournament package. It will include your Miami Persistent Open 2010 Spearfishing Tournament T-Shirt, cap, some gifts, and the rules & regulations.

## **TEAM COMPETITION**

Each team will be composed of a maximum of (4) people. Team of 2 plus boat captain and commissioner. Teams must spearfish as pair team in a single boat at any locations.

Each team can have a maximum of two fish weighted in each category for points. This is an aggregate style tournament and points will be awarded for each fish weighed. For example, a 20.4 Pound Grouper will be worth 20.4 Points. There is no maximum number of points for one fish. The team with the most combined points will win the Miami Persistent Open 2010 Open Spearfishing Tournament Team Competition.

## **TEAM PROVIDES**

- \$400.00 If you wish to compete
- Signed Entry / Liability Release
- Your own Boat
- Game Fish License

## **PRIZES AND TROPHIES**

Four trophies will be given out for the best overall combined scores for the team. There will be one trophy for the “biggest catch”.

### **\$32,000.00 USD IN PRIZES**

- 1st PLACE  
\_ \$10000 USD + \$2000 Persistent voucher per competitor.
- 2nd PLACE  
\_ \$ 7000 USD + \$1500 Persistent voucher per competitor.
- 3rd PLACE  
\_ \$ 5000 USD + \$1000 Persistent voucher per competitor.
- 4th PLACE  
\_ \$ 2000 Persistent voucher per competitor.
- BIGGEST FISH

\$1000 Persistent voucher per competitor

## **WEIGH-IN PROCEDURE**

- All weigh-ins will take place at Miami Yacht Club. To get your fish weighed, your cooler with the fish to be weighed must be inside the designated weigh area no later than 6:15 PM Friday and 3:45 PM Sunday. No late submissions will be accepted. Fish can be weighed in on Friday until 10:00PM and 7:00 PM on Sunday. Remember the restrictions! Team competitions can only weigh two fish for each category per day. Once the fish are weighed no other fish will count.
- The Award Ceremony and Trophy Presentation will follow the Sunday weigh-in at Captain Hook’s Marina & Dive Center.

### **When you arrive in the weigh-in area:**

- All fish must be gutted and cleaned of debris. Un-gutted fish will not be weighed. (No added weight, rocks, ice, or lead in the fish.) Participants presenting any catch that does not look fresh or appears to have been

taken with an explosive device will result in disqualification. Participants

- Weighting fish will also be disqualified.
- Only fish meeting the minimum sizes stated in “CATEGORIES” will be

weighed. Fish must qualify using OUR measuring device.

- You must select your own fish to be weighed. The weigh-master will not assist you with this decision.
- After your fish are weighed, you must sign your receipt and the weigh-master's record book.
- Measurement of fish will be based on the current measurement to fork or overall as required by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- Miami Yacht Club is the only weigh-in location for the tournament. Fish can be weigh on either day but they must be speared during the specified timeframe of the tournament.

## **DISQUALIFICATIONS**

We reserve the right to disqualify teams for suspect fish, unsportsmanlike conduct, or disruption. If you have a dispute, we will do everything possible to address it. We just ask for courtesy, and your participation in this event means that you will accept the committee’s majority decision in a respectful manner, without further recourse.

## **RULES**

- All adult contestants must be 18 years of age or older, and have signed Miami Persistent Open Release and Waiver Form to participate in this tournament.
- All Florida and Federal rules, size limits, license requirements and bag limits strictly apply. There are no boundaries or exceptions.
- No scuba allowed. Breathe hold diving only.
- All teams compete in a freediving category ONLY, no scuba diving.
- Fish must be taken using traditional spearfishing methods.
- No mutilated fish.
- Any contestant possessing or weighing in an undersized fish will be disqualified.
- No boat may approach without permission within 150 feet of a boat, anchored or not, flying the “Divers Down Flag”.
- No contestant may spearfish within 300 feet of sanctuary boundaries, buoys, restricted areas or preserves.

- All contestants and boats must possess all proper safety equipment,
- Coast Guard equipment, First Aid kits and VHF radios.
- In order to be eligible, fish must have been caught by the contestant using a spear loaded or propelled by his or her own muscle power. No power heads are allowed.
- By entering this tournament each contestant has given implied and expressed rights and consent to use his or her name, and or likeness to promote any current and future efforts by Miami Persistent Open, Persistent and any other related water-sports events or promotions.
- Decisions, interpretations and disputes of all these rules will be discussed and decided upon by the Tournament Directors. Contestants are responsible for knowledge of any and all rules and amendments to the rules, which will be discussed at the Captain's Meeting to be held on Thursday, June 10, at 7:00 PM at Miami Yacht Club Marina. The Tournament Directors decisions are final.
- There is no reimbursement of Tournament Fees once they have been paid.

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **Thursday, June 10, 2010**

Time	Event
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Captain's meeting.

### **Friday, June 11, 2010**

Time	Event
6:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Teams check in.
9:00 AM	Day of spearfishing begins.
5:30 PM	Day of spearfishing ends.
6:15 PM	Fish must be in weight in area.
6:30 PM -10:00 PM	Weight in

### **Saturday, June 12, 2010**

Time	Event
1:00 PM	Welcome informative meeting.
2:00 PM	Lunch.
3:00 PM	Raffle.

## **Sunday, June 13, 2010**

Time	Event
6:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Teams check in.
9:00 AM	Day of spearfishing begins.
3:00 PM	Day of spearfishing ends.
3:45 PM	Fish must be in weight in area.
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Weight in.
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Awards and trophy ceremony.

## **REGISTRATION**

Registration can occur through the Captain's Meeting on June 10th, 2010. To Register fill out and sign the Registration / Waiver Release Form bellow and go to [www.miamipersistentopen.com](http://www.miamipersistentopen.com), to complete your registration.

For more information or questions regarding this tournament send us an e-mail to [registrations@miamipersistentopen.com](mailto:registrations@miamipersistentopen.com) or call us at 305.851.7007

### **You must provide**

- \$400.00 If you wish to compete
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- Your own Boat with captain
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# MIAMI PERSISTENT OPEN 2010 REGISTRATION FORM

Team's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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WITNESSED BY

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

T-shirt size:            S            M            L            XL

E-mail complete and signed forms to: [registrations@miamipersistentopen.com](mailto:registrations@miamipersistentopen.com)

Or fax it to: 305.647.6412

Go to [www.miamipersistentopen.com](http://www.miamipersistentopen.com) to complete your registration.

**Miami Persistent Open strongly encourages each participant to share responsibility for safeguarding their rights by supporting the Fishing Rights Alliance (FRA).**

# WAIVER RELEASE FORM

I am over the age of 18. I hereby acknowledge that if weather conditions turn to small craft advisories or small craft warnings, it is my responsibility to monitor weather radio and seek safe harbor if conditions warrant. I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the dangers involved in boating, breath-hold diving and spear fishing. I am aware that these activities require physical exertion and stress. I am aware that the boat captain is responsible for the safe operation of the boat and the safety of the passengers therein. I am participating in these activities with the full knowledge of and the acceptance of all the risks these activities entail and the dangers involved. I am voluntarily participating in this Miami Persistent Open (Persistent) activity. I willingly agree to accept the risk of injury, disability, physical and/or emotional suffering, property damage or death to others or myself.

I agree that I, my survivors, beneficiaries, heirs or personal representatives, will not seek any compensation, damages, legal costs or expenses, including attorney fees, from Miami Persistent Open (PERSISTENT), Miami Persistent Open (PERSISTENT) officers, Miami Persistent Open (PERSISTENT) member dive clubs, the dive club officers, their members, or any Miami Persistent Open (PERSISTENT) individual members, the Miami Yacht Club, the Miami Yacht Club officers, and all Miami Persistent Open (Persistent) and Marina Yacht Club volunteers, sponsors, or advertisers for any injury, property damage, or death, suffered by myself or others during or as a result of my participation in this FSDA activity.

By signing below you are affirming that you have read this waiver, are agreeing to all the liability waivers, releases that this document implies, and expressly represents.

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**PRINT NAME**

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**SIGNATURE**

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**DATE**