Bermuda Triple Crown Billfish Championship 2024

Unofficial Rules, Entry and Optionals

Entry: Boats and participants competing in the Bermuda Billfish Blast July 3-7, Bermuda Big Game Classic July 13-17, or Sea Horse Anglers Club Billfish Tournament July 19-23 are eligible for the Bermuda Triple Crown (BTC) Billfish Championship 2024. There is no additional entry fee to compete in the championship. Winners receive Champion Rings, Trophies, Apparel and many other prizes. The series also offers optional jackpots to compete for cash awards.

Rules: All participants competing in the BTC must follow the rules governing each qualifying tournament. Boats earning points do not have to use the same participants/anglers at each event. The sum of all official points earned at each qualifying event will determine the total points awarded for the BTC. The boat with the highest total points will win the series. In the event of a tie, the boat accumulating the points first will be the champion.

Scoring: Each qualifying event has the same scoring system for billfish. Boats receive 500 points for blue marlin releases and one point per pound for every blue marlin that meets or exceeds the minimum 500-pound weight. White marlin, spearfish and sailfish are worth 100 points. Boats weighing undersized blue marlin are penalized 500 points plus two points for every pound the fish is underweight. Points are accumulated during the three events with the high point boat winning the championship.

Awards: This is a boat championship with awards going to the boat with the highest point total. A total of up to five championship rings and trophies will be awarded to the winners at the final leg of the tournament series. Only registered anglers, captains and mates who competed in the qualifying events are eligible for the awards. The champion boat captain, mate and high point anglers will determine the recipients. Boats are not required to have the same team representative or anglers competing in each tournament.

Bermuda Triple Crown Series Optional Jackpots

All optional jackpot divisions are 88% payback.

BTC Overall Points Jackpot \$5,000

The fee to enter the BTC Overall Points Jackpot is \$5,000 and is optional. Teams must be registered by 8:29am Bermuda Time July 4, 2023 to be eligible for the BTC Overall Points Jackpot. The Bermuda Triple Crown Points Jackpot will be awarded to the top three teams with the most overall series points of the three event series and will be awarded accordingly;

First place 50%, Second Place 30%, Third Place 20%.

Only teams registered in the Bermuda Triple Crown Points Jackpot will be eligible for these cash awards

BTC Big Three Marlin Jackpot \$5,000

The fee for the BTC Big Three Marlin Jackpot is \$5,000 and is optional. Teams must register before their first entered tournament fishing day in the series to be eligible. The BTC Big Three Marlin Jackpot will be awarded to the top three teams with the three largest marlin by weight in the series and will be awarded accordingly; First place 50%, Second Place 30%, Third Place 20%

Only teams registered in the BTC Big Three Marlin Jackpot will be eligible for these cash awards

BTC Heavy Hitter Winner Take All Largest Marlin Jackpot \$10,000

The fee for the BTC Heavy Hitter Winner Take All Largest Marlin Jackpot is \$10,000 and is optional. Teams must register before their first entered tournament fishing day in the series to be eligible. BTC Winner Take All Largest Marlin Jackpot will be awarded to the team catching the largest blue marlin by weight in the series. Only teams registered in the BTC Winner Take All Largest Marlin Jackpot will be eligible for these cash awards

BTC 20th Anniversary Top Release Points Bonanza \$20,000

The fee for the BTC 20th Anniversary Top Release Points Bonanza Jackpot is \$20,000 and is optional. Teams must register before their first entered tournament fishing day in the series to be eligible. The BTC 20th Anniversary Top Release Points Bonanza Jackpot will be awarded to the top three teams with the most overall series points of the three event series and will be awarded accordingly; First place 50%, Second Place 30%, Third Place 20%.

Only teams registered in the BTC 20th Anniversary Top Release Points Bonanza Jackpot will be eligible for these cash awards

Awards Presentation: The Bermuda Triple Crown Billfish champions will be recognized during the Sea Horse Anglers Club awards presentation July 23, 2024.

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