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### **Marlin Darlin Wins First BBC Tournament at Cape Eleuthera**

#### **Double Dog Increases Lead in Overall Standings**

The Bahamas Billfish Championship's first-ever tournament at Cape Eleuthera was a huge success especially for the First Place winner *Marlin Darlin*. Bobby Jacobsen led his team to victory by catching and releasing four blue marlin during the three day tournament. The Clearwater, Florida based Jacobsen released the first blue of the tournament then added two more blues on day-two and the last release came on the final day of leg three of the five tournament Championship series.

Throughout the tournament, two teams were persistent challengers matching *Marlin Darlin* fish for fish. Jacobsen's Viking 60 was one of seven boats catching blue marlin the opening day of the tournament and the Team went into day-two in first place based upon the time of their first blue marlin release. On day-two, the twenty-six boat fleet caught eighteen blue marlin. *Marlin Darlin* was one of three teams to double-up on blues that day. One of the three boats, Gary Angel's *Sea Angel*, a Weaver 60, also released a white marlin on day-two moving *Marlin Darlin* into second place and Don McKinney's team *Double Dog* into third place based on time.

On the call for 'lines in' the final day, *Sea Angel* had 2,000 points and *Marlin Darlin* and *Double Dog* each had 1,800 points. *Sea Angel* was unable to put any additional points on-the-board on day-three while *Double Dog* the Fort Lauderdale, Florida based 66 Hines Farley released two sailfish giving them a total of 2,000 points for the tournament. Of the top three boats, only *Marlin Darlin*, was able to release a blue on the final day and finish in first place with 2,400 points.

Twenty-one of the participating teams caught at least one billfish during the BBC's third leg hosted by the Cape Eleuthera Resort & Yacht Club located at Powell Point on the southwest coast of Eleuthera. There were 52 qualified billfish caught during the three day event - 38 blue marlin, 10 white marlin and 4 sailfish. As with all BBC tournaments, all catches are validated using time and date stamped digital images. Affidavits signed by all participants fishing on each team further confirms that the fish was released in accordance with IGFA and Bahamas Billfish Championship rules.

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For winning the tournament Bobby Jacobsen and *Marlin Darlin* were presented with a Randy Rich designed trophy presented by the Championship. The First Place team also received a Walker FUELSEP Vessel Package from Walker Engineering and gift certificates from Roffer's Ocean Fishing Forecast and BoatMat Corp.

With four blue marlin releases, *Marlin Darlin* was the Top Release Team for the Cape Eleuthera Championship and was awarded a Randy Buck original bronze trophy sponsored by Murray Products, High Seas Technology and PipeWelders. Captain Patrick Brogan and the *Marlin Darlin* crewmembers each received a Randy Rich designed trophy presented by the Lewis Marine Group.

Gary Angel's team *Sea Angel* from Baytown, Texas finished in Second Place based on time being the first team to achieve 2,000 points during the Cape Eleuthera Championship. Don McKinney's team *Double Dog* was awarded Third Place having achieved their 2,000 points after *Sea Angel*. Both teams received Randy Rich designed trophies and gift certificates from Roffer's Ocean Fishing Forecast.

For the second tournament in a row, *Double Dag* was presented with the Smith Merritt Insurance and International Special Risks 'Customer Appreciation Award.' The original painting by artist Craig Smith is presented by the companies to their customer scoring the highest points in each leg of the BBC.

The Cape Eleuthera Championship is the first major fishing tournament to be hosted by the Cape Eleuthera Resort & Yacht Club. BBC president, Al Behrendt said, "Every staff member at the resort was genuinely enthusiastic about hosting the tournament and provided friendly, high quality service throughout our visit. I am confident that the excellent fishing by the BBC teams will make Cape Eleuthera a new premier destination for world-class sportfishing in The Bahamas Out Islands."

Now celebrating its 36<sup>th</sup> season, the BBC is the oldest billfish tournament series in the world. Anglers can fish any or all of the tournaments with cumulative points determining the overall Bahamas Billfish Champions. In an effort to give-back to the Bahamian people, the Bahamas Billfish Championship endowed two scholarships that enable Bahamian students the opportunity to pursue a degree in marine biology or advanced education in marine technologies.

For the very latest information, pictures from the tournaments and overall standings for the season visit our fact-filled Internet website at [www.bahamasbillfish.com](http://www.bahamasbillfish.com) or contact the Bahamas Billfish Championship at 866-920-5577 or e-mail: [info@bahamasbillfish.com](mailto:info@bahamasbillfish.com).