

The Islamorada Fishing Clubs' 9th Annual Captains Cup Sailfish Tournament was held December 8th. "There were 36 sailfish releases out of 44 called in hook ups" said tournament chairman Dianne Harbaugh. "Once again this year we allowed 4 anglers per boat as opposed to two per boat as in the past. A lot of our tournament anglers are joining forces to fish as a team. We respect this and wanted to allow as many participants as we could."

The Grand Champions received the check for \$12,000.00, photographs by Tim Rahn Photography, sponsored by Capital Bank, and also received an IGFA offshore Champions entry in the 2012 tournament. Anglers Travis Bennett of Tavernier, FL, Greg Toplin of Key Largo, FL and John Timura from Islamorada FL, were on board the Contagious with Champion Captain Brian Cone sponsored by Mercedes Benz of Cutler Bay and Champion Mate, sponsored by Regan Insurance, Shannon Attales. The Contagious released 7 sailfish on time.

Second Place, sponsored by Caribee Boat Sales and Yamaha Outboards, were anglers Kevin Clark of Islamorada, Sam Worden of Traverse City, MI, Frank Juliano of Key Largo, were on board the Wet Dream with Captain Scott Stoky, and Mate George Clark. The boat released a total of 7 sailfish.

Third Place, sponsored by Ocean Sotheby's International Real Estate and the Lodge Family, went to anglers Brian Devries of Grand Rapids, MI, Dan Flynn from Tavernier, FL and Jesse Leboeuf of Tavernier. They were on board the Challenger2 with Captain Rob Dixon and Mate Dan Flynn. The boat released a total of 6 sailfish.

"We are pleased with the great show put on by the Islamorada Fishing Club for our anglers. Our January tournament is already filling up. This is a world class event with loyal and determined fisherman and women. These folks are competitive and want the prestigious recognition attached to this tournament." said tournament director Dianne Harbaugh.

For more information and how you can get involved, or information on the January 26th tournament, contact the Islamorada Fishing Club by phone at (305) 664-4735, by mail to P O Box 22, Islamorada, FL 33036, or by email fishing@theislamoradafishingclub.com.