



**THE MAURITIUS  
BILLFISH RELEASE  
INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT**  
26-31 January 2017

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## Welcome!

The Mauritius Billfish Release International Tournament is taking place in Black River during the peak of the marlin season. Situated on the west coast of the Island, sheltered from the prevailing trade winds, Black River is the perfect place for unforgettable deep-sea fishing experiences!

The Event is being organized by dedicated and passionate anglers, in synergy with one of the regional leading hotel group in the Indian Ocean, LUX\* Resorts and Hotels. The Main promoters and organizers are JPH Charters and LUX\* Sports with the support of La Balise Marina.

Number one in deep-sea fishing in Mauritius and established since 1975, JPH Charters has a solid experience in the organization of international fishing tournaments.

LUX\* Sport (LUX\* Resorts and Hotels) is the leader for sports travel and the organization of international sports events in Mauritius.

Situated in the breath-taking Black River area, La Balise Marina is an exclusive IRS project in Mauritius as it is the only residential marina development of the island.

The organizing committee, the tournaments' partners and sponsors really look forward to welcome you, your family and friends to this 2017 and third edition!

Tight lines!



## RESULTS 2015: A FANTASTIC FIRST EDITION!

The first Edition of the Mauritius Billfish Release International Tournament successfully took place from 26th to 31st of January 2015. About 60 passionate international, local Anglers and fishing Crews took part in the tournament, making a total of 9 fantastic International teams plus one Mauritian team on the start line.

The event was also covered by a team of FreeSpool Media from South Africa on behalf of Supersport TV and also receives the support of Le Connoisseur – Oxenham Ltd, Air Mauritius, City Sport, PNL Ltd, Emba Filao Restaurant (LUX\* Le Morne) and Ile Maurice Tourisme Infos.

The Organizers, Albert (LUX\* Sports Manager) and Pascal (Director - JPH Charters) told that “The Tournament has been very successful at different levels. Fishing was very good. The fact that fishing days and hours were chosen according to tides and moon phases were very fruitful and the following results prove it: 10 Blue Marlins were released including 3 big ones estimated at 575 lbs., 700 lbs. and 800 lbs. respectively. It’s the 1st time ever that such big Marlins are released during a tournament in Mauritius! 23 Marlin strikes were registered! All anglers and teams were highly motivated and ready to win. On the start of the fourth and last fishing day not less than 6 teams were on the “finish line” and each of them could have won! Furthermore the event took place in a great friendly atmosphere! The satisfaction to have contributed to the protection of the species by setting-up this 1st full release tournament. All this together with the support of our partners and sponsors, skippers and crews and of course all participants!”

Thomy de Speville (tournament’s Best Angler) Captain of Team Mauritius (Winning Team) who has released two Blue Marlins during the tournament including one of the biggest said “I fish since I am a kid and have captured many Marlins including some big ones. It is the 1st time that I am releasing Marlins including such a big one! The feeling to see the Marlins going back free after the fight was amazing. I see now sport fishing differently and was very pleased to have in a certain way contributed to the protection of Marlins.”

### The Winning Team:

Eric De Speville, Jayraj Rutnoo, Thomy De Speville and Hubert Gehan.



## RESULTS 2016: EVGENY NOVOZHEEV & LUX\* SPORTS WINS THE SECOND EDITION!

Evgeny Novozheev from Russia and LUX\* Sports were declared the winners for Best Angler and Best Team respectively of the second edition of the Mauritius Billfish Release International Tournament that recently ended. The tournament took place from February 5th to 10th off the shore of Black River and Le Morne and was organized by LUX\* Sports and JPH Charters, with the support of Phoenix Beverages- Blue Marlin, SIP & CO Ltd, Moana Ltd and La Balise Marina.

The second tournament was much more favoured by a right timing of the competition. 11 marlins were caught and released and 16 “strikes” were recorded during the 4 days competition.

Only 16 points separated the Best Angler from the second and there was only a minor difference of 42 points for the Best Team.

The Mauritius Billfish Release International Tournament is the first competition of its kind in Mauritius to give Prize money and that which practices a full release of the marlin.

The third edition will be held on the 26th to 31st of January 2017.

### The Winning Team:

Pascal Henry, Josef Potisk, Babooram, Francisco & Pierre Walle.

Josef Potisk & Pierre Walle.



## TEAM CHALLENGE 2016

BOAT NAME	Day 1		Day 2			Day 3			Day 4		Final Rank
	Points	Rank	Points for the day	Total points	Rank	Points for the day	Total points	Rank	Points for the day	Total points	
Nostalgie	0		1070	1070	4		1070	6	31	1101	6
No Limit	1100	1		1100	3		1100	5	1100	2200	3
Tora tora	200	4		200	6		200	7	0	200	7
Moana 3	44	5		44	7		44	8	31	75	8
Moana 2	1070	2	1100	2170	2	1070	3240	2	46	3286	2
Tomahawk	0		1050	1050	5	86	1136	4	0	1136	5
Chillpoint	1050	3		1050	5	231	1281	3	84	1365	4
Moana 1	0		2200	2200	1	1100	3300	1	28	3328	1
	0						0	0		0	

## ANGLER RANKING

ANGLER / RANKS	Day 1		Day 2			Day 3			Day 4		Final Rank
	Points	Rank	Points for the day	Total points	Rank	Points for the day	Total points	Rank	Points for the day	Total points	
Simon Gilmour	1100	1		1100	2		1100	4	1100	2200	2
Evgeny Novozheev	1070	2	1100	2170	1		2170	1	46	2216	1
Richard Wooding	1050	3		1050	4	104	1154	3		1154	4
Lukas Folk	200	4		200	6		200			200	10
Nicolas Navari	22	5		22	7		22			22	11
Daniel Navari	22	5		22	7		22			22	11
Linas Solominas				1070	3		1070	5		1070	5
Hubert Gehan				1050	4		1050	6		1050	6
Josef Potisk				1000	5	1000	2100	2	29	2129	3
Pierre Walle				1000	5		1000	7		1000	8
Aleksandr Girin						1070	1070	5		1070	7
Christian Lagane						128	128		84	212	9

## BOAT RANKING

BOAT NAME	POINTS	RANK	BOAT NAME	POINTS	RANK
Nostalgie	1101	6	Tomahawk	1136	5
No Limit	2200	3	Chilli Point	1365	4
Tora Tora	200	7	Moana 1	3328	1
Moana 3	75	8			
Moana 2	3286	2			

### PRIZES WON

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** Roupies 350000, Trophes Souvenir et Challenge, Sejour a LUX\* Resorts, Champagne et Excursion en Catamaran Madiana.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** Roupies 100000, Trophes Souvenir et Challenge

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** Roupies 50000, Trophes Souvenir et Challenge

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

All tournament times will be based on local GMT+4

Tournament Headquarters: JPH Charters office at La Balise Marina.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

17:00	Meeting and briefing with skippers, boat owners and the organizing committee at Tournament Headquarters.
17:45 - 19:00	Cocktail

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

06:30	Meeting at Tournament Headquarters
07:00	Fishing starts
16:30	Lines out of water
17:00 - 18:30	Release and point's record, cocktail

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

05:30	Meeting at Tournament Headquarters
06:00	Fishing starts
15:30	Lines out of water
16:00 - 17:30	Release and point's record, cocktail

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Day off

### MONDAY, JANUARY 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017

05:30	Meeting at Tournament Headquarters
06:00	Fishing starts
16:00	Lines out of water
16:30 - 18:00	Release and point's record, cocktail

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017

06:00	Meeting at Tournament Headquarters
06:30	Fishing starts
16:30	Lines out of water
19:00	Cocktail
20:15 - 22:00	Prize Giving Ceremony



**(TOTAL PRIZE MONEY RS 600,000)**

**WINNING TEAM**

Team who has scored the highest number of points

**Rs 350,000 PRIZE MONEY**

The Mauritius Billfish Release Challenge & Souvenir Trophy

Free accommodation (6 nights) offered by LUX\*

Resorts for each member of the team on B&B basis

**RUNNER UP TEAM**

Team who has scored the 2nd highest number of points

**Rs 100,000 PRIZE MONEY**

Souvenir Shield

**THIRD TEAM**

Team who has scored the 3rd highest number of points

**Rs 50,000 PRIZE MONEY**

Souvenir Shield

**WINNER SINGLE EVENT**

Angler who has scored the highest number of points

**Rs 50,000 PRIZE MONEY**

The Mauritius Billfish Release Challenge & Souvenir Trophy

**RUNNER UP SINGLE EVENT**

Angler who has scored the 2nd highest number of points

**Rs 25,000 PRIZE MONEY**

Souvenir Shield

Released Certificates

Souvenir Shield to each Team

**WINNING CREW**

Boat that has scored the highest number of points

**Rs 15,000 PRIZE MONEY**

Souvenir Shield

**RUNNER UP CREW**

Boat that has scored the 2nd highest number of points

**Rs 10,000 PRIZE MONEY**

Souvenir Shield



The Tournament will be fished according to the IGFA Rules & Regulations as well as to the Tournament RELEASE PROCEDURES. The tournament organizing committee reserves the right of changing the starting and finishing times according to the tides and for any other necessary reason.

## 1. BOAT AND EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

The minimum length of a participating Boat is 25 Feet with twin engines.

The boat must be equipped with a VHF radio, two cell phones and all safety equipment as per pleasure craft act.

The maximum line test allowed is 130 lbs IGFA Class

No extra points will be awarded for the use lighter line category.

Only rods and reels will be used

Dead baits and artificial lures may be used, live bait must be caught during the fishing hours of the day.

The use of non-offset circle hooks for fishing live/dead bait is compulsory.

## 2. QUALIFYING FISH & POINTS

RELEASED - QUALIFYING FISH	POINTS	RELEASED BONUS & SCHEME	POINTS
Blue, Black or Striped Marlin	1000	First released Marlin of each day	100
Sailfish	400	Second released Marlin of each day	70
Spearfish	200	Third released Marlin of each day	50
Shark	250	Two or more marlins released each day	200

  

BOATED FISH	POINTS
Tuna, Dorado, Wahoo (min 15 Lbs)	1 point per lb
Any Billfish	1 point per lb

A 100 points penalty will apply to any dead billfish

A boated shark will not be eligible for points

A mutilated fish will not qualify

## 3. TIES

In the event that one or more teams end up with the same amount of points, the victory will be attributed to the team who reached the total points first during the Tournament.



## 4. RELEASE RULES & PROCEDURES

A fish will be considered as released according to the IGFA rules as well as to Tournament RELEASE PROCEDURES. Only one Angler is allowed to handle the rod after the strike.

Tournament Release Rules:

The technical committee will consider a fish officially released when one of the following actions is completed:

- A. The crew is able to grab the leader
- B. The swivel hits the rod tip
- C. The connection (knot, splice, etc.) between the leader and the mainline/double passes through the rod tip

Tournament Release Procedure:

1. Report the strike to the technical committee on Cell (230) 57 27 88 94 or VHF 09 the name of Boat, the fishing zone and the fish species.
2. Take a picture and a film of the angler during the fight with the bracelet of the day.
3. Record film as per release video camera requirements.
4. Report the release of the fish to the technical committee on Cell (230) 57 27 88 94 or VHF 09

## 5. RELEASE VIDEO CAMERA REQUIREMENTS

All teams must provide their own video Camera(s) and know how to operate them to verify releases.

All video recording equipment must be synchronized to the official tournament time (GMT+4) and checked in by the tournament organizers.

To score an official release, the video footage must include sufficient continuous footage to:

- (1) Show a team member or crew touching the leader with the bracelet of the day while the fish is still hooked
- (2) Show part of the fight and full release of the healthy fish swimming away
- (3) Clearly identify the species

The video must be continuous with no breaks in recording and identify all of these elements. Do not delete any video taken during fishing hours, even if it does not include the above elements and will not be used to prove a catch.

Each registered angler and boat captain must then sign the catch-report affidavit. At the end of the day's fishing, the video camera and its connection devices, score card signed by the team captain and skipper and all video footage must be brought to the weigh station for verification of official release points.

Unless a team is still fighting a fish all score cards must be returned to the weigh master before weigh master closing time.

Failure to do so will result in disqualification of the catch.

The organisers reserve the right to use all images for advertising purposes.

## **6. THE COMMITTEE OBSERVER**

The Committee reserves the right to place an observer on each participating Boat on each Tournament day.

## **7. FISHING EQUIPMENT**

The tournament will be fished according the IGFA rules and regulations. The technical committee may request from the angler the lure, line, and reel used to catch/release the fish. The technical Committee has the right to investigate and act upon any incident occurring during the tournament. It shall have the right to disqualify any capture following examination and measurement of tackle and equipment used on the boat. The technical committee holds the right to examine any tackle, hooks, line and/or leaders anytime during the event. Refusal to allow the committee to examine any tackle, line and/or leaders will result in immediate disqualification from the event without a refund of any registration fees. All decisions of the Ruling Committee are final and non-appealable.

## **8. PROTESTS**

Any protest should be filed in writing by the Captain of the protesting Boat to the technical committee within one hour after the Weigh Master Closing Time.

## **9. WEATHER**

The Organizing Committee may move or cancel any tournament fishing day if, in their judgment, unsafe conditions may exist at sea. If rough weather conditions exist and the tournament committee takes the decision to allow the participating boats to fish, the final decision to fish will be based solely on the judgment of the crew of each participating boat, keeping in mind the level of seaworthiness of their fishing vessel. All attempts will be made to fish as many days as possible, but as little as one day of fishing or any part thereof constitutes a complete tournament. If a scheduled day of fishing must be canceled, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 automatically becomes a fishing day.

Notice - bad weather conditions and exceptional situations: The Organising Committee can change, modify and/or cancel fishing dates in case of bad weather conditions resulting from cyclones, cyclone alert, strong winds, tidal wave, rough seas, flooding and any other natural disaster or exceptional situations beyond its control, occurring during or prior the period of the tournament.

## **10. RIGHT OF ADMISSION**

The committee reserves the right of admission to the tournament. Furthermore, any team member threatening or insulting a member of the committee will subject the team to immediate disqualification.

**IN ALL CASES THE DECISIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE ARE IRREVOCABLE & FINAL.**

The organisers reserve the right to use all images for advertising purposes.

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## THE MAURITIUS BILLFISH RELEASE INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

There must be a maximum of 4 Anglers per team and a team captain must be appointed for each team.

Team Name:	Country:				
	T-Shirt sizes (Please tick a size for each member)	M	L	XL	XXL
Team Captain:					
Team Member No. 1					
Team Member No. 2					
Team Member No. 3					

Entry fee per team for The Mauritius Billfish Release International Tournament 2016 is: Rs 92,000 (All taxes included) per Team to be paid either by Bank Transfer, Credit card debit or Cash including all social events, but excluding boat charter. Boat charter options:

**Option A** booking through the tournaments selected boats, (LINK: [www.mauritiusbillfishtournament.com/boats](http://www.mauritiusbillfishtournament.com/boats)) further info: [pascal@jph.mu](mailto:pascal@jph.mu)  
**Option B** participants are free to make their own boat choice as per boat and equipment specifications (see tournament rules section 1)

Number of entries will be limited in order to guarantee your entry.

**Payment Terms:** 20% deposit to be received maximum 15 days after invoice received. Balance at latest 30 November 2016.

**Cancellation Fees:** 50% cancellation fee 1 month prior.

Contact Details:

Address of Team:

Telephone:

Email:

Proposed date of Arrival:

Proposed date of Departure:

Entry form duly filed and signed to be faxed to No (230) 483 5038 or email [pascal@jph.mu](mailto:pascal@jph.mu)

Payment of entry fee can be either by bank transfer or credit card (Visa or Master).

I, hereby declare that I am the Captain / Responsible person of the team:

I have read the rules and regulations of the competition and agree to abide by those. This equally applies for my team members.

Name and Surname:

Signed:

Dated: / /

Accompanying persons: please complete the attached accompanying persons form, if applicable.

Last date arrival of teams in Mauritius is Wednesday 25th of January.

## ACCOMPANYING PERSONS (INFORMATION) FORM

NAME AND SURNAME OF ACCOMPANYING PERSON:	IF CHILDREN, PLEASE GIVE DATE OF BIRTH

Comments if any:

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Contribution for accompanying persons for the Tournaments' social events (including meals and drinks):

**Per adult:** Rs.6500

**Per child:** 0-5 years: free | 6-11 years: Rs.3000 | 12-17 years: Rs.4000



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## **Accommodation will be at LUX\* Le Morne (5 Star)**

Located at Le Morne the hotel is surrounded by white sandy beaches in a calm turquoise lagoon. Nestled amongst lush green vegetation, LUX\* Le Morne has been designed in an authentic and sensitive manner, owing a great respect to the surrounding environment. Combining natural and traditional materials and colours with modern amenities, LUX\* Le Morne unites the classic with the contemporary to exquisite effect. A natural elegance permeates the property.

Accommodation rates include transfers to and back from La Balise Marina during fishing days and social events for Anglers and accompanying persons (Transfer time LUX\* Le Morne to La Balise Marina is 15mns)

<http://www.luxresorts.com/en/hotel-mauritius/luxlemorne>

Optional Accommodation

- Tamassa (4 Star) produced by LUX\*
- Appartments at La Balise Marina

## **Tamassa**

Situated at Bel Ombre, in the south of Mauritius, Tamassa is a spacious 4-star hotel with a resolutely contemporary setting for a clientele looking for a difference. All the rooms, housed in a set of villas, face the sea and are arranged in three arcs, two around large swimming pools with a beach and the third one on the seafront. Around the hotel's main swimming pool, the "Show" restaurant, the "B-Bar" and the boutique are grouped together in a village style, where each component is ideally placed. The view extends from the mountains through the lush sugar cane fields, to end up across an azure lagoon towards the horizon.

Accommodation rates include transfers:

- To and back from La Balise Marina during fishing days and social events for Anglers and accompanying persons (Transfer time Tamassa to La Balise Marina is 25mns)
- To and back from LUX\* Le Morne for Gala dinner and Prize Giving Ceremony

<http://www.luxresorts.com/en/mauritius/tamassa-an-all-inclusive-resort>

## Further information and booking procedure

Please contact for your booking or any information on the hotels and accommodation set-up, either:

- LUX\* Sports (LUX\* Resorts) email: [albert.dunienville@luxresorts.com](mailto:albert.dunienville@luxresorts.com) or [jerome.rault@luxresorts.com](mailto:jerome.rault@luxresorts.com)
- The Tournaments Organizing Committee, email: [pascal@jph.mu](mailto:pascal@jph.mu)

Payment of accommodation will be made to the Tournament's Organizing Committee together with the Tournament's Entry Fee. LUX\* Sports will liaise with the Tournament's Organizing Committee accordingly.

### Travel

Air ticket: we advise you to contact your normal Travel Agent or Airliner.

We remain however at your disposal for any further assistance and advice.

### The Organizing Committee

