

**First Annual Florida Keys SailBone Tournament
Official Tournament Rules**

1. The Florida Keys SailBone Tournament is owned and operated by "Casting for Cats, Inc.," a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. As with all Casting for Cats events, all proceeds will go to local Florida Keys charities.
2. Tournament dates: January 8-10, 2010. Captains meeting will be January 8th; fishing days are January 9 and 10. Tournament Headquarters will be the La Siesta Resort, mile marker 80, oceanside, Islamorada.
3. The SailBone is a TEAM event. Each team must consist of two anglers. In the absence of a teammate, a substitute can be appointed to the team subject to Tournament Committee approval. Any team needing to make a substitution MUST bring the proposed substitution to the attention of the Tournament Committee prior to departure on the fishing day in question.
4. Sailfish and bonefish are the eligible species. There is no minimum length on sailfish; bonefish must be a minimum of 18 inches total length to qualify. Total length is the straight line distance from the most forward part of the head with the mouth closed to the farthest tip of the tail with the tail compressed or squeezed together while the fish is lying on its side.
5. Maximum line strength is limited to manufacturer's stated 12-pound-test, monofilament or braid. Backing not attached to the fishing line is permissible with no restrictions as to size or material, but if the fishing line is attached to the backing, the backing cannot be larger than 12-pound-test.
6. Double line is limited to 15 feet, and the leader length is limited to 15 feet. The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 20 feet.
7. IGFA rules apply. It is each team's responsibility to be familiar with and abide by these rules; failure to comply with any IGFA rule will result in disqualification of the day's catch.
8. Lines in on Day One (January 9th) will be at 8 am; lines out will be at 4 pm. Lines in on Day Two (January 10th) will be at 8 am; lines out will be at 3 pm. Teams hooking a fish prior to lines out may continue to fight the fish after lines out has been called. Score sheets must be turned in by a team member at Tournament Headquarters (La Siesta Resort) by 6 pm on day one (Jan. 9th) and by 5 pm on day two (Jan. 10th). Failure to turn in your score sheet by the designated time will result in the disqualification of that day's catch, including fish legally fought after lines out.
9. Chumming is prohibited except for catching bait. Fish caught in the area enhanced by chum will not count.
10. Team members must fish together on the same boat during fishing hours; wading is prohibited. There is no limit to the number of boats from which a team may fish.

Teams may fish for both sailfish and bonefish in the same day. Sailfishing boundaries are 80°20' west longitude to the east (roughly Molasses Reef light) and 80°50' west longitude to the west (roughly Tennessee Reef light). There are no geographic boundaries for bonefishing. Fishing is prohibited inside the boundaries of any Sanctuary Preservation Area (SPA) of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

11. Teams may fish a maximum of four rods per boat while sailfishing, and teasers are allowed in addition to the four rods. Teams may fish one rod per angler while bonefishing; no teasers are allowed while bonefishing.
12. Sailfish hookups must be reported to and acknowledged by the Committee Boat, including sailfish hooked prior to lines out that will be fought after lines out. The ultimate result (released, lost, etc.) of each hookup must also be called in and acknowledged. Multiple hookups must be reported to and acknowledged by the Committee Boat as well, i.e. "single, double, triple," etc.
13. Teams need not report bonefish hookups or landings. To qualify as a release, bonefish must be photographed on the measuring device provided by the Tournament Committee.
14. For sailfish to qualify as a release, the captain, angler or mate must touch the leader, NOT the double line. Every attempt should be made to remove the hook or cut the leader as close to the hook as possible. The use of non-offset circle hooks is mandatory for sailfish when using live or dead natural baits.
15. Sailfish releases will be worth 100 points. Bonefish releases will be worth 100 points
16. Each time both anglers on a team catch an eligible fish of the same species in the same day, the team will be awarded 50 bonus points. EXAMPLE: If both anglers on a team caught one sailfish each in the same day, the team score would be 250 points.
17. Catching both a sailfish AND a bonefish will be known as catching a "SailBone." A SailBone caught in the same day will earn the team 100 bonus points. Either angler may catch the fish. Teams will earn 50 bonus points for all SailBones caught over the two days of fishing (not in the same day).
18. Both anglers on a team must catch at least one of the eligible species (sailfish and bonefish) to qualify for the High Point team award. A team catching both eligible species will beat any team catching only one of the species.
19. Protests must be submitted in writing by a team member to Tournament Headquarters by 6 pm on day one and 5 pm on day two. All decisions by the Tournament Committee regarding protests will be final.



Release of Liability

It is expressly understood and agreed that by entering this tournament and executing the within and foregoing Entry Form, each entrant enters, participates in and/or attends any and all tournament activities or events at his/her own risk and HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE **CASTING FOR CATS INC.**, the Sailbone Tournament, its Officers and Directors, tournament committee members, sponsors, promoters, advertisers, owners and/or lessees of premises used to conduct the tournament and tournament related events, tournament volunteers, anyone directly or indirectly associated with the tournament or tournament related events and each of them, their officers, directors and employees, all for the purposes herein referred to as "Releasees," from all liability to the undersigned entrant, his/her personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin for any and all loss or damage, and any claim or demands therefore on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in death of the undersigned entrant, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise while the undersigned entrant is competing, traveling to or from or for any purpose participating in or attending the tournament or tournament related events. **THE UNDERSIGNED ENTRANT HEREBY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE** due to the negligence of Releasees or otherwise while the undersigned entrant is competing, traveling to or from or for any purpose participating in or attending the tournament or tournament related events. **THE UNDERSIGNED ENTRANT EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES** that the activities of the tournament and tournament related events may be very dangerous and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage. **THE UNDERSIGNED ENTRANT FURTHER EXPRESSLY AGREES** that the foregoing release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the State of Florida and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. **THE UNDERSIGNED ENTRANT HAS READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNS THIS RELEASE**, and further agrees that no oral representations, statements or inducements apart from the foregoing have been made.

I have read the above release form, understand it and agree to abide by it.

Signature _____



For Information on tournaments and events by Casting for Cats contact Sharon at 664-2012 or 393 6174.

Official Entry Form

Please make checks payable to: **SAILBONE**

Mail to: **Casting for Cats, Inc.**
P.O. Box 650
Islamorada, Florida • 33036



THIS IS A TEAM TOURNAMENT - A team is two anglers. Entry fee for the team is \$1175.00. This includes all social functions for two, plus each angler receives one extra social ticket.

ANGLER 1

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Guest Name _____

ANGLER 2

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Guest Name _____

Additional socials: _____ Friday social @ \$25.00
_____ Saturday social \$40.00

Additional guest name(s): _____

Name of Offshore Captain/Guide: _____

Name of Backcountry Captain/Guide: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Please understand this is a charity tournament – **everyone** attending any function is expected to pay.

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