

2022 ENTRY INFORMATION

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Entries received by **May 31** are eligible for the **Early Bird Drawing** and a chance to win \$1,000 plus free dockage at Baytowne Marina during the tournament. The earlier you enter the better your chances are to win.

1. Tournament Entry/Registration

You can enter the tournament any time before the end of Registration on Wednesday; the base entry fee must be paid in full by the end of Registration. Optional entry levels and jackpots can be entered at any time up until the start of tournament fishing. The base entry fee must be paid to secure a slip at Baytowne Marina. **There is a \$500 late fee for teams signing up on the day of registration.**

TOURNAMENT ENTRY OPTIONS

- Enter online at fishecbc.com/entry-form/.
- Download a print version of the entry form at fishecbc.com/pdf/ecbc-entry-form.pdf and email completed form to julia@tournamentcontrol.com or mail to ECBC, PO Box 6128, Miramar Beach, FL 32550. *Do not mail entries after June 12th.*
- Call Julia at 910-264-3947 and she can register you over the phone.
- Bring completed forms with you to Registration.

OPTIONAL ENTRIES AND JACKPOTS

- Enter and pay optional entries and jackpots online at fishecbc.com/jackpots/.
- Download a print version of the jackpot form at fishecbc.com/pdf/ecbc-jackpots.pdf and bring it with you to either Registration on Wednesday or Jackpot Entry on Thursday morning.

REGISTRATION

Registration is 4:00–8:00pm on Wednesday, June 22 at Hotel Effie, Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort. Teams must check in during Registration to verify team information and collect team bags. Additional wristbands and merchandise may be purchased at the event. Each team is given an envelope at Registration which includes a billfish scorecard, tail tags, rules and other forms.

2. Payment Options for Both Entry Levels and Jackpots

CHECK—Checks (business, personal, cashiers) are accepted for both Registration and Optional Jackpots. Make checks payable to **SANDESTIN INVESTMENTS, LLC**.

CASH—Cash (USD) is accepted onsite during Registration and Jackpot Entry.

CREDIT CARD—We accept American Express, Visa and MasterCard. A convenience fee of 2.5% is added to credit card transactions.

3. Entry Levels & Jackpots

A 7% Florida sales tax is added to entry fees (E1, E2, E3). There is no tax on jackpots.

SUMMARY

There are three (3) entry levels: A mandatory base entry (E1) with an 80% return, an optional Release Division (E2) with an 85% return and an optional Crew Division (E3) with a 100% return. Each entry level pays out to three places with the following splits: three winners—50/30/20; two winners—60/40; one winner takes all.

There are also twenty-seven (27) optional jackpots with a 90% return. Each jackpot category pays out to three places with the following splits: three winners—60/25/15; two winners—65/35; one winner takes all. If no qualifying fish is caught in a jackpot category, the amount that was allocated to awards is refunded to only those teams entered in the category where no qualifying fish was caught.

E1—Base Entry (mandatory)—\$6,000 (\$6,420 with tax)

There is a \$500 late fee for teams signing up on the day of registration.

The base entry includes weighed blue marlin, dolphin, tuna and wahoo. Awards are based on the top three heaviest fish in each species. Of the amount allocated to awards, 60% goes to the top billfish and 40% goes to the top gamefish, split evenly between the three gamefish species. If there are no marlin weighed, the prize money rolls evenly into the gamefish categories. If there are no winners in a gamefish species category, the cash allocated for that species rolls evenly into the remaining species categories. If there are no gamefish caught in any species category, the prize money rolls to the billfish category.

E2—Release Division (optional)—\$2,500 (\$2,675 with tax)

The release division includes blue marlin, white marlin, sailfish and spearfish. Awards are given to the top three teams accumulating the most release points. Billfish releases must be video verified.

E3—Crew Division (optional)—\$500 (\$535 with tax)

The crew division includes the team’s overall catch—both weighed fish and billfish releases. Awards are given to the top three crews accumulating the most total weight (all species) plus release points.

Jackpots (optional)

You can enter any combination of jackpots (for example: B1, B2, B3, D2, W3). Jackpot winners are based on the top three heaviest fish, or most release points, in that jackpot category.

Blue Marlin ..	B1 -\$500	B2 -\$750	B3 -\$1,000	B4 -\$2,500	B5 -\$5,000	B6 -\$10,000
Release.....	R1 -\$500	R2 -\$750	R3 -\$1,000	R4 -\$2,500	R5 -\$5,000	R6 -\$10,000

You must be entered in the Release Division (E2) to enter the Release Jackpots.

Dolphin	D1 -\$500	D2 -\$750	D3 -\$1,000	D4 -\$2,500	D5 -\$5,000
Tuna	T1 -\$500	T2 -\$750	T3 -\$1,000	T4 -\$2,500	T5 -\$5,000
Wahoo	W1 -\$500	W2 -\$750	W3 -\$1,000	W4 -\$2,500	W5 -\$5,000

4. Cash Award Distribution

Decisions pertaining to the distribution of a team's total purse are the sole responsibility of the team members, regardless of whether an award is published as an individual or team award. The tournament organizers do not participate in decisions regarding cash distribution. We suggest you discuss how any prize money won is to be distributed before the tournament.

Disbursement Order—Each team receiving a cash award must complete a Disbursement Order specifying how the funds are to be disbursed. The Disbursement Order is given to the Team Contact, either at the Awards Brunch or emailed, and once completed must be signed by the Team Contact as recorded on the Entry Form.

Form W-9—Any person or company receiving a check must submit a W-9 before funds can be disbursed.

Cash Disbursement and Tax Documents—Cash awards are paid by check and mailed within two weeks following the receipt of the completed Disbursement Order and W-9(s). A 1099-MISC is issued for all prize money to the person or company to whom the check is made payable.

5. Other Tournament Awards

Top Overall Release Team (Perpetual Trophy)—Sponsored by [Galati Yacht Sales and Viking Yachts](#)

Awarded to the team that accumulates the most release points and is also entered in the Release Division. The winning team's name is inscribed on the Magnificent Blue Perpetual Trophy sculpted by Chris Barela, which is on permanent display in the Baytowne Marina Bar & Grill.

Top Angler—Sponsored by [Simrad](#)

Awarded to the angler who weighs the heaviest blue marlin. If no marlin is weighed, awarded to the angler who accumulates the most total weight plus release points.

Top Release Angler—Sponsored by [Costa Del Mar](#)

Awarded to the angler who accumulates the most release points.

Top Lady Angler—Sponsored by [MarineMax](#) and [Grady-White Boats](#)

Based on overall catch—both weighed fish and billfish releases—and awarded to the lady angler accumulating the most total weight plus release points.

Top Junior Angler/Billfish—Sponsored by [The Billfish Foundation](#)

Awarded to the junior angler (15 years or younger) who accumulates the most total release points.

Top Junior Angler/Gamefish—Sponsored by [Florida Detroit Diesel-Allison](#) and [MTU](#)

Awarded to the junior angler (15 years or younger) who accumulates the most total weight points (all species).

6. Tournament Series Participation

The ECBC is a qualifying event in the Sport Fishing Championship (www.sportfishingchampionship.com), Gulf Coast Triple Crown Championship (www.gulfcoasttriplecrown.com) and InTheBite's Captain of the Year Cup (www.inthebite.com/captain-of-the-year-cup). Points and/or placement awarded in the ECBC count in these tournament series. The ECBC sends winner's team contact, points and placement information to each Series' coordinator. Any prizes or awards are the responsibility of the Series' and not the ECBC. Refer to the Series' websites for current rules and standings.

7. Team Contact, Team Members & Anglers

The Team Contact is the designated team leader and there can be only one per team. The Contact's information must include a mailing address, mobile phone number and email address. Any instructions, confirmations or requests for information are sent to the Team Contact and they are responsible for getting information to the other team members. In addition, the Team Contact signs the Disbursement Order designating how cash awards are distributed, and any refunds are made payable to the Team Contact. The ECBC is a team tournament. There is no limit to the number of people you can have on your team, but they must be registered with, at a minimum, first name, last name, city and state. The captain and mates are automatically considered anglers. Guests are allowed but cannot participate in any fishing activities.

8. Dockage at Baytowne Marina

When you submit your entry form, a reservation at the marina is made based on the information you provide on the form (your arrival & departure dates). Your base entry fee must be paid in full to confirm your reservation. Dockage fees are not included in entry fees. If you have any questions or need help with your reservation email julia@tournamentcontrol.com or text/call Julia at 910.264.3947.

9. Withdrawal from Tournament/Refunds

Withdrawals must be submitted via email to julia@tournamentcontrol.com.

Withdrawals submitted before May 31—Any fees paid are refunded in full.

Withdrawals submitted after May 31 and before 8:00pm on Registration Day (two options, team choice):

1. Eighty percent (80%) of the base entry fee is refunded. Any additional fees paid are refunded in full.
2. Roll your base entry fee to the following year; must be used the following year or twenty percent (20%) is forfeited and eighty percent (80%) returned. Any additional fees paid are refunded in full.

Withdrawals submitted after 8:00pm on Registration Day—No refunds.

10. Cancellation of Entire Tournament

If the tournament is cancelled for reasons outside of the tournament organizer's control, eighty percent (80%) of the base entry fee is refunded; Any additional fees paid are refunded in full.