

## 2007 BLOODYDECKS COW TOWN

### TUNA SHOOT OUT

### TOURNAMENT RULES

August 17,18 & 19, 2007

1. It is the participant's responsibility to read and understand the Rules before the start of the Tournament.
2. The Entry Fee for the Tournament shall be \$1,000.00 USD per team if paid prior to August 8, 2007. For Entry Fees received after August 8, 2007, including payments made at the Captains Meeting on August 17, 2007, the Entry Fee shall be \$1,100.00 USD. Payments, including those made at the Captains Meeting, shall be accepted in USD only.

#### Advance payment instructions may be found in the Registration section.

3. Optional jackpot of \$1,000USD for tuna is available to interested teams. The jackpot amount of \$1,000USD shall be allocated equally (\$500/\$500) between the two days of fishing. The optional daily jackpots are **WINNER TAKE ALL** format. Jackpots are 90% payback. If no qualifying daily tuna are caught on Day One then the jackpot shall roll to Day Two. In the event no qualifying tuna are caught on Day Two then the jackpot for Day Two will be awarded to the Day One winner. If no qualifying tuna are caught on either day than 90% of the jackpot fees will be returned to respective teams.

Jackpot fees may be paid in advance with Entry Fee or paid at Captains Meeting in USD.

4. Total Tuna purse shall be paid as follows:
  - \* Largest Tuna Day 1 – 33% of Total Tuna purse
  - \* Largest Tuna Day 2 – 33% of Total Tuna purse
  - \* Largest Tuna of Tournament – 34% of Total Tuna purse
5. Each team may have up to a maximum of five anglers. No limit to non-fishing crew or guests. One team member shall be designated as Team Captain. Team Captain must report to mandatory Captains Meeting on Friday, August 17, 2007. Captains Meeting shall be held at the **Paradise Village Resort** ( specific location at Paradise Village TBA).
6. Teams may substitute boats, if necessary, provided Tournament Control is notified before the commencement of the respective fishing day.
7. All anglers must have a valid Mexican fishing license.
8. **IGFA** rules will apply in the Tournament unless specifically modified in this document. **IGFA** rules are incorporated herein by reference.
9. Non-Team members (deckhands, mates, captains) may handle all equipment but may not set hooks on fish and then hand the rod off to a Team member. Any fish caught while a non-Team member is bringing in or letting out a line is disqualified. Non-Team members may assist in the leader, gaff, tag, unhook or release of any fish. After hook up only one angler may fight the fish until it is successfully boated or released. "Hand lining" a hooked fish will be cause for disqualification.

10. The use of harpoons, entangling devices or firearms is prohibited. Use of spotter planes or contact with commercial fishing vessels is prohibited.

11. Team boats may depart from any port. Once entering the Tournament boundaries during fishing hours boats must remain within the boundaries. Fishing hours shall be:

**Saturday August 18 – 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday August 19 – 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Any boat hooked up prior to lines out may continue to fight the fish until caught or lost but all tuna must be weighed at the official Tournament weight station at Paradise Village, Nuevo Vallarta prior to **8:00pm** each day. ANY FISH NOT WEIGHED IN BY **8:00pm** THE DAY CAUGHT SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN.

12. The Fishing boundaries shall be 75 nautical miles from Nuevo Vallarta breakwater.

13. In the event of rough seas or weather, the Tournament may be postponed until conditions permit and further notice.

14. Any intent of protesting the violation of the Tournament Rules must be made in writing to the Tournament Committee on the day of the alleged violation. If there is any disagreement, controversy or necessary clarification of any tournament rules, the final decision will be made in the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee.

15. The Tournament or **Bloodydecks LLC** is not responsible for the actions, of any persons in the operation of the boat, conduct of fishing endeavors, transfer of personnel, fishing equipment or personal property on or off boats, docks or otherwise. Each participant assumes all risk and liabilities in connection with their participation. There will no responsibility borne to any of the promoters or event organizers as a result of inappropriate conduct by any of the participants or guests and that each individual participant will hold harmless The Tournament and Bloodydecks LLC.

16. Accepting fish from another source, boat or otherwise, live or dead, and/or weighing fish caught during non-tournament days and/or placing any foreign substance/object inside a weighed fish shall be automatic grounds for disqualification from the Tournament.

17. No one under 18 years of age may participate in the Tournament unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

18. US Coast Guard approved life jackets must be worn while combustion engine is above idle speed.

19. INFRINGEMENT OF THESE RULES SHALL BE CONSIDERED CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION. INTERPRETATION OF THESE RULES SHALL BE LEFT EXCLUSIVELY TO THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS.

20. Boat owner must have a minimum of \$100,000 liability insurance.

21. All boaters must obey Mexican boating laws.

22. Tournament boats shall monitor Channel 65 during fishing hours.

23. Anglers may use monofilament, Dacron or braided (spectra) for their main lines. The IGFA maximum breaking strength of 132lbs shall be waived for the purposes of this tournament.

### **TUNA DIVISION:**

Only three tuna may be weighed in by a Team each day. Tuna must exceed 75lbs in weight to be eligible for a qualifying tuna.

### **PRIZE WINNINGS:**

#### Tuna Payout

\$750 of the Tournament Entry Fee per team shall be allocated to the Tuna purse.

Total Tuna purse shall be paid as follows:

- 1) Largest Tuna Day 1 – 33% of Total Tuna purse
- 2) Largest Tuna Day 2 – 33% of Total Tuna purse
- 3) Largest Tuna of Tournament – 34% of Total Tuna purse

If no qualifying daily tuna are caught on Day One then the payout for Day One shall roll to Day Two. In the event no qualifying tuna are caught on Day Two then the jackpot for Day Two will be awarded to the Day One winner. If no qualifying tuna are caught on either day then \$750 of the Entry Fees will be returned to respective teams.

Each team Entry Fee shall include four paid tickets to the awards dinner on Sunday and angling gifts for four participants. Additional dinner tickets or angler gifts may be purchased separately.

### **SPECIAL PRIZES Shall be awarded to the Team with the following:**

- Largest Dorado weighed in.
- Most Marlin Released – A photo must be taken of each marlin released while at boatside. To qualify as a valid release each photo must show 1) the marlin 2) a portion of the boat or mate leading the fish 3) a Tournament mandated item. Teams must report all marlin hookups and successful releases on CH. 65.

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

August 17 - 8pm Captains Meeting at Paradise Village

August 18 - 6:30am Lines in for Day One Fishing  
6:30pm to 8:00pm Weigh-in at Paradise Village

August 19 - 6:30am Lines in for Day Two Fishing  
6:30pm to 8:00pm Weigh-in at Paradise Village

8:30pm Awards Dinner – Paradise Village