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**ROTA CLIFF FISHING DERBY ON AUG. 3-5, 2018**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – Fishermen throughout the Marianas are gearing up for the 2018 Rota Cliff Fishing Derby on Aug. 3-5, 2018.

The designated derby fishing sites for the weekend event include popular fishing spots As Matmos and Pona Point cliff sites. Registration is \$25. Derby orientation will be at 5 p.m. on Aug. 3 at the Guata Beach Park, followed by the start of the derby. The derby will end at 10 a.m. on Aug. 5, followed by an island-style awards banquet at 1 p.m. at Teteto Beach.

“The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) is pleased to again be working with the Rota Mayor’s Office to welcome fishermen for our cliff fishing derby later this month,” said MVA Rota Field Operations Supervisor Sandra Atalig. “This weekend is the Saipan International Fishing Tournament, and we invite all fishermen to join us later this month for another great event in Rota.”

Prizes will be awarded for the most variety, biggest fish, and for total weight. The MVA is providing cash prizes for the Top 3 finishers in the categories of biggest fish and total weight.

“Sport fishing is a small but important niche market for The Marianas, and it’s another prime example of our how our rich natural resources are important for the tourism industry,” said MVA Managing Director Christopher A. Concepcion. “We would love to see more participants

at this year's Rota Cliff Fishing Derby, especially from the neighboring islands of Guam, Saipan, and Tinian, and we will continue to work with Rota Mayor's Office to promote and grow this annual event."

The weekend event is organized by the Rota Mayor's Office with support from Rota Municipal Council, Rota Legislative Delegation, Department of Public Safety, Department of Fire & Emergency Services, Dept. of Public Works, Ambros Inc., and the MVA.

For complete rules or to register, contact special assistant for Programs and Grants Aubry Hocog of the Rota Mayor's Office at 532-9451 or [aubryhocog@gmail.com](mailto:aubryhocog@gmail.com) or Sandra Atalig of the MVA at 1.670.532.0327.

The Marianas are a chain of idyllic islands including Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in the Western Pacific, offering a friendly, fun and exciting vacation in paradise. They are an excellent destination for families, adventure and sports-minded travelers, as well as business people looking for a tropical haven. Adventurous travelers looking for new travel discoveries will find them in The Marianas, just three hours travel from most cities in Japan, and four to five from other parts of Asia and Australia. The Marianas are served seasonal flights from Japan, with regular flights to begin in Winter 2018. From Korea, Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, and T'Way provide direct flights from Seoul-Incheon, and Jeju Air also provides service from Busan. From mainland China, direct flight service is available from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, and Hangzhou. HK Express and Hong Kong Airlines provide service from Hong Kong. United Airlines has daily flight connections from six cities in Japan to Saipan with one stop. United States mainland connections can be made to Saipan via Seoul-Incheon, Hong Kong, or Guam. Visitors from Russia and Taiwan usually arrive via Seoul or Hong Kong. Interisland travel to Rota and Tinian is provided by United Express (Cape Air) and Star Marianas Air. For more information on The Marianas, visit [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).

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