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TINIAN CLIFF FISHING DERBY ON OCT. 19-21, 2018

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The opportunities for sport fishing in The Marianas continue to grow with the 2018 Tinian Cliff Fishing Derby on Oct. 19-21, 2018.

The derby comes on the heels of the Marianas Fishing & Seafood Festival in June, the Saipan International Fishing Tournament and Tinian Youth International Fishing Tournament in July, and Rota Cliff Fishing Derby in August, all co-sponsored by the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) as an opportunity to attract more fishermen to the islands. The MVA is taking the lead on organizing the October derby in Tinian.

“The Tinian Cliff Fishing Derby was shelved many years ago due to austerity,” said MVA Field Operations Supervisor Vida Borja. “We’re happy to bring it back for local and visiting fishermen!”

The designated derby fishing sites for the Tinian Cliff Fishing Derby will be Puntan Diablo, Fleming Point 1, and Fleming Point 2. Registration is \$25. Derby orientation will be at 5 p.m. on Oct. 19, followed by the start of the derby. The derby will end at 10 a.m. on Oct. 21, followed by an island-style awards banquet the same day.

“At one time, sport fishing was a small but important niche market for The Marianas, and we would like to see that increase again,” said MVA Community Projects Manager Martin

Duenas. “We invite all fishermen from Saipan, Rota, Guam, and the area to enjoy a great weekend of fishing in Tinian in October. It’s a great excuse to visit Tinian for the weekend.”

Cash prizes will be awarded for the most variety, biggest fish, and total weight. In each category, the MVA will award \$300 for 1st place, \$200 for 2nd place, and \$100 for 3rd place.

The weekend event is co-organized by the MVA, 16th Tinian Municipal Council, and Tinian Mayor’s Office with additional support from other government agencies, and MVA members.

For more information visit The Marianas Calendar at www.mymarianas.com or contact MVA Field Operations Supervisor Vida Borja at vborja@mymarianas.com or 1.670.433.9365.

Commuter flights from Saipan to Tinian run throughout the day via Star Marianas. Accommodations are available at Tinian Ocean View Hotel, Lorrilyn’s Hotel, Fleming Hotel, Green Lion House, and Tinian Street Motel. Car rentals are available from Avis and Islander Rent-A-Car.



Fishing enthusiasts will have the opportunity to ply the waters of The Marianas at the Tinian Cliff Fishing Derby on Oct. 19-21, 2018. The derby is co-organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority, 16th Tinian Municipal Council, and Tinian Mayor’s Office.

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 Korea, China and 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 four 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 Star Marianas Air. For more information on The Marianas, visit www.mymarianas.com.

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