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**15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MAHI-MAHI FISHING DERBY ON MAR. 30, 2019**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)**– The Saipan Fishermen’s Association (SFA) will hold the 15th Annual Mahi-mahi Fishing Derby on Mar. 20, 2019, in The Marianas.

The derby will start at 6 a.m. and will conclude at 5 p.m. the same day, launching from Smiling Cove Marina.

Prizes will include \$1,000 cash for first place with remaining placement prizes to be announced.

The registration fee is \$100 per boat, including one captain and one angler, and \$10 for each additional angler. Pre-registration will be Mar. 29 from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Smiling Cove Marina weighing station. Derby officials from the SFA will also brief participants on the rules and regulations of the competition.

“The Mahi-mahi Fishing Derby is not only a great hit for local fisherman, but also an annual event that fishermen from Guam and other areas look forward to every year,” said Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) Managing Director Christopher. A. Concepcion. “The MVA is pleased to an annual sponsor of this event, which gives visiting fishermen the opportunity to troll the beautiful, deep blue waters of The Marianas.”

Spectators are invited to see the day's catch as fishermen begin returning to Smiling Cove Marina at approximately 4 p.m. on derby day. Event organizers are reminding participants that no catch will be entered after the 5 p.m. deadline. The awards party will immediately take place after the derby at Smiling Cove Marina immediately after the event.

For more information about the derby, contact MVA Community Projects Specialist Ray Villagomez at 664-3200/01 or [rvillagomez@mymarianas.com](mailto:rvillagomez@mymarianas.com).

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](http://www.mymarianas.com).

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