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**35<sup>th</sup> SAIPAN INT'L FISHING TOURNAMENT ON JULY 20-21, 2019**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – The Saipan Fishermen's Association (SFA) will hold the 35<sup>TH</sup> Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament on July 20-21, 2019.

Organizers are anticipating about 20 boats from outside The Marianas to join the event, including at least 15 boats and crews from Guam.

Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each of five game fish categories are: Billfish, Yellowfin, Wahoo, Mahi Mahi, and Skipjack. Prizes will also be awarded for total weight and a grand prize. SFA will award special prizes to the first participant weigh in a marlin over the record 942 lbs. or a mahi mahi weighing over 102 lbs.

The tournament registration cost is \$150 per boat, inclusive of a captain and one crew member. Each additional angler is \$35.

Pre-registration will be held at Smiling Cove Marina on July 19 from 4:30-6 p.m., where SFA will provide a tournament briefing. The tournament will begin at 6:00 a.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. each day.

The SFA will host an awards ceremony on July 22 at 6 p.m. at The Magellan, Pacific Islands Club Saipan. Non-tournament participants may attend for \$35/adult and \$17.50/ages 4-11.

The SFA will produce a souvenir tournament program booklet, to be provided to all participating captains and crew members. Tournament entry forms, rules, and schedule of events are now available under the Events Calendar at [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com), at the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) office on Beach Rd. in San Jose, and at Fishing Tackle on Beach Rd., Susupe, Saipan.

For more information about the event, contact MVA Community Projects Specialist Ray Villagomez at 1.670.664.3200 or email [rvillagomez@mymarianas.com](mailto:rvillagomez@mymarianas.com).

The Marianas are an archipelago of 14 islands - including Saipan, Tinian, and Rota - in the Western Pacific. Latte stone limestone monoliths from the time of the pyramids, traditional nature-based ocean navigation not reliant on modern technology, and a culture seasoned by East and West influences are just a few of the experiences awaiting visitors to The Marianas, where pristine sea, sand, and skies are just three to four hours by plane from major Asian gateway cities. The Marianas are home to indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian people, as well as over 20 different ethnicities from around the world who live and work in this harmonious tropical paradise. From South Korea, Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, and T'Way provide direct flights to Saipan from Seoul-Incheon or Busan. Direct charter flight service is available from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, and Hangzhou, while HK Express and Hong Kong Airlines fly from Hong Kong. Flights from Japan operate seasonally. United Airlines has daily flight connections from four cities in Japan to Saipan with one stop via 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), Facebook/mymarianas, or Instagram @themarianas.

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