



The Florida Keys & Key West offer the greatest variety of fishing in the world. Whether you want to prowl the reefs and wrecks after yellowtail and grouper, stalk the backcountry in search of elusive bonefish, tarpon or permit, or troll the blue waters for dolphin and sailfish, there's a tournament to fit the bill.

Twelve months a year in The Florida Keys you can compete for prizes, cash, trophies or just personal satisfaction.

This is your guide to the greatest number and variety of tournaments ever assembled in one area.

It will tell you everything you need to know. Except how to win.

Of course, while not a month goes by that there isn't a fishing tournament in The Florida Keys, nobody can compete with the day-to-day angling opportunities we offer. From the remote backcountry creeks of the Everglades to the cobalt-blue waters of the Gulfstream, no one has more ways to wet a line.

One of the simplest ways to fish the Keys is to hop aboard a party boat and head offshore for a morning, afternoon or evening. From grouper to mutton snapper to kingfish to dolphin, the possibilities truly are endless. For something more personalized, try one of our renowned charter captains for a true deep-sea adventure. Possible encounters include sailfish, marlin, tuna, wahoo, sharks, cobia, amberjack and yellowtail, to name a few.

If your preference is light-tackle angling, hire one of our accomplished inshore or backcountry guides and stalk some of the most elusive creatures that swim. Flats fishing combines the skills of hunting and fishing as you pursue wily gamesters such as bonefish, tarpon, snook, redfish and the cagey permit. Flats fishing also requires stealth, patience and, more than anything, keen eyesight. So don't forget your polarized sunglasses.

Of course, hiring a guide or charter boat is only one way to fish the Keys. Feel free to bring your own boat, or simply try your luck along one of our designated fishing bridges.

To learn more about charters, tournaments and fishing in general, visit us at [flakeys.com/fishing](http://flakeys.com/fishing) or email us at [fishumbrella@aol.com](mailto:fishumbrella@aol.com).



**TIPS FOR BOATERS & FISHERMEN:** Dumping trash at sea is illegal; plastic bags & other debris can injure or kill marine animals. Retrieve fishing gear & equipment, especially monofilament line. Accidental boat groundings damage the reef. Prop damage destroys shallow seagrass beds. Consult tide and navigational charts & steer clear of shallow areas. Remember, "Brown, brown, run aground. Blue, blue, sail on through." Use reef mooring buoys or anchor in sandy areas away from coral & seagrasses so you do not damage the coral or seagrass beds. Use sewage pump-out facilities, biodegradable bilge cleaner and never discharge sewage or bilgewater at the reef. Maintain safe distances from fishermen. Observe size & catch limits; release all fish you can't eat. Avoid wildlife disturbance; stay 200 feet or more offshore; keep speed, noise & wakes to a minimum near mangroves.



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# The Florida Keys Fishing Tournament Guide ([fla-keys.com](http://fla-keys.com))



## JANUARY

### Key Largo Sailfish Challenge

Contact: Tammie Gurgiolo (305) 240-9337 fishnbully@msn.com  
keysfishingtournaments.com  
Location: Key Largo

### Bartender's Sailfish Open

Contact: Dianne Harbaugh (305) 852-2102 or (305) 522-4868  
ditournaments@aol.com  
Location: Islamorada

### The Islamorada SailFly

Contact: Sandy Moret (305) 664-5423  
sandy@floridakeysoutfitters.com  
Location: Islamorada

### Cheeca Lodge Presidential Sailfish Tournament

Contact: Liz Hill (305) 451-5094 lizhillfirst@bellsouth.net  
Location: Islamorada

### Key West Harbour King Mackerel Tournament

Contact: Lee Murray (305) 296-0364 lee@murraymarine.com  
Location: Key West

### Al Flutie Over the Hill Rip-Off Sailfish Tournament

Contact: Gordon Ross (305) 852-3282, Ext. 25 ross4197@bellsouth.net  
Location: Islamorada

### IFC Sailfish Tournament

Contact: The Islamorada Fishing Club (305) 664-4735  
fishing@theislamoradafishingclub.com  
Location: Islamorada

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Swamp Guides Fishing Tournament

Contact: Terry or Rusty Albury (305) 664-5142 talbury@aol.com  
Location: Islamorada

### Poor Girls Sailfish Tournament

Contact: Sharon Mahoney-Ellenwood (305) 393-6174 sharellen@netzero.net  
Location: Islamorada

## MARCH

### Captain Leon Shell Memorial Sailfish Tournament

Contact: Matt Anthony (305) 684-9799  
Location: Marathon

### March Merkin Permit Tournament

Contact: Jon Ain (303) 888-4546 jonathanain@aol.com  
Location: Key West

### Key West Fishing Tournament Kickoff

Contact: Doris Harris (305) 295-6601 kwft@comcast.net  
Location: Key West

### Key West Fishing Tournament

Contact: Doris Harris (305) 295-6601 kwft@comcast.net  
Location: Key West

### Jimmy Johnson's National Billfish Tournament

Contact: Tod Roy (305) 255-3500 tod@ci-mgt.com  
Location: Key Largo

## APRIL

### Jim Bokor's Islamorada All-Tackle Spring Bonefish Tournament

Contact: jabok@aol.com  
Location: Islamorada

### World Sailfish Championship

Contact: Mike Weinhofer (305) 395-3474, Chris King (727) 631-0072 cking@cmgroup.net  
Location: Key West

### Redbone @ Large Sunrise/Sunset Tarpon Tournament

Contact: Gary or Susan Ellis (305) 664-2002 susan@redbone.org  
Location: Islamorada

### Tarponian Tournament

Contact: David Breznicky (215) 542-1492 dbreznicky@breznickyassociates.com  
Location: Marathon

### Outback Golden Fly Tarpon Tournament

Contact: Betsy Bullard fishnfever@bellsouth.net  
Location: Islamorada

### Yamaha Dolphin Masters Invitational

Contact: John Stuempfig (305) 304-7674 wave.whacker@hotmail.com  
Location: Key West

## JUNE

### Islamorada Dolphin Tournament

Contact: Dianne Harbaugh (305) 852-2102 or (305) 522-4868 ditournaments@aol.com  
Location: Islamorada

### Don Hawley Invitational Tarpon Tournament

Contact: hawleytournament@aol.com  
Location: Islamorada

### IFC Captains Cup Dolphin Tournament

Contact: The Islamorada Fishing Club (305) 664-4735  
fishing@theislamoradafishingclub.com  
Location: Islamorada

### Big Pine & Lower Keys Dolphin Tourney

Contact: Carole Stevens (305) 872-2411 executivedirector@lowerkeyschamber.com  
Location: Big Pine Key

### Island Grill Charity Dolphin Tournament

Contact: Dianne Harbaugh (305) 852-2102 or Jack (305) 664-8400  
keysislandgrill@bellsouth.net  
Location: Islamorada

### Gold Cup Tarpon Tournament

Contact: Liz Hill lizhillfirst@bellsouthnet  
Location: Islamorada

### Key West Gator Club Dolphin Derby

Contact: John Stuempfig (305) 304-7674 wave.whacker@hotmail.com  
Location: Key West

### Dolphin & Blackfin Tuna Fun Fishing Tournament

Contact: Brenda Duff (305) 743-5317 burdineswaterfront@gmail.com  
Location: Marathon

## SEPTEMBER

### Robert James Sales S.L.A.M. Celebrity Tournament

Contact: Susan or Gary Ellis (305) 664-2002 susan@redbone.org  
Location: Key West

### Islamorada Invitational Fall Fly Bonefish Tournament

Contact: Rick Orcutt rickorcutt@southernwine.com  
Location: Islamorada

### Marathon International Bonefish Tournament

Contact: Laurel Keating (305) 304-8682 laurelinthekeys@hotmail.com  
Location: Marathon

### Take Stock in Children Backcountry Challenge

Contact: Mike Shipley (305) 304-0241 host@islandbayresort.com  
Location: Key Largo

### Herman Lucerne Memorial Tournament

Contact: www.hermanlucerne.com  
Location: Islamorada

## OCTOBER

### Baybone Celebrity Tournament

Contact: Susan or Gary Ellis (305) 664-2002 susan@redbone.org  
Location: Key Largo

### Bonefishing World Championship/ Islamorada All-Tackle Bonefish

Contact: ftroxel@bellsouth.net  
Location: Islamorada

### Casting for Cats Women's Backcountry Tournament

Contact: Sharon Mahoney-Ellenwood (305) 393-6174  
Location: Islamorada

### Publix Mad Dog Mandich Fishing Classic

Contact: Leah (305) 667-0399 leah@maddogclassic.com  
Location: Islamorada

## NOVEMBER

### Redbone Celebrity Tournament

Contact: Susan or Gary Ellis (305) 664-2002 susan@redbone.org  
Location: Islamorada

### Islamorada Sailfish Tournament

Contact: Dianne Harbaugh (305) 852-2102 or (305) 522-4868  
ditournaments@aol.com  
Location: Islamorada

## DECEMBER

### IFC Captain's Cup Sailfish Tournament

Contact: The Islamorada Fishing Club (305) 664-4735  
fishing@theislamoradafishingclub.com  
Location: Islamorada

### Don Gurgiolo Sailfish Classic

Contact: Tammie Gurgiolo (305) 240-9337 fishnbully@msn.com  
keysfishingtournaments.com  
Location: Islamorada

### Islamorada Junior Sailfish Tournament

Contact: Tammie Gurgiolo (305) 240-9337 fishnbully@msn.com  
keysfishingtournaments.com  
Location: Islamorada



## FEBRUARY

### Cuda Bowl

Contact: Justin Rea (305) 744-0903 info@cudabowl.com  
Location: Key West

### Islamorada Women's Sailfish Tournament

Contact: Tammie Gurgiolo (305) 240-9337 fishnbully@msn.com  
keysfishingtournaments.com  
Location: Islamorada

### Backcountry Fly Championship

Contact: Paul Tejera captbackbone@gmail.com  
Location: Islamorada

## MAY

### Marathon Offshore Bull and Cow Dolphin Tournament

Contact: Byron Goss or Jack Carlson (305) 289-0199  
Location: Marathon

### Nick Sheahan Dolphin Rodeo

Contact: Tom Sheahan (305) 393-3709 nicksheahan88@gmail.com  
Location: Key Largo

### Faro Blanco Invitational Tarpon Tournament

Contact: Bob Traa (609) 645-1840, Ext. 115  
Location: Marathon

### Mother's Day Dolphin Tournament

Contact: Doug Mayer (305) 393-6376 dugmayer@gmail.com  
Location: Marathon

### Coconuts Dolphin Tournament

Contact: Charles Mountain (561) 512-4455 mountain1111@aol.com or gecko33@aol.com  
Location: Key Largo

## JULY

### IFC Junior Dolphin Tournament

Contact: Dianne Harbaugh (305) 852-2102 or (305) 522-4868  
fishing@theislamoradafishingclub.com  
Location: Islamorada

### Del Brown Invitational Permit Tournament

Contact: Loren Rea (305) 744-0903 delbrown.com  
Location: Key West

### Drambuie Key West Marlin Tournament

Contact: (305) 292-2710 www.keywestmarlin.com  
Location: Key West