Northside Sportfishing Club
Annual Bastille Day Kingfish Tournament
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Bastille Day Kingfish Tournament on Sunday – July 10, 2022 – Hull Bay, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Register this week for the 32nd Annual Bastille Day Kingfish Tournament. Set for Sunday, July 10 at Hull Bay Hideaway – and named one of the Top Ten Best Ways to Celebrate Bastille Day in the World by online travel advisor, Hotwire.com – the Northside Sportfishing Club-hosted tournament is your chance to catch that 'big one' and pocket $3,000. Even if you don't, there are more than a dozen other ways to win. Plus, thousands of dollars in cash and prizes.



Photo: Fishing fun in the 2019 Bastille Day Kingfish Tournament. Credit: Northside Sportfishing Club/Dean Barnes

"We look forward to again hosting the Annual Bastille Day Kingfish Tournament," says Catherine Bryan, one of the organizers. "Event-goers will notice some changes since we last held the tournament pre-pandemic in 2019. We have gone back to the beginning and the basics. In 1988, the goal was to have a fun family-friendly fishing event in Hull Bay. This is what we'll offer this year. No band, no performances, no kid's corner; just fishing fun in Hull Bay! While we do hope to bring these elements back next year, this year is all about celebrating our community coming out of the pandemic. So, get your fishing gear ready, and be sure to make your carpool arrangements. Seriously, we cannot stress enough to park at a family member's house close by or take the FREE shuttle running from Sib's parking lot from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, July 10."

Take the hassle out of parking and catch a FREE shuttle from the parking lot at Sib's On the Mountain Bar & Restaurant (intersection of Routes 33 and 37 in Estate Elizabeth) to Hull Bay Hideaway on July 10. Or flag the shuttle down along Hull Bay Road that day and hop on. There will be two shuttles operating simultaneously. Shuttle service starts at 10 a.m. and the last ride departs Hull Bay at 8 p.m.

Register This Week!

Entry forms are available starting Wednesday at Neptune Fishing Supplies in Red Hook. Registration continues at the Captain's Meeting on July 8th at 7:30 p.m. at Hull Bay Hideaway. Final registration takes place on Saturday, July 9th at Hull Bay Hideaway from Noon until 4 p.m. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, entry fees are low - $45 for adults and $35 for juniors ages 8 to 17. All registered anglers receive an official Bastille Day Kingfish Tournament T-shirt, hat, and goodie bag. Over 200 anglers – adults and juniors of all skill levels – as well as over 60 boats are expected to enter.

Boat owners take note. Tri Island Energy will have a fuel truck available at Hull Bay Beach on Saturday, July 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. so that tournament boats can easily fuel up.

On Sunday, July 10, lines in the water start at 5:30 a.m. and ends at Noon, sharp. To assure fairness for all, tournament participants are not allowed to leave shore until 4 a.m. on Sunday, July 10th. Conservation-oriented organizers of the Bastille Day Kingfish Tournament have eliminated the Jack species and increased the minimum length of barracuda to 40-inches in length. From Noon until 2 p.m., while the weighmaster and judges go to work, registered anglers can quench their thirst with FREE Coors Light and water or juice, depending on age. The Awards Ceremony will take place at 6 p.m. at Hull Bay Hideaway on Sunday, July 10.

Prize categories include Largest Kingfish, 2nd Largest Kingfish, 3rd Largest Kingfish, 4th Largest Kingfish, Best Captain, Best Boat, Best Male Angler, Best Female Angler, Best Junior Male Angler, Best Junior Female Angler, Largest Barracuda, Largest Bonito, and Largest Mackerel.

Community-Oriented Fun Family-Friendly Fishing

First organized by the Northside Sportfishing Club in 1988, the tournament has become one of the highlights of French Heritage celebrations on St. Thomas. The event benefits the Joseph Sibilly School, St. Thomas Rescue, Civil Air Patrol, and Nana Baby Children's Home, as well as provides college scholarships. Over the past nearly three decades, the nonprofit Northside Sportfishing Club by way of its annual Bastille Day Kingfish Tournament has donated over $210,000 to community organizations.

The 32nd Bastille Day Kingfish Tournament is sponsored by Coors Light and Captain Morgan, distributed by Bellows International; Offshore Marine, the YAMAHA distributor in the Virgin Islands; NEMWIL; Red Hook Agencies, Inc.; TOPA Insurance Services Inc.; Caribbean Gifts and Things; Scoops & Brew Gelato and Coffee Bar; Frank's Electric; Amalie Car Rental; Cyclone Fencing; and the Shack at The Hideaway.

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