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2023 VIRGIN ISLANDS GAME FISHING CLUB'S ANNUAL DOLPHIN DERBY TOURNAMENT SET FOR APRIL 2 - EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT ENDS MARCH 27

Catch the largest dolphin (mahi-mahi) over 55-pounds and win $25,000!

This is the top prize in the 2023 Virgin Islands Game Fishing Club's Annual Dolphin Derby Tournament, set for April 2, 2023.

That's not all.

There's a cash prize for Best Boat, which is determined by the total weight of dolphin fish caught.



Photo: 2022 Top Boat Winner, Jolly Hull. Credit: Dean Barnes

Plus, the Awards Ceremony will take place at 5 p.m., immediately after the 4 p.m. weigh-in at IGY's American Yacht Harbor Marina, in Red Hook, St. Thomas.

"The beginning of April is typically the peak of mahi season. We've set the date right before the full moon, which should make for some good fishing," says Kevin Haddox, tournament director and vice president of the Club's Board of Directors. "New this year, we'll host the awards right after the weigh-in. This gives the anglers and crews a nice time to stick around, relax and trade fish stories, something that's sometimes hard to do in our busy world."

Enter the 2023 Virgin Islands Game Fishing Club's Dolphin Derby Tournament now at www.vigfc.com

The Early Bird Discount of $250 ends Monday, March 27, 2023. Registration after this date is $300. The entry fee includes 4 rods. Extra rods are $50 each. Limit is 6 rods.

The Captain's Meeting takes place on Friday, March 31, starting at 6:30 p.m., at the Virgin Islands Game Fishing Club, in Red Hook.

On Sunday, April 2, lines-in is at 6:30 a.m. All boats must be in at IGY's American Yacht Harbor Marina by 4 p.m. for their fish to qualify.

Last year, the catch of a 14.9-pound dolphin fish earned St. Thomas' Greg Hodges the award for Largest Dolphin. Hodges was fishing aboard his 42' Prowler, *Jolly Hull*, with Captain Thaddeus Bushnell at the helm. *Jolly Hull* also earned the Top Boat prize.

The Virgin Islands Game Fishing Club appreciates the sponsorship support from IGY's American Yacht Harbor Marina.

Looking ahead, the Club will host its Kid's Fishing Tournament on September 30 and its Wahoo Windup on October 22.

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