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17th ANNUAL MAHI-MAHI FISHING DERBY IN SAIPAN ON APRIL 10, 2021

Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The Saipan Fishermen’s Association (SFA) will hold the 17th Annual Mahi-mahi Fishing Derby on April 10, 2021, 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 \$2,000 cash for 1st place, \$1,500 for 2nd place, \$100 for 3rd place, and consolation prizes for 4th and 5th places.

The registration fee is \$100 per boat, including one captain and one angler, and \$25 for each additional angler. Pre-registration will be held on April 9 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 one of The Marianas’ most anticipated annual fishing events for both local fisherman and those from Guam and other areas,” said Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) Managing Director Priscilla M. Iakopo. “Sport fishing in The Marianas is a perfect opportunity to enjoy the beautiful waters of The Marianas, and the MVA is pleased to be an annual supporter of this fishing derby.”

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. Awards will be distributed immediately after the derby at Smiling Cove Marina. Boats are encouraged to conduct a pre-boat safety inspection by calling the Dept. of Public Safety Board Safety Unit at 1.670.664.9000.

For more information about the derby, contact MVA Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas at 1.670.664.3200/1 or mduenas@mymarianas.com.



FILE- Errol T. Moises shows his winning catch in the 15th Annual Mahi-mahi Fishing Derby on Mar. 30, 2019, in The Marianas. The 17th Annual Mahi-mahi Fishing Derby will be held on April 10, 2021.

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