

2012 Upper Keys Fishing Club (UKFC)

Winter Patch and Reef Championship

Harold Cliff Memorial Trophy

March 17 and 18, 2012

1. This is a 2-day boat tournament open to all Upper Keys Fishing Club (UKFC) members in good standing. The number of licensed anglers on the boat is limited only by what the vessel can safely carry. **There is a \$25 Registration fee per boat and Pre-registration is required at least 24 hours before the tournament starts.** Crew does not have to be the same for each day. Entries will be accepted by any tournament committee member or club officer.

2. Tournament times: March 17th 7:00 AM EST until 5:00 PM EST. Weigh in 6:30 – 7:30
March 18th 7:00 AM EST until 1:30 PM EST. Weigh in 4:00 – 5:00. If a larger fish is caught on the second day, it can replace a smaller fish weighed in previously. Only bring fish to be weighed to the weigh in. No fish will be weighed in after 5:00 PM on March 18th.

3. The tournament is for **Porgy, Mutton Snapper, Mangrove Snapper, Yellowtail and Hogfish**. First place prizes will be awarded to individual anglers for the largest of each species by actual weight and meeting minimum Florida size requirements. **First, second and third place** will be awarded to the boat captain based on 20 points per species caught plus fish will be weighed and rounded up to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ pound with points awarded as follows: Mutton Snapper -12 pts per lb., all others - 32 pts per lb. In addition to a first place award, the winning Captain/Boat will have his name added to the Harold Cliff Memorial Trophy, a perpetual traveling plaque.

4. The catching of bait (including use of hook and line) will be allowed prior to tournament start. Fish will be weighed on a first come first serve basis. Boats must leave from a port located between Ocean Reef and Long Key.

5. In order to qualify, a fish must be caught by rod and reel in accordance with all Florida fishing regulations.

6. Rules committee (3 participating captains) will make any decisions necessary with regard to rule compliance. In the event a committee member is involved the tournament chairman will vote in their place. The Tournament channel is 72.

7. The tournament does not provide a weather committee and it is a captain's choice tournament. All team captains, members, boat owners, and all other participants are responsible to determine that their craft is sea-worthy and are advised and encouraged to be familiar with the current local weather conditions and forecasts to determine if the conditions permit the safety of the boat, crew, anglers, and guests to proceed to departure to sea and return in a safe and prudent manner. The UKFC reserves the right to postpone the tournament.

If anyone has any questions please contact me at 402 598 6823 or tprazan@yahoo.com