



2018 Tournament Results: Releases more than doubled those in 2016

The tournament's field of 16 anglers on 13 boats posted overall game fish totals of 80 snook, 77 redfish, 16 tarpon, 23 bonefish and one 35-lb permit. The total of 197 releases during the two-day tournament included 76 on fly, 60 on artificial tackle and 61 on general tackle. The total releases more than doubled the prior tournament's results.

Grand Champion Angler and Fly Division Champion



Taking home top honors of Grand Champion Angler and Fly Division Champion Angler was Doug Dragoo of Pagosa Springs, CO, a Title Sponsor representing Abel reels. Dragoo released four bonefish, ten snook and ten redfish on fly, guided by Richard Black of Tavernier, FL.

Grand Champion Team and General Division Champion



Grand Champion Team honors went to Paul McCulliss of Littleton, CO, and his son Brian McCulliss of Denver, CO, Title Sponsors representing McCulliss Oil & Gas. Guided by Eric Herstedt of Homestead, FL, the duo released 20 snook, 18 redfish, one bonefish and one tarpon. Paul McCulliss also earned General Division Champion Angler with nine snook, eight redfish, one tarpon and one bonefish.

Second Place Team



Second Place Team Division honors went to US Army veteran Al Hunter, Sr., from Miami, FL, and Marine Corps veteran Eric Munoz of Homestead, FL, for releasing 12 snook and five redfish guided by Captain Mike Makowski of Key Largo, FL.

Artificial Division Champion Angler



Jim Bokar of Tavernier, FL, clinched Champion Angler in the Artificial Division, releasing ten snook and ten redfish. Bokar was representing Robert-James Sales, a Title Sponsor of the tournament.

Most Outstanding Catch and Best Photo



A 35-lb permit landed the Most Outstanding Catch and Best Photo Awards for Ken Biro of Hollywood, FL, guided by Steven Tejera of Homestead, FL.

Second-place Angler Division



Second-place Angler Division honors went to Fred Schwaibold of Charleston, SC, for releasing ten snook, ten redfish and three bonefish, guided by Dave Denkert of Islamorada, FL.

Fishing Legends Attended Event



Andy Mill, world-famous fly angler, former alpine ski racer and two-time Olympian, shared his expertise on fly fishing for tarpon at an evening reception.

The tournament also featured appearances by fishing legends Stu Apte, a tournament competitor, and Sandy Moret.

Moret and representatives from the Bonefish & Tarpon Trust spoke on the progress of the NoworNeverglades initiative at the awards banquet.

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