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34th ANNUAL SAIPAN INT'L FISHING TOURNEY ON JULY 14-15, 2018

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The Saipan Fishermen's Association (SFA) will hold the 34th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament on July 14-15, 2018.

Last year, more than 60 boats and 200 fishermen and crew competed in the two-day fishing derby, with "Debbi I" catching the tournament grand prize with a 384.50 lbs. marlin.

““The SFA also has been meeting in preparation for the big day, and we're pleased to announce the tournament dates so that interested participants can start preparing for another great tournament,” said SFA President Gene Weaver.

Game fish categories are: Bill Fish (1st -3rd), Yellow Fin (1st-3rd), Wahoo (1st -3rd), Mahi Mahi (1st-3rd), and Skipjack (1st-3rd). Prizes will also be awarded for total weight and grand prize, while SFA will also award a special prize to the first participant to land a marlin weighing over the record 942lbs.

The tournament registration cost is \$150 per boat, inclusive of a captain and one crew member. Each additional angler is \$25.

Pre-registration will be held at Smiling Cove Marina on Friday, July 13 from 5-6:30 p.m., where SFA will provide a tournament briefing. The tournament will begin at 6 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. each day at designated launching points and times only.

The tournament is also supported by the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) and other sponsors.

“Sport fishing is a niche market that the MVA is pleased to continually join the Saipan Fisherman’s Association in promoting it,” said MVA Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas. “We always look forward to welcoming our competitors from Guam, and with earlier announcement of this year’s tournament, we hope to attract more fishermen from the region and internationally.”

The SFA will produce a souvenir tournament program booklet, to be provided to all participating captains and crew members. entry forms, rules, and schedule of events are now available under the Events Calendar at www.mymarianas.com and at Fishing Tackle.

Companies interested in purchasing an advertising space in the tournament booklet or individuals wanting more information may contact MVA Community Projects Specialist Ed Diaz at 1.670.664.3200, email ediaz@mymarianas.com, or log on to the SFA website at www.sfacnmi.com.

The Marianas are a chain of idyllic islands including Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in the Western Pacific, offering a friendly, fun and exciting vacation in paradise. They are an excellent destination for families, adventure and sports-minded travelers, as well as business people looking for a tropical haven. Adventurous travelers looking for new travel discoveries will find them in The Marianas, just three hours travel from most cities in Japan, and four to five from other parts of Asia and Australia. The Marianas are served seasonal flights from Japan, with regular flights to begin in Winter 2018. From Korea, Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, and T'Way provide direct flights from Seoul-Incheon, and Jeju Air also provides service from Busan. From mainland China, direct flight service is available from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, and Hangzhou. HK Express and Hong Kong Airlines provide service from Hong Kong. United Airlines has daily flight connections from six cities in Japan to Saipan with one stop. United States mainland connections can be made to Saipan via Seoul-Incheon, Hong Kong, or Guam. Visitors from Russia and Taiwan usually arrive via Seoul or Hong Kong. Interisland travel to Rota and Tinian is provided by United Express (Cape Air) and Star Marianas Air. For more information on The Marianas, visit www.mymarianas.com.

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