

Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club

Great Guana Cay, Abaco Bahamas

June 5-12, 2010

To ensure t-shirts, applications must be faxed by 4:00 PM May 19, 2010

Captain's Name: _____ Boat Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____
Email: _____ Home: _____ Work/Cell: _____
In Case of Emergency, Contact: _____
Boat Manufacturer/size: _____ Registration #: _____
Where will you be staying during the tournament? _____

Is this your first ASWSC tournament? YES...NO

ANGLERS (Please designate jr. anglers)

		ASWSC Member	
		Yes	No
Captain:	_____ Phone: _____	Yes	No
Guest/Angler:	_____ Phone: _____	Yes	No
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Guest/Angler:	_____ Phone: _____	Yes	No

Entry Fees;

	Total Shirts	
T-Shirts (indicate quantity and size) XXL __, XL __, L __, M __, S __	[____] X \$ 15.00 =	\$ ____
Golf Shirt (indicate quantity and size) XXL __, XL __, L __, M __, S __	[____] X \$25.00 =	\$ ____
Tournament Fee		<u>\$50.00</u>
Non-club Member Boat: (add \$50.00 to include ASWSC membership)		\$ ____
	TOTAL \$	_____

FAX Application to Norman Bowen 404-649-9540 Make check payable to:
ASWSC, mail to: Norman Bowen, 7265 Anglers Rest Rd, Dawsonville, GA 30534

The club is not providing food for this event. Guests not fishing may attend Captain's Meeting & Award Dinner. All food and drinks are each individual's responsibility.

ASWSC Release and Indemnification Agreement

(Attention: Please Read Carefully—Your Signature Indicates Agreement with These Terms)

By signing this document, I do hereby agree and understand that the Atlanta Salt Water Sportsman's Club, (hereinafter referred to as "The Club", is acting as a sponsor of various club activities (including, but not limited to fishing tournaments, picnics, meetings, etc.) and I do fully release, indemnify and hold The Club harmless from any negligence, contractual and intentional tort liability caused by or the fault of any person or entity. The Club is hereby released from any responsibility whatsoever for any decision, action or inaction of entrant, boats of other participants in any Club activities.

To the fullest extent provided by law, my team, my crew, my guest, and I hereby agree to indemnify and hold The club harmless from any and all claims, suits, obligations, liabilities, losses, damages, cost or expense suffered by, arising out of, resulting from, any act of mine or any member of my crew during my and their participation in Club sponsored activity, including any and all claims, suits, obligations, liabilities, losses, damages, cost or expense caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or negligent omission of The Club, regardless of my vessel, it's passengers crew participants and equipment, in conjunction with any activity sponsored by The Club. Said photographs may be used by The Club in promotional and/or advertising material or in any other way otherwise not unlawful, and consent of the vessel, it's owner and persons photographed is hereby acknowledged.

This agreement shall take effect as an instrument under seal, and be binding upon and inure to the benefit of my and my team's and crew's heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

Signature _____ Date _____

ATLANTA SALTWATER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

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Looking for world famous casinos, five star restaurants, and dancing in the disco all night long? Well, you won't find any of that in Abaco. You'll have to settle for miles of the most beautiful beaches in the world, snorkeling and diving on the third largest barrier reef in the world, relaxing, and a friendly laid back out island experience. Great Guana Cay is a small thin island about 7 miles long with a resident population of about less than 200, and lies about 9 miles northeast of Marsh Harbour, Great Abaco. Great Guana Cay is probably best known for its beautiful beaches and world famous beach bar Nippers.

Getting there by boat: This is not a trip recommended for small single engine boats. At a minimum you need a 25' twin engine boat in tip top condition capable of making the 200 mile run with a range of over 110 miles without refueling. Also keep in mind that weather can significantly affect sea conditions in the gulfstream as well as our crossing date. Flexibility on both ends of the trip is required. We will need to trailer the boats to Stuart on Thursday, June 3. We will depart from Ft. Pierce on Friday, June 4, at daybreak. The first leg is from Ft. Pierce Inlet to Walkers Cay to clear customs. We will then run about 5 miles to Grand Cay and stay the night at Rosie's Place. Saturday morning we will then proceed on to Great Guana Cay.

Grand Cay Hotel: Rosie's Place, 242-353-1223, rooms are about \$80 and include a slip.

On the return trip we will depart Great Guana Cay on Saturday June 12, drop off some of our crew at the ferry dock for the flight back, and reverse our course back to Grand Cay for the night. Sunday morning we'll cross back to Ft. Pierce.

Ft. Pierce Marina/Trailer Storage: Harbour Isle Marina, 801 Seaway Drive, Hutchison Island, will allow us to store our trucks and trailers for the week as long as we keep our boat in their marina the night before we depart. Slip rate is \$1.00 per foot per night. A rental agreement is required as well as \$500K liability insurance. Contact Sarah Anderson, Marina Manager, 772-461-9049, for specific details.

Ft. Pierce Hotel: Docksider Inn, 1160 Seaway Drive, is very close to Harbour Isle Marina. Rates range from \$79 for a basic hotel room up to \$120 for an apartment. Mention you are with ASWSC. If we reserve 6 or more rooms we qualify for a 15% discount, Phone 800-286-1745.

Getting there by plane: There are no direct flights to anywhere in Abaco from Atlanta. You'll need to make flight arrangements to Miami, Ft Lauderdale, or West Palm Beach and take a regional airline to Marsh Harbour (MHH). The best option I have found is ATL to PBI on Delta then PBI to MHH on Bahamasair. Another option is to fly direct from Atlanta to Freeport, Bahamas, then Bahamasair to Marsh Harbour. From the Marsh Harbour airport take a 10 minute taxi ride to the Great Guana ferry dock (about \$15). You can have your cab driver stop at the grocery store and wait for you for another \$10 plus tip (discuss rates with your driver first). You can coordinate to pick up your crew there or have them take the ferry. Albury's Ferry Service leaves Marsh Harbour every couple of hours up to 5:45 PM for Great Guana. The fare is \$20. Most of the club will fly in on Saturday and out the next Saturday.

Captain's Meeting: A safety meeting will be held poolside at Docksider Inn, 7:00 PM on Thursday, June 3. We will cover the buddy boat system, communications, routes, and safety checks.

Abaco Marina Facilities: Guana Hideaways, 242-577-0003, 33 slip marina or Orchid Bay, <http://www.orchidbay.net/>. Both are in Settlement Harbour. Many of the rental homes have docks. Boats under 23' can use the public docks and Guana Hideaway dock for free.

Lodging: The club trip is scheduled in the peak of the high season. Make your reservations early! Rental homes from VRBO, <http://www.vrbo.com/vacation-rentals/caribbean/bahamas> is probably your best bet. Grabbers (shares Guana Hideaway docks) 242-365-5133, has 9 hotel rooms (I think the only hotel on the cay) <http://www.grabbersatsunset.com/>. Dolphin Beach Resort, 242-365-5137 has been highly recommended, <http://www.dolphinbeachresort.com/index-accommodations.html>. <http://www.oceanfrontier.com/index.php>

If a condo or hotel is your preference there are many to choose from on Great Abaco in Marsh Harbour. Man-O-War Cay and Elbow Cay are close by and have a variety of rental options as well.

Boat Rental: If you choose to fly in you can rent a boat for the week. Rental boats are approved for ASWSC tournaments. The Sea of Abaco is protected and can generally be navigated in a small boat. Be aware that most rental agencies do not allow rentals to go off shore or run at night. Dive Guana, 242-365-5178, <http://www.diveguana.com/boatrentals.html> You can also rent in Marsh Harbour rather than taking the ferry. There are many other rental companies, some links listed below, so do your homework.

Golf Cart Rentals: Golf carts are the primary mode of transportation on the cay. If you are not staying in the settlement you may want to rent a golf cart. Donna Sands Rentals 242-365-5195. <http://www.donnasands.com/golfcars.htm> or Orchid Bay. Bicycle rentals are also available from Dive Guana.

Tournament Format: ASWSC Points Matrix. Best two days fishing; you pick 'em.

Weigh-In: TBD

Awards Dinner: Will be Friday, June 11, poolside at Grabbers, Great Guana Cay.

Tournament Fees: The tournament cost is \$50 per boat plus \$15 for each t-shirt, \$25 for golf shirts. Please note that meals are not included in the tournament fee. **Applications due no later than 4:00 PM, May 19, 2010.**

Club Contact: Norman Bowen, 321-696-6431, Norman.bowen@sprint.com

Other important information:

- A valid US passport is required for everyone going. A birth certificate and drivers license is no longer valid.
- Every boat should have a 2010 copy of The Cruising Guide to Abaco Bahamas by Steve Dodge. The guide contains waypoints and routes throughout all of Abaco; charts; photos; business directory and other very valuable information.
- Boats entering the Bahamas should have and fly a yellow quarantine flag until you clear customs. There is a required cruising fee: \$150 for boats under 35' and \$300 for boats 35 and over. You will also need to request a sportfishing permit (no additional fee).
- Check with your insurance company. Most boat insurance policies do not cover the Bahamas unless specifically stated. You may have to purchase a rider. Most companies will not insure a single engine boat under 25' at all.
- Renew your Tow Boat US tow insurance. There are two operators in Abaco.
- The Bahamian currency is based on the US dollar and US cash is accepted. Major US credit cards are accepted in most establishments but be aware your card company may charge a 3% or higher "international exchange" fee.
- Pack light. Most air carriers limit baggage weight and charge hefty fees for over weight baggage. Bring half the stuff and twice the cash. There are markets on most cays that carry fresh breads, cheese, and vegetables. Rum is cheap. The larger grocery stores are in Marsh Harbour. If you are flying into Marsh Harbour you may want to have your taxi driver stop for provisions. Negotiate the rate before you stop.
- Bring flashlights and VHF radio. VHF is used in place of telephones by most businesses. Hail on channel 16 then switch to another channel. Channel use is different in the Bahamas. Use channel 11, 13, 14, 15, 68 or 69. Hailing a taxi on Marsh Harbour is on CH 06.

- The Cruisers Net. At 8:15 AM on VHF CH 68 The Cruisers Net broadcasts weather update and local happenings and announcements.
- Water is scarce in Abaco. There are no natural springs or wells. Rain water is collected in cisterns and filtered for use. Bottled water is recommended for drinking and is available at all of the markets.
- Read the links and forums listed. There is so much more that cannot be covered here.
- Handguns are permitted. The captain must report the make/model/serial number, and number of rounds of ammo. The gun must be secured and locked at all times – no exceptions. Penalties for violations result in jail time. The gun MAY NOT leave the vessel for any reason.
- Medical facilities are very good in Nassau and Freeport. Beyond that, transport will be required from more remote locations. Travelers should check with their medical providers to ensure their insurance will be accepted in the Bahamas – in many cases it does not and the traveler will be expected to pay for services when rendered. Travel insurance, which includes evacuation, is available from a host of companies at minimal expense. Note: even where western quality health care exists, blood for transfusions is always in critically low supply in the Bahamas.
- Penalties for crimes in the Bahamas can be quite serious compared to the same offense in the U.S. A recent American tourist was found to be in possession of a bullet, left over from a previous trip, and he is now serving 2 years in prison.
- The smaller and more remote islands are famous for their private and secluded areas. This makes them perfect places for smuggling, drug running, and human trafficking. People that operate their own water craft are the people most likely to encounter these types of activities.
- Up to date information in regard to safety and security in the Bahamas can be found at the State Department web site, or by calling 1-888-407-4747.
- Pirated Goods are readily available in the Bahamas. These items are most often identified when the traveler by boat returns to the U.S. Being in possession of Pirated or stolen goods can result in fines and imprisonment.

Links and Resources:

<http://www.drralph.net/index.html>

<http://www.motuiti.com/Abacos.html>

<http://www.flysoutheast.net/>

<http://www.locair.net/>

<http://up.bahamasair.com/>

<http://www.flyyellowairtaxi.com/>

<http://www.abacoforum.com/forums/index.php>

<http://www.wspress.com/shop/index.php?cPath=22>

<http://www.alburysferry.com/>

<http://www.oldbahamabay.com/bahamas-luxury-resort-marina.aspx>

<http://www.rosiesplace.com/>

<http://www.diveguana.com/>

<http://www.bluewaverentals.com/>

<http://www.seahorseboatrentals.com/home>

<http://www.nippersbar.com/>

<http://www.docksideinn.com/>

<http://www.harbourisleflorida.com/>

<http://www.donnasands.com/>

<http://www.grabbersatsunset.com/>