



Bisbee's, the world's richest Billfish Tournament is already underway for the 2007 sport fishing season in Baja Sur. While the famous Black and Blue Marlin Tournament is yet to start on the 23rd of October in Cabo San Lucas, there are already fishing tournaments that have begun on the East Cape of Baja Sur.

Starting on July 31st through August first was the first of a growing series of fishing tournaments held by Bisbee's. The tournament was very successful shattering the old catch records with a record 64 boats entered that competed for \$351,300.00 in prize money catching a record 320 billfish.

According to their own press release here are the results" The fishing was the best ever seen in any of the Bisbee's events, with 49 blue marlin, 197 striped marlin and 79 sailfish, but with all the activity offshore, only four qualifying blue marlin were brought to the scales—none on the first day, one on the second day and three on the final day.

Michael Menas fishing aboard The Bottom Line with Capt. T.J. Dobson brought the first qualifier to the scales on Thursday and weighed in a 313.0 lb. blue marlin. Although the fish would drop out of the overall standings it did take all of the Daily Marlin Jackpots for both Day 1 and Day 2 giving the team the biggest payout of the tournament—\$153,360.00.



1st Place Dorado - 52.7 lbs. - La Hielera

The first place blue marlin, 418.0 lbs., was caught by Julio Cota of Team Copa Gobernador "A" fishing aboard the Tres Hermanos with Capt. Ramon Tamayo. Cota also weighed in a 51.2 lb. Dorado which took the Day 2 Dorado Jackpot making Copa Gobernador's total payout \$108,896.40. Second place went to a 344.0 lb. blue caught by John Martin on the Wildcatter with Capt. Enrique Villanueva Martinez. Martin also weighed in the largest yellow fin tuna of the tournament at 164.1 lbs. giving Wildcatter a \$51,759.60 payday. Third place and \$4,032.00 went to the Finatic with Capt. Richard Asbe for a 317.0 lb. blue caught by Al Rainwater. Top Dorado and the Day 1 Dorado Jackpot went to La Hielera with Capt. David Almanza for a 52.7 lb. Dorado caught by Douglas Arndt. La Hielera took home \$22,002.00. The last payout went to Cabo Magic with Capt. Hector Ayala for a 47.0 lb. Dorado caught by Tommy Garcia Jr. which took the Day 3 Dorado Jackpot and \$11,250.00.



1st Place Tuna - 164.1 lbs. - Wildcatter

The Top Release Team was RO.RA. III with Capt. Carlos Godinez Zepeda. The team aboard the RO.RA. III caught and released three blue marlin and nine striped marlin for 2100 points, on time. Mahitini with Capt. Jesus Araiza came in second with two blue marlin, eight striped marlin and five sailfish, also worth 2100 points. Third place went to Capt. Gary Robbins and his team on the Strike Force with 2000 points for two blue marlin, five striped marlin and seven sailfish releases."

This event is also the first tournament of this year's new [Bisbee's Bluewater C.U.P. Series](#). We have five more qualifying tournaments in this year's CUP Series, three of which are in Catalina Island and two in Los Cabos. If you fish in any of these six qualifying tournaments, you're automatically enrolled in the CUP Series, and we'll be tracking your angling successes at each event. The top 10 points earning

teams will be invited to participate in the Bisbee's Bluewater CUP Championship Tournament being held in Cabo San Lucas November 29th through December 2nd where "THE Champions of Billfishing" will be crowned.

[Black & Blue Marlin Tournament](#) All functions for the Los Cabos Tournament will take place at the Cabo Villas Beach Resort and the Baja Cantina Beach Club. And remember—this year there's a \$150 late fee for teams waiting until the day of registration to sign up for the Los Cabos Offshore. There is also a late fee of 10% added to all entry categories, except for the \$5,000 and \$10,000 Dailies, in the Black & Blue for teams signing up after October 1st.

The remaining tournament information is available here: The remaining 2007 Bisbee's Events are the [Bisbee's Los Cabos Offshore Tournament](#) October 19–21 and [Bisbee's Black & Blue Marlin Tournament](#) October 23–27.

We at www.bajainsider.com wish all you anglers the best and thank the whole Bisbee family for continuing on with their growing support of the local economy of Baja California.