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***Ma Sheila* Wins the Inaugural IGFA Light Tackle Invitational**

DANIA BEACH, Fla. February 11, 2020 – [The International Game Fish Association \(IGFA\)](http://www.igfa.org) recently hosted the inaugural IGFA Light Tackle Invitational out of Sailfish Marina Resort in Palm Beach Shores, Florida. The two-day tournament took place from February 6-8, 2020 and was a qualifying event for the [2021 Costa Offshore World Championship](#).

With a total of eight sailfish released on dead bait over the two days of fishing, *Ma Sheila* of Nassau, Bahamas, took first place in the IGFA Light Tackle Invitational with 2,400 total points. Angler Jeff Wright aboard the *Ma Sheila* took first place in the angler category with a total of four sailfish releases on dead bait, totaling 1,200 points.

“I would just like to thank the IGFA for hosting a great tournament,” said *Ma Sheila* owner Will Tomlinson. “We’re honored to have been able to compete and super stoked to have won! We look forward to fishing this tournament for years to come.”

In the boat’s category, team *Reel Anglers* came in second place, releasing seven sailfish on live bait and totaling 1,400 points. Team *Lunatico* came in third place releasing six sailfish on live bait, totaling 1,200 points. In the angler’s category, Will Tomlinson of *Ma Sheila* took second place with three sailfish releases on dead bait, totaling 900 points. David Finland of Reel Anglers took third place in the angler’s category with three sailfish releases on live bait, totaling 600 points.

The IGFA Light Tackle Invitational also had three weight categories for the heaviest dolphinfish, tuna and wahoo caught during the tournament. There were no dolphinfish or wahoo landed, however there were a total of four blackfin tuna weighed in. IGFA Chairman Charles Duncan, III of *Saranita* took home the trophy for the heaviest tuna with a 17.8-pound blackfin that he caught on the last day of fishing.

“We are very pleased with the inaugural IGFA Light Tackle Invitational,” said IGFA President Jason Schratwieser. “The IGFA needs to have a presence in tournament angling, as it aligns with the mission, strategy and history of this organization. We are very excited to build on this event for next year, and for years to come.”

The IGFA Light Tackle Invitational required all participants to fish with 12-pound test Ande pre-test monofilament line, which the tournament provided. The nine boats in the tournament fleet released a total of 31 sailfish over the two-day tournament. As a qualifying event for the Costa Offshore World Championship,

To learn more about the results from the IGFA Light Tackle Invitational, please visit the scoring page hosted by CatchStat at: <https://igfa.catchstat.com/>.

About the IGFA

Founded in 1939, the [IGFA](http://www.igfa.org) is a nonprofit organization committed to the conservation of game fish and the promotion of responsible, ethical angling practices through science, education, rule making, record keeping and recognition of outstanding accomplishments in the field of angling. The IGFA also maintains world records in freshwater, saltwater, fly fishing and junior angler categories. The IGFA has members in more than 100 countries.

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