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Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys/University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame Celebrity Fishing Tournament Presented by Yamaha and Caribee Boat Sales Wraps Up It's 6th Annual Tournament

MIAMI, June 28, 2016 – The Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys / University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame (UMSHoF) Celebrity Fishing Tournament Presented by [Yamaha](#) and [Caribee Boat Sales](#) has wrapped its 6th annual tournament. It was held June 24-25 at Founders Park at Mile Marker 87 on the Overseas Highway in Islamorada, Fla. This unique event gives anglers the opportunity to fish alongside some of their favorite Canes All-Stars and mingle with dozens of celebrity participants. The tournament has continued to be a huge success with over 500 participants, making it one of the largest tournaments in the Florida Keys.

This year's tournament was co-hosted by University of Miami Hall of Famers and football greats, [Alonzo Highsmith](#) and [Melvin Bratton](#). The tournament weekend began Friday evening with a kick-off party, final boat registration, silent auction and captains' meeting followed on Saturday by a full day of fishing. On Saturday afternoon, while the Offshore Boats weighed their fish and the Inshore Boats turned in their score cards, Centennial Bank provided a BBQ for the participants and spectators.

After all the fish were weighed and the inshore score cards tallied the results were the following:

OFFSHORE DIVISION:

1st Place – Tracy Kerdyk on *See Shores* with a 35.5 lb. Dolphin – Winning \$3,000
2nd Place – Luke Waddell on *Stage Two* with a 29.1 lb Dolphin – Winning \$2,000
3rd Place – Chris Martinez on *Monster Catch* with a 26.9 lb. Dolphin – Winning \$1,000
4th Place – Tanya Toro on *Halftime* with a 25.2 lb Dolphin
5th Place - Chris Martinez on *Monster Catch* with a 24 lb. Dolphin
Top Lady Anger – Tracy Kerdyk on *See Shores* with a 35.5 lb. Dolphin
Top Junior - Luke Waddell on *Stage Two* with a 29.1 lb Dolphin
King of Fish – Jim Marco on *Priority* with a 19.7 lb. Wahoo – Winning \$500

ADDED VALUE CATEGORIES:

Master of the Ocean – *Contagious* with 108.1 points – Winning \$5,865.00
1st Place Bucket of Bucks – *Monster Catch* with 68.8 points - Winning \$1,615.00
2nd Place Bucket of Bucks – *Contagious* with 60.6 points - Winning \$969.00
3rd Place Bucket of Bucks – *Tiki* with 48.8 points - Winning \$646.00

INSHORE DIVISION:

Grand Slam Winner - Luca Musico on *Line Management* with 70.5 overall points
Longest Sea Trout – Kathy Gillen on *Dave Denkert* – 23" Sea Trout
Longest Snook – Luca Musico on *Line Management* – 30.5" Snook
Longest Redfish – Kathy Gillen on *Dave Denkert* – 20" Redfish

The Weigh-in was followed by the Grady White Boats Awards Dinner catered by Mangrove Mike's Café. There were auctions, music, games and more.

A portion of the tournament proceeds will go to [Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys](#), [The Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis](#), [Coastal Conservation Association](#) and the [UMSHoF](#).

"We are pleased to have Yamaha Motors and Caribee Boats as presenting sponsors for our 6th Annual University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame Celebrity Fishing Tournament," said Gerard Loisel, President of the UMSHoF. "It is thanks to the commitment of these, and all of our great sponsors, donors and participants that our tournament continues to grow each year."

Jack Niedbalski from Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys added; "Not only are we fortunate, but also proud to be a benefactor of this great summer classic charity tournament. From the entire Habitat for Humanity-Upper Keys Board of Directors we thank all our friends from the U of M Sports Hall of Fame Fishing Tournament for allowing us to be a part of the "U"."

Tournament Information

The 6th Annual Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys/UMSHoF Celebrity Dolphin Fishing Tournament is presented by [Yamaha](#) and [Caribee Boat Sales](#) and brought to participants by the [Monroe County Tourist Development Council](#). For more information visit www.canefish.com, call (305) 667-0399 or contact the Tournament Director, Judy Layne at judy@canefish.com. Follow the tournament on Facebook at www.facebook.com/canefish and Instagram at www.instagram.com/canefish .

About the University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame (UMSHoF)

Nestled on the Coral Gables campus of the University of Miami, the UMSHoF is a 501(c)(3) corporation whose main purpose is to recognize those student athletes, coaches and administrators who have brought acclaim to the university through their accomplishments and championships. The showcase for the UMSHoF and the repository of the great sports traditions of the University of Miami is the Tom Kearns Sports Hall of Fame Building, located next door to the Hecht Athletic Center on San Amaro Drive. On display are photos and memorabilia representing the 300 inductees, National Championship Trophies, and artifacts that span the 90 year athletic history of the university. The UMSHoF displays include memorabilia from all of the university sports programs. For information about planning a visit, participating in one of the annual fundraising event or contributing to the UMSHoF, visit www.umsportshalloffame.com, send an email to umsportshallfame@aol.com or contact Executive Director John Routh directly at (305) 284-2775.

Editor's Note: Photographs and tournament video available on request