

2011 WINNER'S CIRCLE PARTICIPANTS

We're about 50 days out from tournament week and I wanted to send out some updates on our progress. There are a few new wrinkles, which might make the week even more enjoyable.

WEBSITE

Note the link to The World Fishing Network (WFN) where you can vote on The Ultimate Fishing Town, the campaign for which I am the spokesperson. In addition, WFN is donating gift bag product and filming at our location.

ADMIRAL'S COVE GALA

On Sat. May 9 we again gather stateside to kick off the week. This year is a little different party, a pool blast. A casual outdoor pool atmosphere, ragga band, island drinks, light horsedouvers and minimal speeches. Also, the auctions have been eliminated this year, due to the increase in entry fee. More information on this event will be forthcoming.

BAHAMA CRUISING FEE

The Bahamian Government has decided to gift us in a unique way. They will forego the cruising fee charged to each boat at the customs clearance. The method of doing this is to be determined, possibly in the form of a rebate, but a very nice gesture.

AWARDS

Some exciting new trophies and gifts have been added to our already sizeable trophy display. Resource International has donated 12 flat screen TVs for the top three boats.

RULE CHANGES

In recent years we have accepted billfish releases as "wild card" catches. Billfish will no longer be targeted due to the

difficulty of regulating those catches both for overall champion and Jack Davis Trophy. Plaques will be given in order to recognize releases in Jack Davis' memory.

CURRENT FIELD

As of mid March there are 25 boats officially entered. Slip assignments will be given on a first come first serve basis, so boats currently entered will have first choice of marina location. We will be unable to accommodate over 40 boats, so with 15 slots remaining be sure to log your entry as soon as possible.

We're looking forward to an exciting 2011 event,

Mike