

## The Only Thing Hotter than the Flaming Marlin at the 2024 Blue Marlin Grand Championship was the Blue Marlin Bite.

66 teams caught a Gulf of Mexico Tournament record of **106 Blue Marlin**, plus 14 White Marlin and 12 Sailfish, for an astonishing total catch of 132 billfish during the tournament.

**Miss Ma'am** was the first Blue Marlin weighed on Friday morning, and the 650.4-pound fish held on to become the Grand Champion, besting the second-place Marlin of **Intense** by just 3.4 pounds.

**Briar Patch** finished in third place by a scant .6 of a pound, with their 577.6 Blue Marlin edging out Devotion's 577-pound Marlin.

### Final Standings

#### Weighed Blue Marlin

1	<b>MISS MA'AM</b>	Cooper Yancey	650.4
2	<b>Intense</b>	Neal Foster	647
3	<b>Briar Patch</b>	Mitchell Reilly	577.6

In the Catch and Release Division, **Lifeline** released a total of 10 billfish, 7 Blue Marlin and 3 White Marlin to take home first place.

**Team Supreme** clinched the Gulf Coast Triple Crown Championship for the second straight year with their second place finish by releasing 7 Blue Marlin, followed in third by **Cold Motion** with 5 Blue Marlin and 2 White Marlin releases.

#### Catch and Release

1	<b>Lifeline</b>	3957 points
2	<b>Team Supreme</b>	3507 points
3	<b>Cold Motion</b>	2805 points

The Tuna Division saw a new Blue Marlin Grand Championship record caught by Jaselyn Berthelot on **Rising Sons**. Her fish broke the current record, which was set by Mike Roberto on **Crawgator**, by just .2 of a pound earlier in the evening. **Wynsong** was third at 177.6

### **Tuna**

1	<b>Rising Sons</b>	Jaselyn Berthelot	Yellowfin Tuna	197.8
2	<b>Crawgator</b>	Mike Roberto	Yellowfin Tuna	197.6
3	<b>Wynsong</b>	Pickett Reese	Yellowfin Tuna	177.6

### **Dolphin**

1	<b>Perseverance</b>	Keith Wade	Dolphin	26.8
2	<b>Intense</b>	Austin Powell	Dolphin	26.2
3	<b>Perseverance</b>	Ayden Kuljis	Dolphin	24.6

### **Wahoo**

1	<b>Relentless Pursuit</b>	Jayden Pasentine	Wahoo	40.4
2	<b>CE</b>	David Finklestein	Wahoo	38.8
3	<b>Panhandler</b>	Timothy O'Brien	Wahoo	33.6