

## RESULTS 2015: A FANTASTIC FIRST EDITION!

The first Edition of the Mauritius Billfish Release International Tournament successfully took place from 26th to 31st of January 2015. About 60 passionate international, local Anglers and fishing Crews took part in the tournament, making a total of 9 fantastic International teams plus one Mauritian team on the start line.

The event was also covered by a team of FreeSpool Media from South Africa on behalf of Supersport TV and also receives the support of Le Connoisseur – Oxenham Ltd, Air Mauritius, City Sport, PNL Ltd, Emba Filao Restaurant (LUX\* Le Morne) and Ile Maurice Tourisme Infos.

The Organizers, Albert (LUX\* Sports Manager) and Pascal (Director - JPH Charters) told that “The Tournament has been very successful at different levels. Fishing was very good. The fact that fishing days and hours were chosen according to tides and moon phases were very fruitful and the following results prove it: 10 Blue Marlins were released including 3 big ones estimated at 575 lbs., 700 lbs. and 800 lbs. respectively. It’s the 1st time ever that such big Marlins are released during a tournament in Mauritius! 23 Marlin strikes were registered! All anglers and teams were highly motivated and ready to win. On the start of the fourth and last fishing day not less than 6 teams were on the “finish line” and each of them could have won! Furthermore the event took place in a great friendly atmosphere! The satisfaction to have contributed to the protection of the species by setting-up this 1st full release tournament. All this together with the support of our partners and sponsors, skippers and crews and of course all participants!”

Thomy de Speville (tournament’s Best Angler) Captain of Team Mauritius (Winning Team) who has released two Blue Marlins during the tournament including one of the biggest said “I fish since I am a kid and have captured many Marlins including some big ones. It is the 1st time that I am releasing Marlins including such a big one! The feeling to see the Marlins going back free after the fight was amazing. I see now sport fishing differently and was very pleased to have in a certain way contributed to the protection of Marlins.”

### The Winning Team:

Eric De Speville, Jayraj Rutnoo, Thomy De Speville and Hubert Gehan.



## FINAL TEAM RANKING

TEAM NAME	POINTS	RANK	PRIZES WON
MAURITIUS (Mauritius)	2200	1	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize:</b> Roupies 350000, Trophes Souvenir et Challenge, Sejour a LUX* Resorts, Champagne et Excursion en Catamaran Madiana.  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:</b> Roupies 100000, Trophes Souvenir et Challenge  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:</b> Roupies 50000, Trophes Souvenir et Challenge
BONI (Russia)	2000	2	
ESSEX BOYS (England)	1134	3	
MANTRA (South Africa - France)	1050	4	
FREESPOOL (South Africa)	1050	4	
BILLCOLLECTOR (Austria)	1000	5	
UNITED FISHING (Lituania)	1000	5	
VIVAX (Russia)	1000	5	
PROLAM (England)	-		
Y-KNOT (Gabon)	-		

## ANGLER RANKING

ANGLER / RANKS	Day 1		Day 2			Day 3			Day 4		Final Rank
	Points	Rank	Points for the day	Total points	Rank	Points for the day	Total points	Rank	Points for the day	Total points	
Thomy de Speville			1050	1050	1		1050	1	1050	2100	1
Duncan Grant	1050	1		1050	1		1050	1		1050	2
Fabrice Lathus						1050	1050	1		1050	2
David Hawkeswood			1000	1000	2		1000	2		1000	3
Linas Solominas			1000	1000			1000	2		1000	3
Valdimir Boni									1000	1000	3
Evgeny Novozheev			1000	1000	2		1000	2		1000	3
Evgeny Boni			1000	1000	2		1000	2		1000	3
Luka Folk			1000	1000	2		1000	2		1000	3
Paul Maris	114	2		114		20	134	3		134	4

## BOAT RANKING

BOAT NAME	POINTS	RANK	BOAT NAME	POINTS	RANK
Ticou	2200	1	Tora Tora 2	1000	5
Gamefisher 4	2000	2	Nostalgie	1000	5
Tomahawk 2	1134	3	Moana 2	1000	5
Mantra	1050	4	Chillipoint	-	-
Moana 1	1050	4	Y-Knot	-	-