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\$25,000.00 in cash plus prizes were awarded to the Olympic Gold, winners of the Islamorada Fishing Club's January Sailfish Tournament on January 26<sup>th</sup>. A field of 21 boats joined the hunt, in 80 degree weather, with winds averaging 15 knots out of the east. "We were very happy with the attendance this year. There were 34 sailfish released with 43 called in hook ups in this one day event" said tournament director Dianne Harbaugh. The awards, original wave art trophies by local artist Chris Catlett were a huge hit.

Winning trophies, sponsored by the Hampton Inn, went to Doug Mientkiewicz from Islamorada, FL and Reggie Rodriguez of Miami with 5 releases on the Olympic Gold. Captain J.C. Cleare and Mate Fulton Ivy were also awarded custom original wave trophies that were sponsored by Caribee Boat Sales and Yamaha Outboards.

Captain David Morris with Mate Jeffery Liederman on the Bodacious released 5 sailfish on time, taking home second place honors. Once again original wave art was presented to anglers Shay Danzig of Tavernier, FL and Nick Stanczyk of Islamorada, FL sponsored by Mercedes Benz of Cutler Bay. Captial Bank sponsored the Chirs Catlett designed waves for the captain and mate.

The Reel McCoy fought their way into third place with a late double header of sailfish. The first of the double was released securing their spot with 4 releases. Anglers Larry Amoyette of Silver Springs, FL and Sean Smith from Ft. Lauderdale took home trophies sponsored by Regan Insurance. Both captain George McElveen and mate Justin Miller's trophies were sponsored by Ocean Sotheby's International Realty.

"The Islamorada Fishing Club outdid themselves this time. I would like to commend the entire staff for a job well done. Our anglers loved the food, drink and good time we had" said tournament director Dianne Harbaugh. The next tournament in the fishing club's series is the June Dolphin Tournament. For more information on the Islamorada Fishing Club visit us online at [www.theislamoradafishingclub.com](http://www.theislamoradafishingclub.com)