



## CHARITY BIG GAME TOURNAMENT THE PENN CHALLENGE

Mindelo, Cape Verde, 2017

7, 8, 9, 10 and 11th of May

### Back to Mindelo!

In April 2015 the PENN Challenge pulled up her camp at the Mindelo Sportfishing Club in Sao Vicente. One of the most westerly Cape Verdian Islands. Home to the most professional marlin fleets this side of the Atlantic! We are proud to announce that in 2017 the PENN Challenge is held out of The Sportfishing Club Mindelo again!



### Species

Blue marlin, blue marlin and blue marlin! Occasionally a white marlin and maybe a spearfish. Wahoo is always around. And depending of their presence, big yellowfin and/or bigeye tuna.

April, May and June are by far the best months to catch multiple marlin a day. In 2015, participants in The PENN Challenge caught 68 blue marlin. Heaviest marlin was estimated 900+ lbs.

### The tournament setup

We fish five days. Teams alternate boats daily. We can host 15 – 20 boats in the tournament. Amongst these boats are the Mindelo top boats, La Onda Andromeda (Olaf Grimkowski), La Onda Mila (Marty Bates), Amelia II (Zak Conde), Cal Rei II (Randy Das), Victoria, (Marco Canu), next to the Berno Niebuhr's Happy Hooker, Eric Leblond's Sirategui, Stuart Simpson's Nha Cretcheu and Steve George's Sea Quest.

By alternating daily all teams got a fair chance to win the tournament. All teams fish at least two or three days aboard one of the Mindelo top boats.



### IGFA and Offshore World Championship (OWC)

The PENN Challenge is an IGFA Fishing Club. We try to fish by IGFA rules as much as possible. The PENN Challenge is also an Qualifying Event to the Offshore World Championship (OWC). The winning team will be invited to participate in the prestigious Offshore World Championship 2018.

### EFSA Netherlands; Open Dutch Championship Big Game Fishing 2017

Part of The PENN Challenge is the EFSA Open Dutch Championship Big Game Fishing 2017 for teams. The championship is open to members of EFSA only.







### Flights and stay

Participants book their own flights and have to make their own reservations. Don Paco Hotel, next to the marina offers PENN Challenge participants a discount on their room rates. So is Las Rochas Residence just outside Mindelo. Further details on request.



### Charity

Since our tournament is a charity tournament, open to all, we don't charge an additional entry fee. We do request all participants to support the charity goals in a financial or material way. Our charity goal in Sao Vicente is the support of the children & teens shelters of ICCA Mindelo. The shelters provides aid to orphans and mistreated or abused children. In 2015 the participants, sponsors and crews raised over € 5.000 for ICCA Mindelo.



### Costs

Tournaments costs:	EU	UK	US		EU	UK	US
Two person team	€ 6.000	£ 4.530	\$ 6.520	costs p.p.	€ 3.000	£ 2.265	\$ 3.260
Three person team	€ 6.200	£ 4.675	\$ 6.750	costs p.p.	€ 2.067	£ 1.560	\$ 2.250
Four person team	€ 6.400	£ 4.850	\$ 6.960	costs p.p.	€ 1.600	£ 1.215	\$ 1.740

Included are Five full days fishing, Tournament shirts, Kickoff party, Closing diner, Daily drinks at the Mindelo Sportfishing Club, Contribution to charity goals, et cetera. Not included are costs of flights, hotels, transfers and daily food/beverages.

The tournament costs can vary up to € 200 per team depending on the number of entries. All benefits after deducting the tournaments costs go directly to our charity goals in Mindelo.



### Entry

Info and Entry to the PENN Challenge 2017. Send an email to [aierland@xs4all.nl](mailto:aierland@xs4all.nl)

More info at our Facebook page THE PENN CHALLENGE or at [www.pennchallenge.nl](http://www.pennchallenge.nl)

### Down payment

Your entry is completed after transferring a deposit of € 1.000 per person to **ING Bank, BIC code; INGBNL2A, IBAN account number NL35 INGB 0678 6016 90, account name, Stichting The Fishing Dutchmen, Vlaardingen, add the following text "Entry PENN Challenge 2017, your name and the name of your team"**.

Entry is binding. Deposits are nonrefundable, unless you find a replacement team to compete in the 2017 tournament.

Flights, transfers and hotel are not included. Participants travel to - and stay in Mindelo at their own risk.

