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Bahamas Wahoo Challenge Coming to the Big Game Club

ALICE TOWN, BIMINI—SEPTEMBER 13, 2010— The recently re-opened Bimini Big Game Club will resume its rightful place on the grand sportfishing tournament circuit when it hosts the first leg of the 2011 Bahamas Wahoo Challenge, November 11-14, 2010.

The Bimini Big Game Club, a legendary outpost for fishermen and host to numerous major sportfishing tournaments for more than half a century, officially re-opened this summer as a Guy Harvey Outpost Resort & Marina following completion of a \$3,500,000 renovation that included all guest rooms, the new Bimini Big Game Bar & Grill, and the Outfitter Shop, a retail experience featuring sportswear, fishing supplies and gifts.

Approaching its fifth year of competition, the Bahamas Wahoo Challenge has attracted the best wahoo anglers in the world to the Bahamas. The Wahoo Challenge, according to Tournament Director Tony Albelo, consists of three tournaments— Bimini, Port Lucaya on January 12-16, 2011 and March 3-6, 2011 in the Bahamas. Each tournament is an individual competition, but also adds points to the overall series. Teams can compete in one or all three legs.

According to Albelo, the wahoo fishing continues to be red hot.

“The top fish for the 2006 series was a 95-pound torpedo weighed in by “Nothin’s Wild” out of Homestead, Florida,” he began. “The following years all saw increased numbers of fish and fish size, likely due to new rules and regulations enacted by the Bahamas. As a tournament, the Challenge also adopted new rules reducing the fish count to four fish per team. These small efforts in concert have made a noticeable impact on fishing.”

In 2008, the Bahamian-crew on “Zephyros” hauled in a 105-pound behemoth which is the largest wahoo taken in any tournament in the Bahamas. Fish in the 80-plus pound range are routinely caught in the Challenge as fishing continues to be improving.

Bimini’s location along the legendary Gulfstream (a “river” of warm water) location is at the apex of a superhighway for migrating fish and acts as a kind of sushi conveyor belt carrying abundant food to the local fish. Deepwater game fish include marlin, tuna, sailfish, wahoo and swordfish, while big grouper, barracuda

and schools of snapper can be found on the reefs. Bimini's flats are home the fishermen's favorite prey, bonefish and permit. With more than 50-record-setting catches in the waters around the island, Bimini has earned its title of Sport Fishing Capital of the World.

Bahamas Wahoo Challenge participants can call 800-867-4764 to reserve a room and slip at the Big Game Club. For more tournament information go to www.wahoochallenge.com.

About Bimini Big Game Club, a Guy Harvey Outpost Resort and Marina

Founded as a dinner club in 1936 in Alice Town, the island's cultural hub, by Nassau entrepreneur and bon-vivant, Neville Stuart, the Big Game Club has over the last 74 years hosted world-class fishermen, major tournaments, international celebrities and tens of thousands guests looking to bask in the unique "Islands in the Stream" mantra made famous by author Ernest Hemingway who lived and fished in Bimini in the mid 1930s.

Today, the Big Game Club's Outpost concept is designed to take the resort beyond that of a "fishing lodge (though admittedly a majority of visitors will be there for the world class fishing) to create an eco-destination attracting both fishing and diving enthusiasts while focusing on adventure travel, sustainable tourism and marine conservation.

Celebrated artist and conservationist Guy Harvey along with his Guy Harvey Outpost organization recently announced plans to team with renown dive authority Neal Watson to offer "top of class" dive centers at Guy Harvey Outpost resort properties. Their first dive center will open in mid October at the Big Game Club, a Guy Harvey Resort & Marina.

The Big Game Club, which is located on the main navigation channel in Bimini Bay, currently features a 51-room resort and a 75-slip marina capable of accommodating boats up to 145 linear feet in length. A full service fuel dock will be operational by Spring 2011.

There are Phase II plans that will include a Guy Harvey Theater, guest lecture series and interactive sessions with Dr. Harvey and the Guy Harvey Research Institute at NOVA Southeastern Oceanographic Center and day trips to the Bimini Biological Field Station's world-famous shark lab.

Location:	Alice Town (North Bimini's Southern Tip)
Marina	
Facilities:	75 Slips
Regular Rooms:	35
Penthouse Suites:	4
Cottage Rooms:	12

Restaurants: Bimini Big Game Bar & Grill
Pools: Freshwater
Other
Activities: Outpost Outfitter Shop, Deepsea Fishing, Flats Fishing, Diving,
Snorkeling, Shopping, Sightseeing, Sunset Cruises, Picnics
Reservation: 1-800-867-4764
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