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What brings so many anglers to The Bahamas every year? The answer might be as clear as the 100,000 square-miles of water where they fish. Maybe it's the year-round sub-tropical climate. Those are good answers but most likely it's all the big fish and the fact this island nation owns almost 90 world records. And another was set this year in Andros. Mix in the dozens of celebrated fishing lodges and now, like we said, the answer becomes pretty clear. Better yet, it's so easy to get there and very safe.

THE NORTHERN BAHAMAS... fantastic destinations for bonefish, tarpon and permit running the massive stretches of flats all year. The cobalt-blue waters offshore produce world-record billfish. Excellent air service and full-service marinas are found throughout the region. Fishing is just minutes from your dock or doorstep.

Bimini... Hemingway made this place legendary for sport fishing years ago. But today's anglers love the mix of history, contemporary resorts and the opportunity of a world-record catch. Bonefish to blue marlin, wahoo to grouper – they're all caught here, some in record sizes. Good marina facilities, nice resorts and quaint island-style accommodations are found on both North and South Bimini. Perhaps the best known of all is the famed *Bimini Big Game Club*. The club is rich in history and well-known for its accommodations, full-service marina, and excellent food – a favorite of visiting anglers.

Grand Bahama... a large, well-developed island boasting excellent bonefishing on the expansive northern bank and East End flats. Marlin, sailfish and large tuna migrate seasonally – while mahi-mahi, grouper, snapper and bonefish are resident, available year-round. The eastern side of the island is renowned worldwide as one of the best bonefishing destinations. Many of the flats are hard bottomed, making them ideal for wading.

The Abaco Islands... this northern-most chain includes Great Abaco, Little Abaco, and a 120-mile string of fringing islands dotted with pristine coves and shallow flats. A choice of handsome fishing lodges, resorts and boutique inns please even the most discriminating angler. *Treasure Cay Resort* boasts a large modern marina, waterfront rooms and suites, and offers something very handy for anglers. Along with the full-service marina, and some great fishing guides, there is also a very unique option to rent a choice well-maintained center console fishing boats up to 27 feet. This northern sector of Great Abaco is a favorite "home-base" amongst savvy anglers and cruising enthusiasts. On Green Turtle Cay you'll enjoy the *Green Turtle Club*, another fine marina resort with nice accommodations, fine dining, and the marina with fuel and water. Across the sound, only a short walk away, sits *Bluff House* sprawling across the hilltop with a marvelous waterfront restaurant and rooms overlooking the Sound of Abaco.

Both have easy access to fabulous offshore fishing and amazing bonefish flats. On the big island of Great Abaco, about halfway between Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay, you'll find *Abaco Lodge* with great bonefishing out the back door, and easy access to the famed Marls on the west side of the mainland. To maximize your catch in Abaco, it's always best to fish with a professional guide. Contact the Abaco Fly Fishing Guides Association (561-202-8575) for more information. Abaco owns bragging rights to 13 IGFA world record catches – is the next one yours?

THE CENTRAL BAHAMAS ... includes New Providence, Andros, The Berry Islands, Eleuthera, Exuma and Cat Island – all with good air service, resorts and numerous fishing lodges. Much of the travel to these destinations passes through Nassau. New Providence consists of Nassau, Cable Beach (now Baha Mar) and Paradise Island – known mostly for the nightlife, casinos, shopping and fine dining. Few are aware of the island's surprisingly good fishing. Bones and tarpon are found in the tranquil flats year-round. Crewed charter boats are plentiful around the Nassau, and all know where to find fish. Not far away is the famed Tongue of the Ocean, where anglers battle some of the biggest marlins on the planet.

Andros Island... the country's largest island has earned its reputation as the "Bonefish Capital of the World" – largely because it owns so many world records. Comprised of North Andros, Mangrove Cay and South Andros – separated by tidal creeks. – This is where savvy anglers find record-setting bones, a variety of well-appointed lodges, and outstanding guides. Although bonefishing gets most of the headlines, don't discount the tasty satisfaction of bottom fishing over the reef, or the thrill of catching a giant blue marlin in the "Tongue" – where the water is unbelievably deep and the fish are bigger than life. Fishing Lodges dot the coastline from north to south, and there's one to suit every budget. Northern Andros is home to tranquil and secluded *Small Hope Bay Lodge*, offering all beachfront cabins, excellent guides, international cuisine, and a variety of affordable fishing packages. This area's shoreline parallels the world's 3rd largest barrier reef. For those anglers traveling with family or a small group of friends, *Big Bamboo Villa* is a prime consideration. A beautifully designed, two-acre waterfront villa boasts four, well-appointed private bedrooms, private bathrooms, a large lodge-like living room, and fully-equipped kitchen. Staff and seasoned guides are available. Flats and reef fishing are close by and both are excellent. Just south of Andros Town sitting at the water's edge, and only a cast away from the magnificent reef, is the legendary *Andros Island Bonefish Club*.

Club. Recognized as the country's original fly-fishing club, the lodge has cozy and clean accommodations, great food, and easy access to the reef and West Side National Park. South a few miles through the flats, Mangrove Cay is another hotspot for big bones. Sitting at the water's edge on a pretty little stretch of beach is *Swain's Cay Lodge*, perhaps the best-known lodge in the area. Shaded by swaying palms, the lodge accommodates about 20 anglers with clean comfortable rooms and a mouthwatering menu of meals at its Reef Side Restaurant. Non-anglers will enjoy the beach with free use of kayaks, bicycles and snorkel gear. Skilled guides provide exciting days of fishing, no matter whether you prefer bones on the flats or marlin in the off-shore waters. South Andros is home to the 1.5-million acre West Side National Park – the largest natural park in The West Indies. The parks shallow waters flow through the pristine flats, stretching east to the cobalt-blue waters of the 6,000-foot deep Tongue-of-the-Ocean. The opportunity to fish both on the same trip makes for some of the most exciting fishing on the planet. In the middle of all this action is the celebrated *Tiamo Resort*. A cut above any ordinary fishing lodge, *Tiamo* is more like a luxury resort designed for serious anglers, families and friends. The nearby waters remain pristine with no commercial fishing, which means wahoo, snapper, grouper and mahi-mahi are plentiful. The resort presents varied possibilities for excellent fishing, and competent guides to get you there.

The Berry Islands... include Chub Cay and Great Harbour Cay, both with scheduled air service and full-service marinas. The *Carriacou boutique hotel* at Great Harbour offers stylish rooms and gourmet restaurant. *Chub Cay Club* recently renovated its guest rooms and rental units are available. The extensive sandy flats surrounding the cays are alive with bonefish year-round and the nearby "tongue" is the place for prized marlin and other game fish.

Eleuthera & Harbour Island... the main island connects easy to Spanish Wells and Harbour Island by ferry. Visiting anglers find an array of accommodations ranging from quaint hotel rooms to high-end, luxury villas and award-winning dining at *Valentines Resort & Marina* on Harbour Island. Experienced anglers love this place because they know this is blue marlin country, especially during April, May and June when the mixing currents push large gatherings of bait fish. Large schools of dolphin (Mahi-mahi) are also seen at this time. If you didn't come by boat, don't worry. The charter captains and guides at *Valentines* know these waters, and know where to fish.

Exuma... Heading southeast out of Nassau you'll come upon hundreds of small pristine cays, including Staniel Cay. Here is home to the celebrated *Staniel Cay Yacht Club*. Anglers traveling with families will enjoy array marine activities, first-class accommodations, a sparkling white sand beach, and a savory menu of international cuisine at the gourmet restaurant. *The Yacht Club* has been part of the Staniel Cay community since 1956. Today visitors enjoy 14 charming bungalows, an 18-slip marina, and a clubhouse with a really good restaurant. The flats offer excellent bonefishing and blue water fishing is awesome to the east, outside the reefs.

Cat Island... is home to Mount Alvernia, the highest peak in The Bahamas. Basically undeveloped, the island's tourism is mostly nature-based. Fly fishing is excellent in these pristine waters, a popular choice with visitors. Accommodations are excellent, so is the cuisine. Guide services are provided by the island's resorts.

THE SOUTHERN ISLANDS... are the ultimate destination for anglers seeking solitude and out-of-the-ordinary, pristine fishing grounds. The walk and wade technique on the flats is very popular here. A good guide will help spot the fish and assure you find your way home. Regularly scheduled air service makes it easy to reach these outer islands, and visitors will find a handsome array of comfortable accommodations.

Long Island... The main attraction here is fishing for big bones, and they're here year-round. Reportedly, the biggest fish are caught along the western flats, and foreshores of north and south coasts. Lodges and fishing resorts that anglers favor include *Gems of Paradise*, *Greenwich Creek*, *Stella Maris* and *Long Island Bonefish Lodge* which is designed to meet the needs of DIY anglers. Offshore fishing is outstanding. The island's eastern Atlantic shore is washed by the North Equatorial Current, which brings large schools of marlin, sailfish, wahoo, and tuna.

Acklins and Crooked Island... Teaming with 12 pristine flats, *Chester's Highway Inn Bonefish Lodge* sits in the middle of this kind-of Bahamian Outback. The lodge welcomes anglers with genuine hospitality, clean rooms and delicious home-cooked meals. The islands form a perfect fishery water environment which is home to numerous species of fish roaming the huge sand flats that welcome waders most every day. Far to the south sits the popular *Salina Point Bonefish Lodge*, a full-service lodge with nice amenities. Perfect for DIY anglers, the fertile waters are home to large barracuda, triggerfish, snapper, snook and permit – some of which may have never seen a fly.

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Photographing your catch is an art. First, you need to start with a good camera, preferably digital with high-resolution capability. Digital cameras let you review your image, and if needed you can reshoot. Keep your camera on "high-resolution" and shoot away from the sun. Keep your camera close to you so it's handy when needed. Shoot and release the fish quickly, lessening the stress on the fish.

Always handle your catch with care. The most exciting photos can be taken while the fish is still in the water. These images are far better than the typical "dead fish" photos we see too often. Not touching the fish minimizes the stress and trauma it endures. It also increases their likelihood of survival. To capture the "no-touch" style, leave the fish in the water using the leader to bring him towards you. Getting into the water when flats-fishing will give you an exciting up-close-and-personal look, and the fish suffers less stress while in the water. When handling the fish, keep your hands wet and free of any suntan lotions or oils, and never wipe the fish clean. The slimy coating left on most fish is a protective coating that keeps them healthy. Wiping it away leads to significant stress and illness. If you're lifting fish out of water, always use two hands. Keep one under the tail and the other under the belly. Also, please don't hold fish by their jaw, especially bonefish. They might look fine when you return them to the water, but a bonefish held by the jaw may not be able to eat after his release.

BLUE WATER FISHING

Fishing for blue marlin once was a highly-specialized game involving large boats trolling lures so big they could be the winner at a freshwater bass tournament. Simply getting a marlin alongside and releasing it safely required bigger boats and skilled crews. Today, anglers with boats under 30 feet have developed their own techniques, mostly using stand-up tackle. While the majority of anglers find success catching



the smaller white marlin, plenty of 400-pound-blues have been caught by anglers who trailer boats.

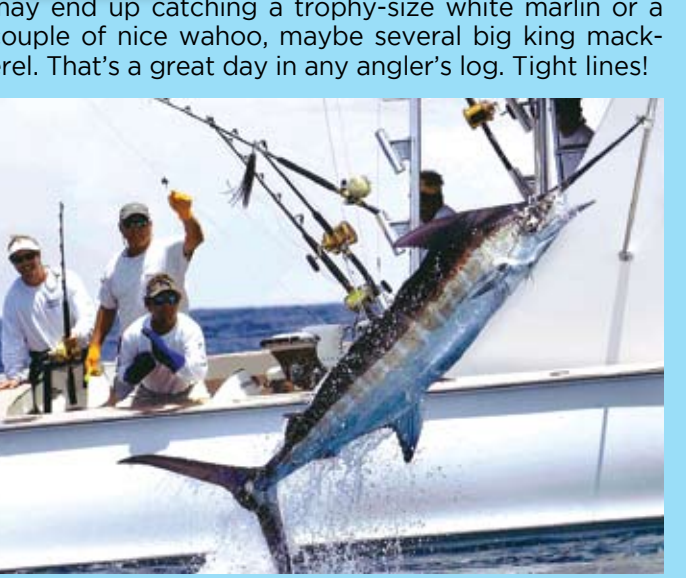
These picturesque islands of The Bahamas sit on shallow, sandy banks separated by Atlantic Ocean channels and tongues as deep as 10,000 feet. The regions geology creates currents that bring huge numbers of baitfish near shore. This phenomenon brings bigger fish closer to shore, allowing smaller boats with blue

water anglers to routinely have lines in the water minutes after leaving the dock. In some marinas, such as Treasure Cay Marina in Abaco, you don't need to run your boat across because they have a stable of well-maintained center console boats available to rent by day or week. This growing concept is growing fast because it is cost-effective and allows more time to fishing.

Every year tens-of-thousands of fishermen come from all parts of the globe to cast lines into these pristine waters. Some troll the offshore waters for sailfish, white and blue marlin, tuna, wahoo, and mahi-mahi. Others fish the fertile reefs, dropping a jig or fresh bait that usually brings a quick and powerful strike from big grouper, snapper,

water fishing is usually in the spring through summer months. Big yellowfin tuna (called Allison tuna here) are most abundant in March and April, and often well into May. This is also the best time for sailfish. An exception is big wahoo, the fastest fish in these waters, which usually run from November to March.

Catching the elusive blue marlin is a highly-specialized game. It involves high-speed trolling, knowing what lures to run, or finding a seasoned skipper that knows what baits to troll. If you're not sure which artificial to troll, try natural baits like ballyhoo which can often save the day. Some days you may see marlins swim up and look at your lures, and then disappear. When that happens, some anglers switch to natural baits. They may end up catching a trophy-size white marlin or a couple of nice wahoo, maybe several big king mackerel. That's a great day in any angler's log. Tight lines!



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FISHING REGULATIONS BAG LIMITS

The boat you fish from, must have a fishing permit aboard. Individual permits are not required.

Permits are obtained from Customs officials at ports of entry. Fishing gear is restricted to hook and line and you may not fish with more than six rods at a time. Bag limits are as follows:

Wahoo/Dolphin/Kingfish/Tuna:

Migratory species such as Kingfish, Dolphin, Tuna or Wahoo shall not exceed 18 fish per vessel at any time.

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