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2013 BUD LIGHT ROTA FISHING DERBY ON OCT. 11-12, 2013

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The 2013 Bud Light Rota Fishing Derby will be held on Oct. 11-12, 2013, with cash prizes awaiting the winners in four categories: Bill Fish, Wahoo, Yellow Fin, and Bonita Tuna. A \$10,000 grand prize also awaits any marlin landed over 500 lbs.

Registration forms, rules, and additional details are available under the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) online Calendar of Events at www.mymarianas.com. Participants must register with the 14th Rota Municipal Council Office. Registration will be open until Friday (Oct. 11) at West Dock Marina, Rota. Registration is \$100 per boat, including one captain and one angler. Each additional angler is \$25.

All participating boats must observe safe boating rules & regulations. The Department of Public Safety's Boating Safety Unit may be contacted at 1.670.532.9490 to conduct a boat safety inspection, if desired.

Launching will be at 6 a.m. both days at West Dock Marina. Launching is also permitted from in Guam through Guam Fishermen's Coop, Tinia via Tinian Mayor's office (attn.. Don Farrel) and Saipan. Participants wishing to register their catch must be at West Dock Marina by

6 p.m. on Friday (Oct. 11) and 5 p.m. on Saturday (Oct. 12).

Tournament fee also includes entrance to the awards banquet at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday (Oct. 12).

For more information: on Rota, contact the 14th Rota Municipal Council at 1.670.532.4046, Councilman George Hocog at 1.670.285.3958 or Council Chief of Staff Steve Mesngon at 1.670.287.0401; on Saipan, contact Marianas Visitors Authority Community Projects Division at 1.670.664.3200/1 or info@mymarianas.com; on Tinian, contact Don Farrell at 1.670.433.1801/2; and on Guam, contact Guam Fishermen's Coop at 1.671.472.6323.

The Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are a chain of idyllic islands in the West Pacific, offering a friendly, fun and exciting vacation in paradise. They are an excellent destination for families, adventure and sports-minded travelers, as well as business people looking for a tropical haven. Adventurous travelers from Asia, Australia, Europe and elsewhere looking for new travel discoveries will find them in the Mariana Islands, just three hours travel from most cities in Japan, and four from Asia and Australia. The Northern Marianas are served from Tokyo and Osaka in Japan by Delta and Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana provides direct flights from Seoul and Busan. China is served from Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou. Russia is served via Vladivostok and Khabarovsk. United Airlines has daily flight connections from nine cities in Japan to Saipan via Guam. United States mainland connections can be made by United Airlines to Saipan via Guam, and Delta Airlines from the west coast to Saipan via Narita. For more information visit www.mymarianas.com.

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