

## Press Release/ Angler Julian Robertson wins prestigious Hawley Tarpon Fly Tournament!

The 44<sup>th</sup> Don Hawley Invitational Tarpon Fly Tournament  
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Islamorada, Florida Keys

The 44<sup>th</sup> Don Hawley Invitational Tarpon Fly Tournament kicked off with a full field of 25 boats in this prestigious five day tarpon on fly event. This tournament draws the best of the best fly anglers from around the world to chase tarpon known as the Silver King. The Hawley is an all release tournament for tarpon four feet and over with a 12 pound tippet requirement. The Grand Champion title goes to the angler/guide team with the most fish in this intense 5 day tournament.

Angler Julian Robertson, New Zealand, and Captain Rob Fordyce stuck the win with an amazing 18 tarpon released. Coming in a very close second with 17 releases was angler Steve Ward, Flower Mound, Texas and Captain Paul Tejera. Coming in third place with 14 fish released was Rand Holstead of Houston, Texas, and local Captain Brian Helms, also past tournament winners. The New Angler Award went to Mark Weeks from Tokyo, Japan, fishing with Captain Andy Thompson, with 6 releases.

The Don Hawley Invitational Tarpon Fly Tournament began in 1974 as a way to raise funds for the Guide's Trust Foundation, a foundation created to help support the Florida Keys guides in times of hardship and disability. Its mission has remained the same for 44 years, to help the Florida Keys guides in need and to award scholarships to Florida Keys students.

For more information on the Guides Trust Foundation, please go to [www.guidetrustfoundation.org](http://www.guidetrustfoundation.org)