

# Monterrey Fishing Challenge

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When: October 21, 2002  
What time: 5:30am – 12:45pm  
Where: Marina Cabo San Lucas  
Who: ABAC & PBEC  
Why: Why not?

Come and represent your economy in the Monterrey Fishing Challenge and test your skills with the best fighting fish in the Pacific.

At the southern tip of Baja the rich Sea of Cortez meets the mighty Pacific Ocean. While deep canyons plummet to depths of over a mile, towering seamounts create upwellings that result in nutrient rich waters. This attracts the wide variety of sea life that makes this one of the richest fishing grounds in the world.



It all started in the 1950's when celebrities and wealthy anglers discovered Baja and the great fishing available in this tropical paradise. Back in those days you had to be rich in order to get to Los Cabos since there were no roads and only private planes ventured down the 1000 miles of the Baja peninsula. Today, being a PBEC Member is all you need.

Every year thousands of anglers travel to Los Cabos in pursuit of the highly prized marlin. Los Cabos is blessed with three species of marlin; the black marlin, the blue marlin, and the striped marlin. Blue and black marlins are similar in size and feeding habits and are present in greatest numbers from June through November (hey, that's when we're there). The average size for both these species is around 250 pounds, but there are some monsters out there, and you never know when one will appear.

There are many other options in these rich warm waters and a great number of anglers prefer to chase these instead of the prized marlin. Topping this list is the brilliantly colored and hard fighting Dorado. Found in great numbers during the months of July through October (what a coincidence). Dorado are pursued not only for a spectacular aerial battle but also for their great table fare.

Yellow Fin Tuna is one of the hardest fighting fish and can attain weights over 300 pounds. If you hook up with a big one, hopefully you'll land it before nightfall.

Another highly sought-after fish for both a great fight and unsurpassed eating is the lightening fast Wahoo. Caution is advised when landing this speedster, they have a mouth filled with razor sharp teeth, which can cause injury if not handled properly. Fishing in Los Cabos is definitely an extreme sport!

What is so great about all of these species is that the technique for catching each fish is similar, which means you just do not know what may hit next!

If you are interested in attending the Monterrey Fishing Challenge, please confirm with Mathew Young – [mathew.young@cemex.com](mailto:mathew.young@cemex.com) before October 15<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you there!

