

OFFICIAL RULES

25TH ANNUAL FISHING FRENZY

- The Tournament is open to all whom desire to enter and consists of one category, heaviest dolphin fish. IGFA rules will apply.
- Fish must be at least **12 pounds** in order to be weighed.
- The entry fee shall be \$275.00 after May 1st. Each boat must have a minimum of two (2) anglers with at least one (1) angler eighteen (18) years of age or older. The maximum number of anglers per boat is six (6). The committee need not be notified of angler changes. A professional captain and mate on a chartered boat are not eligible for prizes.
- Tournament headquarters is the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce office at 2937 W Midway Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34981 PH: 772.595.9999.
- Registration will be held at the Captain's briefing. The Captain's briefing will be held at Causeway Cove Marina, 601 Seaway Drive, Fort Pierce, FL 34949, on Friday, May 14th, 2021, from **5:00 PM to 6:30 PM**. At least one representative from each boat **MUST** attend the mandatory **Captain's briefing at 6:45 PM**.
- Check out will be in the **Fort Pierce or St. Lucie inlet** from **6:30 AM to 7:30 AM**, Saturday, May 15th. There will be **NO** Committee Boat at the Fort Pierce Inlet; we will do visual check out from the Pelican Yacht Club pier in front of the restaurant. St. Lucie Inlet Committee Boat will be located at Marker #9. You must check out visually with your placard and verbally with the committee via channel 78.
- You must pass the check out boat or pier in a **SINGLE FILE LINE** at **IDLE SPEED** while displaying your boat number to tournament officials. Once your boat number has been recorded you will be directed to proceed. Radio communication should be kept at a minimum. For those boats departing from the Ft. Pierce Inlet, when directed to do so, continue past the committee representative at **IDLE SPEED** to the east end of the jetties. Failure to obey the **IDLE SPEED** rule will result in disqualification. If conditions in the inlet are rough, proceed just fast enough to maintain forward steerage.
- Check In will be at Causeway Cove Marina **ONLY**, from **2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**. All boats must be authorized by boat number to proceed to the dock. All boats must check out and check in visually with the official tournament check out and check in representatives while monitoring **VHF channel 78**. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. **YOU MUST BE AT THE MARINA** and visual by 4:00 PM
- The location of the tournament committee boats and or representatives within the inlets and marina will be confirmed at the captain's meeting. Locations stated above are subject to change.
- **WEATHER** – Captain's Choice. Fishermen fish at their own discretion and accept full responsibility for their respective crew and boat.
- No refunds of any fees will be made for any reason.
- Number of lines shall be limited to six. Teasers without hooks will not be counted. Live bait is allowed.
- Weigh-in will be at Causeway Cove Marina. **All boats must have officially checked in via VHF AND visually with the committee by 4:00 PM SHARP**. Upon check in with you must proceed directly to the weigh-in. **All boats must be in the water, not on a trailer**. One angler from each boat must accompany the fish to the scale and back to the boat. **All boat captains must present ID and social security cards to collect winnings**.

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- Upon weighing your fish, your vessel must depart the weigh in area. Any boats that wish to remain within the Marina must make prior arrangements with the dock-master to do so.
- In case of a tie, the first fish weighed in by time will be awarded the higher place.
- The tournament committee reserves the right to refuse awards and to make changes, additions, deletions, or modifications to these rules, regulations or awards being posted, announced, or otherwise disseminated.
- The tournament shall be governed by the tournament committee of the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, and the tournament committee has the authority to prescribe the rules and regulations of this tournament. Nothing in any of these rules and regulations shall be construed to limit or restrict the tournament committee's authority in these matters. Random inspections of fishing vessels may occur at Checkout.
- Each boat is eligible for one prize per category, including Junior and Lady Angler categories which are cash prizes for 2021. Only one fish per boat will be weighed with the exception of lady and junior angler entries.
- Junior anglers must be 16 years old or less to qualify for this prize.
- Any protest made must be in writing, be detailed and specify as the grounds of protests, including proof or evidence to support the protest/position and in the hands of the tournament committee prior to 4:00 PM on the tournament day. All decisions on protests made by the tournament committee are final and binding. All participants and boats shall exercise good sportsmanship and courtesy whether at dock, underway or fishing, or they will be subject to disqualification without refund. All decisions will rest with tournament committee and such decision will be final. The Tournament committee reserves the right to reject any registration.
- The Tournament committee reserves the right to subject any and all winners, at its sole and absolute discretion, to a polygraph examination and/or a voice stress test to be administered by such person or persons as the tournament committee, in its sole and absolute discretion may choose, and further reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion, to inspect any and all boats entered in the competition at any time.
- In the event that a committee boat is in an aid or rescue situation or any other participating boat which is specifically asked by a committee boat to render aid or to rescue to another vessel in the tournament or otherwise, does not return to the committee boat by 4:00 PM, the committee or other boat rendering aid or rescue shall be subject to a later deadline to be determined by the tournament committee. The aided or rescued vessel will not be allowed to weigh in after the 4:00 PM deadline.
- Boundaries – All tournament fishing shall be within a 50 nautical mile radius of the Fort Pierce inlet.
- Any boat in direct physical contact with another boat will be disqualified unless that boat has been given permission by the committee boat to give aid or rescue to another vessel.
- All door prizes and special drawings will be selected by boat number and/or distributed at discretion of Fishing Frenzy Representatives. You must be present and have your boat number placard with you to claim these prizes at the Captain's meeting.
- Participants in the Fishing Frenzy tournament enter at their own risk. Officials, committee members and all persons directly or indirectly connected with the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce or with the operation of the tournament will be exempt from any liability for loss, damage, negligence, harm or injury suffered to any participant, entrant, angler, sports fisherman, their companions, boat captains, crew members, vessels, and equipment which may occur during this tournament.

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