

# OFFICIAL RULES

## ST. LUCIE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FISHING FRENZY

1. The Tournament consists of one category, longest dolphin fish. **IGFA rules will apply.**
2. Entry fee shall be \$275.00 after May 8th. No refunds of any fees will be made for any reason.
3. 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).
4. A professional captain and mate on a chartered boat are not eligible for prizes.
5. Number of lines shall be limited to six. Teasers without hooks will not be counted. Live bait is allowed.
6. Registration can be made online until Thursday, May 9th or at the Square Grouper **4:30 PM to 6:30 PM** on Friday, May 10, 2024.
7. The Captain's Briefing will be held at the Square Grouper, **at 6:45 PM on Friday, May 10, 2024.** At least one representative from each boat **MUST attend the mandatory Captain's briefing**
8. Fishing for the tournament is on Saturday, May 11th it Starts at 6:00 AM and ends at 4PM.
9. **A code word** will be released at 6AM to be written on the placard.
10. **A picture with the placard**, containing the code word must be taken in front of an identifiable marker in either the St. Lucie, Fort Pierce or Sebastian inlets.
11. Anglers **MUST** be at the Fort Pierce Marina to measure their fish between **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**. Anyone not at the dock or waiting inside the marina by 4:00 PM will be disqualified.
12. All boats must check in visually and by radio with the official tournament representatives while monitoring **VHF channel 78**. You must be verbally cleared to proceed to the dock to have your fish measured. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
13. All official entries must be made in accordance to the 'Official Entry Instructions' and each entry must be made by 4:00 PM at the Fort Pierce City Marina in order to be considered a valid tournament entry.
14. WEATHER – Captain's Choice. The tournament **may** be called if waves exceed 2'-3' in 7-8 second intervals.
15. Anglers fish at their own discretion and accept full responsibility for their respective crew and vessel.
16. In case of a tie, the first fish measured in by time will be awarded the higher place.
17. The tournament committee reserves the right to refuse awards and to make changes, additions, deletions, or modifications to these rules, regulations, awards being posted, announced, or otherwise disseminated.
18. The tournament shall be governed by the tournament committee of the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, represented by a tournament official. The tournament committee has the authority to pre- scribe 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.
19. Protests 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 3:15 PM on the day of the tournament. All decisions on protests made by the tournament committee are final and binding. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to reject any registration.
20. 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.
21. Boundaries – All tournament fishing shall be within a 50-nautical-mile radius of the Fort Pierce inlet.
22. Door prizes and special drawings will be selected by boat number and/or distributed at the 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 Briefing.
23. 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.

**Emergency Contact 772.240.4022**

**IGFA RULES APPLY**

# OFFICIAL ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

## YOU MUST...

1. HAVE OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT PLACARD WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES!
2. PROVIDE A VALID CELL PHONE!
3. HAVE THE ABILITY TO SHARE YOUR LOCATION!

## CHECKOUT

1. Checkout is at 6:00 AM the day of the tournament.
2. A code word will be posted on our social media pages at 6:00 AM.
3. You must write the code word on your placard.
4. Then, take a photo of the placard containing the code word with back drop of the inlet you are leaving.
5. If the inlet you are leaving and placard are not visible in same photo, you will be disqualified.
6. If the inlet you are leaving is unrecognizable or identifiable, you will be disqualified.

## CHECK IN

7. Anglers **MUST** be in the Fort Pierce Marina to measure their fish between **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**. Anyone not at the dock or waiting inside the marina by 4:00 PM will be disqualified.
8. All boats must check in visually and by radio with official on **VHF channel 78**.
9. Check in is at Dock A in the city marina.
10. You must be verbally cleared to proceed to the dock to have your fish measured.

**Measurement will be made from facial tip to the fork of the caudal fin.**

