



4TH ANNUAL
SPONSOR PACKET 2026

May 2, 2026

Causeway Cove Marina | Fort Pierce, Florida

Saving Our Heroes Through Saltwater Therapy

Proud Stop on the Southern Kingfish Association (SKA) Tournament Trail

501(c)(3) Not-for-Profit
www.woundedwaters.org



EVENT AT A GLANCE

2019 FOUNDED	250+ HEROES SERVED	\$300K+ RAISED TO DATE	100% VOLUNTEER-RUN
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EVENT DATE	May 2, 2026 (Captain's Meeting: May 1, 2026 at 6:00 PM)
LOCATION	Causeway Cove Marina, Fort Pierce, FL
FORMAT	Single-day offshore tournament — Kingfish, Dolphin, Wahoo
BONUS SPECIES	Amberjack, Grouper, Snapper
SKA AFFILIATION	Official Southern Kingfish Association Tournament Trail Stop
BOAT ENTRY	\$250 Early Bird (before April 1) \$300 Standard (April 1–April 25) \$350 Late/Walk-Up
PRIZE POOL	\$10,500+ in cash (based on 100 boats; 70/30 split if under 100)
BENEFICIARY	100% of proceeds support Saltwater Therapy for Veterans, First Responders, and Families

OUR MISSION & IMPACT

Wounded Waters is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit founded in 2019 by Kevin Klepac, a retired Army First Sergeant with over 20 years of service and multiple combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. After experiencing firsthand the invisible wounds that follow our service members home, Kevin set out to build an organization that breaks down barriers and lets Veterans know they are not alone.

Through Saltwater Therapy — offshore and inshore fishing trips, PADI scuba dive certifications, snorkeling, sunset cruises, and island exploration — Wounded Waters has served over 250 Veterans, First Responders, and family members across Florida and beyond. Our programs are free for all participants, and we operate with 100% volunteer staff so that every dollar of proceeds goes directly to getting heroes on the water.

Our impact extends well beyond the boat. We partner with the Mental Health Association (MHA) and Next Gen Veterans of IRC for peer-to-peer counseling and crisis support. Our Veteran Food Program has provided over \$39,000 in locally sourced meat to 19+ military families through the Indian River County 4H Auction. And our annual fishing tournament — now an official SKA Trail Stop — draws anglers from across the country while raising critical funds to sustain these life-saving programs.

OUR CORE PROGRAMS

-  **Fishing Therapy** — Guided offshore & inshore trips along Florida's Treasure Coast for Veterans, First Responders, and families
-  **Dive Therapy** — PADI scuba certifications (Open Water through Dive Master) at no cost to participants
-  **Veteran Food Program** — Locally sourced meat donated to military families via the IRC 4H Auction
-  **Mental Health Partnerships** — Peer-to-peer counseling and crisis support with MHA and Next Gen Veterans of IRC

A LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

Dear Sponsor,

I founded Wounded Waters in 2019 after retiring from the United States Army as a First Sergeant with over 20 years of service and multiple combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. I saw firsthand the invisible wounds that follow our service members home — the PTSD, the anxiety, the isolation, and the devastating reality that too many of our brothers and sisters are losing their battle after the war is over. Over 22 Veterans a day are lost to suicide in this country. That number is unacceptable, and Wounded Waters exists to change it.

What started as taking a few fellow Veterans fishing off Florida's Treasure Coast has grown into a comprehensive Saltwater Therapy platform that has served over 250 Veterans, First Responders, and their families. Our programs include guided offshore and inshore fishing trips, PADI scuba dive certifications, a Veteran Food Program that has provided over \$39,000 in locally sourced meat to military families, and mental health partnerships with the Mental Health Association and Next Gen Veterans of IRC. Every program we offer is free for participants, and we operate with 100% volunteer staff — meaning every dollar goes directly to our heroes.

The 4th Annual Wounded Waters Offshore War Fishing Tournament will be held on May 2, 2026, at Causeway Cove Marina in Fort Pierce. As an official stop on the Southern Kingfish Association (SKA) Tournament Trail, our event draws anglers from across the country and provides nationwide exposure for our sponsors. We offer multiple sponsorship levels with benefits including tournament entries, T-shirts, website and social media placement, jumbotron advertising, event signage, and PA recognition at weigh-in.

This tournament is more than a fishing competition — it is our largest annual fundraiser and the engine that powers our mission for the entire year. Your sponsorship directly funds the fishing trips, dive certifications, food donations, and peer-to-peer support that are saving lives on the Treasure Coast and beyond.

I am asking you to join us in this fight. Whether you choose to sponsor at the Diamond level or the Red level, your investment will have a direct and measurable impact on a Veteran's life. Visit www.woundedwaters.org and click on the "Sponsors" section to see the organizations and businesses that already stand with us. We would be honored to add your name to that list in 2026–2027.

Together, we can save our nation's heroes — one cast at a time.

Respectfully,

Kevin Klepac, Founder/President

U.S. Army (Retired), First Sergeant

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IMPORTANT DATES

Sponsorship Deadline: April 1, 2026 — for placement on T-shirts, promotional & marketing materials
 Early Bird (\$250): Before April 1 | Standard (\$300): April 1–April 25 | Late/Walk-Up (\$350): April 26+
Captain's Meeting: May 1 at 6 PM | Tournament Day: May 2, 2026

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS & BENEFITS

All profits support Saltwater Therapy for Veterans, First Responders, and their Families.

BENEFITS	Red \$500	White \$1,000	Blue \$1,500	Gold \$2,500	Platinum \$5,000	Diamond \$10,000
Tournament Headliner						Tournament Headliner
Tournament Entry	1 Boat	1 Boat	2 Boats	2 Boats	3 Boats	4 Boats
Tournament T-Shirts	1	1	2	3	4	5
Website Placement (1 Year)	Name	Name	Name	Logo	Logo + Link	Top Logo + Link
Sponsor Board Listing	Name	Name	Logo	Logo	Prominent Logo	Top Logo
Jumbotron Ad Spot	Name	Name	Logo	Logo	Logo	Video Ad
Recognition at Tournament			✓	✓	Featured	Presented By
Social Media Recognition	1 Tag	1 Tag	2 Posts	3 Posts	Feature Post	Video Spotlight
Logo on Captain's Bucket				✓	✓	Prominent
Logo on T-Shirts				✓	✓	Prominent
Captain's Buckets	1 per Boat	1 per Boat	1 per Boat	1 per Boat	1 per Boat	1 per Boat
Raffle Entries*	—	1x Yellow	2x Yel, 1x Blue	1x Gun, 3x Yel, 2x Blue	2x Gun, 4x Yel, 3x Blue	3x Gun, 5x Yel, 4x Blue

**Raffle Legend: Gun = Firearm raffle | Yellow = Standard prize raffle | Blue = Premium prize raffle*

Website presence is one full year at www.woundedwaters.org. All sponsors may contribute promo items for Captain's Buckets.

SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Complete all information legibly. Refer to the benefits table for sponsorship level details.

Please Check One:

- ☐ Diamond Level — \$10,000 (5 Shirts)
- ☐ Platinum Level — \$5,000 (4 Shirts)
- ☐ Gold Level — \$2,500 (3 Shirts)
- ☐ Blue Level — \$1,500 (2 Shirts)
- ☐ White Level — \$1,000 (1 Shirt)
- ☐ Red Level — \$500 (1 Shirt)

Sponsor Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

How Did You Hear About Us: _____

T-Shirt Order (per Sponsor Level; additional shirts \$30 each):

SIZE	SHORT SLEEVE	LONG SLEEVE	TOTAL
Small	_____	_____	_____
Medium	_____	_____	_____
Large	_____	_____	_____
X-Large	_____	_____	_____
XX-Large	_____	_____	_____

Make checks payable to Wounded Waters Inc. Mail to: 1295 66th Ave, Vero Beach, FL 32966

Email: Steph@Woundedwaters.org | Electronic payments: Contact Stephanie Klepac at (772) 321-9362

A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll-free within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the state. License #CH61236. 1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352) www.FloridaConsumerHelp.com. Wounded Waters Inc., 1295 66th Ave, Vero Beach, FL 32966.

2026 TOURNAMENT RULES

ELIGIBLE SPECIES	BONUS SPECIES
Kingfish – Dolphin – Wahoo	Amberjack – Grouper – Snapper

Fishing Boundaries

You may depart from any inlet. The eastern fishing boundary line is 40 nautical miles. Fishing in the Bahamas is prohibited.

Tournament Hours

6:00 AM — Lines in (Honor System) out of the inlet of your choice. You may leave your launch site at any time but cannot begin fishing for eligible tournament fish until 6:00 AM.

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM — Weigh-in window. All boats must be checked in (in person) with the tournament check-in station no later than 4:00 PM and receive verbal confirmation over VHF Channel 8, or your catch will not qualify. Fish must be brought by boat only with boat number displayed.

The Weigh-in Master reserves the right to refuse any mutilated or suspicious fish.

General Rules

All state and federal recreational fishing rules regarding weight, size, and bag limits must be observed. Only legal-sized fish will be weighed.

All fish must be caught on rod and reel. Electric reels are permitted.

Live, dead, and artificial bait, any line test, wire, kites, downriggers, and planers are permissible.

Each boat can weigh only 1 fish per category; largest fish will count if multiple caught.

No limit to the number of lines each boat can fish.

Cash prizes based on heaviest fish, not accumulated weight.

Maximum one overall/KDW cash prize and one bonus species cash prize per boat.

Special Categories

Top Hero, Lady Angler, and Junior Angler receive a non-cash prize (trophy). Fish entered for Hero, Lady, or Junior Anglers can also be submitted for cash prizes. Eligible Junior Angler ages: 6–16.

Payouts & Awards

Cash/prizes awarded to the person/entity that paid entry fee from the winning boat, unless a signed release designates another individual/entity. Winners required to fill out W-9 if necessary. Payouts made within 14 business days. If a category remains vacant, that prize will not be awarded. In the event of a tie, the first boat checked in wins; the other fish is eligible for the next lowest category.

PRIZE STRUCTURE

**Based upon 100 boats. 70/30 split if under 100 boats.*

PLACE	KINGFISH	DOLPHIN	WAHOO
1st Place	\$2,000 + Trophy + Free 2027 Entry	\$2,000 + Trophy + Free 2027 Entry	\$2,000 + Trophy + Free 2027 Entry
2nd Place	\$1,000 + Trophy	\$1,000 + Trophy	\$1,000 + Trophy
3rd Place	\$500 + Trophy	\$500 + Trophy	\$500 + Trophy

If a tournament species is not caught, the captain's name will be drawn in a lottery for 1st Place only. Winner must be present.

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO WIN

HIGHROLLER KINGFISH CALCUTTA

\$350 entry — Heaviest Kingfish — 80/20 split (80% Captain / 20% Wounded Waters)

DOLPHIN CALCUTTA

\$200 entry — Heaviest Dolphin — 80/20 split (80% Captain / 20% Wounded Waters)

WAHOO CALCUTTA

\$200 entry — Heaviest Wahoo — 80/20 split (80% Captain / 20% Wounded Waters)

BONUS FISH CATEGORIES

Entry: \$50 per species (\$150 for all three)

Heaviest Amberjack — 70/30 split | Heaviest Grouper — 70/30 split | Heaviest Snapper — 70/30 split
(70% Captain / 30% Wounded Waters) — Sponsors do not have automatic entries; captains must pay separately.

50/50 Chance — Tickets sold at the Registration Tent (50% Winner / 50% Wounded Waters). Drawing during awards.

Raffle Prizes — Tickets sold at the Registration Tent. Drawing during awards presentation.

First 100 boats entered receive a Captain's Bucket.

Fish can be donated after weigh-in to help support charity.

TOURNAMENT TIMELINE

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026 — REGISTRATION & CAPTAIN'S MEETING

2:00 – 4:00 PM	Vendor Setup
5:00 PM – Close	Registration
6:00 PM	Captain's Meeting (Causeway Cove Marina)

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026 — TOURNAMENT DAY

6:00 AM	Main Tournament Fishing Starts — Lines In
7:00 – 9:00 AM	Vendor Setup
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Pre-Event Activities (Vendors, Food Trucks, Games)
9:00 – 11:30 AM	Kids Fishing Tournament (Causeway Cove Marina, Land Only)
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Kids Tournament Awards
2:00 – 4:00 PM	Main Tournament Weigh-In
4:30 – 5:30 PM	Raffle / Auction / Crowd Awards
5:30 PM	Tournament Awards Presentation

ENTRY DETAILS & POLICIES

NON-SPONSOR BOAT ENTRY FEES

\$250 Early Bird (before April 1)

\$300 Standard (April 1 – April 25)

\$350 Late / Walk-Up (April 26 – Tournament Day)

Payment

All forms of payment accepted: Cash, Check, Credit/Debit Card, and Venmo. Credit card/processing fees will be added during payment. No refunds from sponsors or boat entries.

Protests

Must be submitted in writing prior to awards presentation with a \$250 check (refunded if upheld). All Tournament Committee decisions are final.

Weather & Cancellation

Postponement due to weather is unlikely but may be considered. If the tournament does not take place, a raffle will determine winners by boat number for 1st place only. No refunds — this is for charity.

Liability Waiver & Release

By registering, you acknowledge each captain accepts full responsibility for their crew. All participants agree to release, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Wounded Waters Inc. and Causeway Cove Marina and their officers, directors, employees, volunteers, and agents from any liability, claims, or financial responsibility for any incident, injury, or accident while engaging in or observing any tournament activity. Participants voluntarily elect to participate knowing the inherent risks.

Photos may be used for social media and promotional items.

THIS TOURNAMENT IS FOR ALL TO HAVE FUN AND ENJOY!

PLEASE REMEMBER — SAFETY FIRST!

Get your friends and family together for an enjoyable day of fishing and entertainment to support Wounded Waters and our mission to save our nation's heroes.