

2024 Wounded Waters Offshore War Tournament Rules

Eligible Species: KINGFISH – DOLPHIN – WAHOO

Bonus Species: AMBERJACK – GROUPER -- TILEFISH

FISHING BOUNDRIES – You may depart from any Inlet. (The Eastern Fishing Boundary line is 40 nautical miles. Fishing in the Bahamas is prohibited).

Tournament hours of fishing and weigh in are:

6:00 AM – LINES IN START (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 6:30 AM.

WEIGH IN STARTS AT 2:00 PM AND ENDS AT 4:00 PM. 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 8 or your catch will not qualify. **FISH MUST BE BROUGHT FOR WEIGH IN BY BOAT ONLY & MUST HAVE BOAT NUMBER.** The Weigh in Master reserves the right to refuse any mutilated or suspicious fish.

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, down-riggers and planers are permissible.

Each boat can weigh only 1 fish per category.

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.

Top Hero, Lady Angler and Junior Angler will receive a Non-Cash Prize (Trophy).

The Fish entered for the Hero; Lady/Junior Anglers can be submitted for Cash Prizes.

Eligible Junior Angler Ages 6-16.

Cash and prizes will be awarded to the person/entity that paid the entry fee from the winning boat, unless that said person signs a release designating another individual/entity to receive the cash or prize.

Winners will be required to fill out a w9 form, if necessary.

Cash payouts will be made within 14 business days. If a category remains vacant (i.e., no 3rd place wahoo), that prize will not be awarded. In the event of a tie, the first boat that is checked in will win the award. The other fish will be eligible for the next lowest award category, if applicable.

Captains Meeting at 6pm May 24th at Causeway Cove Marina

Lines in May 25th 6:00 am, weigh in 2pm-4pm – must be checked in at Causeway Cove Marina
Check in station by 4pm.

PRIZES:

1st Overall Kingfish \$2,000 Cash, Trophy & Free Entry into 2024 Tournament

2nd Overall Kingfish \$1,000 Cash & Trophy

3rd Overall Kingfish \$500 Cash & Trophy

1st Overall Dolphin \$2,000 Cash, Trophy & Free Entry into 2024 Tournament

2nd Overall Dolphin \$1,000 Cash & Trophy

3rd Overall Dolphin \$500 Cash & Trophy

1st Overall Wahoo \$2,000 Cash, Trophy & Free Entry into 2024 Tournament

2nd Overall Wahoo \$1,000 Cash & Trophy

3rd Overall Wahoo \$500 Cash & Trophy

***Based upon 100 Boats (70/30 Split if under 100 Boats)

*** In the event a Tournament Species (Kingfish, Dolphin or Wahoo) is not caught, the captain's name will be drawn in a lottery to determine the 1st Place winner (2nd & 3rd Place will not be drawn).

Additional Ways to Win:

*****(Highroller Kingfish Calcutta)*****

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

Bonus Fish: Entry is \$50 per Species (\$150 for all three species)

Heaviest Amberjack – 70/30 split (70% toward Captain / 30% towards Wounded Waters)

Heaviest Grouper – 70/30 split (70% toward Captain / 30% towards Wounded Waters)

Heaviest Tilefish – 70/30 split (70% toward Captain / 30% towards Wounded Waters)

*** Sponsors do not have automatic entries into all "Bonus Fish" categories (Captains will have to pay into these cash payout categories)***

50/50 Chance – Tickets to be sold at the Registration Tent. (50% toward Winner / 50% toward Wounded Waters) Drawing during awards presentation.

Raffle Prizes – Tickets to be sold at the Registration Tent. Drawing during awards presentation

First 100 Boats entered receive Captains Bucket.

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

THIS TOURNAMENT IS FOR ALL TO HAVE FUN & ENJOY! PLEASE REMEMBER SAFETY FIRST!

BY REGISTERING FOR THIS TOURNAMENT, You acknowledge & AGREEING THAT EACH CAPTAIN ACCEPTS FULL RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY FOR THEIR CREW AND IT IS AT HIS OR HER DISCRETION TO FISH OR NOT.

Understanding the inherent risks, I individually and as a team, AGREE TO RELEASE FROM ANY LIABILITY AND TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS Wounded Waters Inc & Causeway Cove Marina and its officers, directors, employees, servants, volunteers and agents from any liability, claims, causes of action, demands, costs, obligations or financial responsibility of every kind and nature, for any incident, injury or accident occurring to myself, team member, or member of my family, while engaging in or observing any activity at Wounded Waters Fishing Tournament. By agreeing to this indemnification, I am knowingly and willingly choosing to be financially responsible for any future claims brought against Wounded Waters Inc & Causeway Cove Marina.

I acknowledge that I am voluntarily electing to participate in such activities. Knowing of the risks, I hereby EXPRESSLY AGREE to HOLD HARMLESS and INDEMNIFY Wounded Waters Inc & Causeway Cove Marina for any claims. POSTPONEMENT OR RESCHEDULING OF THE TOURNAMENT DUE TO WEATHER IS UNLIKELY, BUT MAY BE CONSIDERED IF NECESSARY. IF FOR ANY REASON THE TOURNAMENT DOES NOT TAKE PLACE, A RAFFLE WILL DETERMINE WINNERS BY BOAT NUMBER FOR OVERALL WINNERS & 1st Place ONLY. NO REFUNDS – KEEP IN MIND THIS IS FOR CHARITY.

PHOTOS MAY BE USED FOR SOCIAL MEDIA & PROMOTIONAL ITEMS.

Any protest concerning a rule violation must be submitted prior to the presentation of the awards. Protests must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Committee and accompanied by a \$250 check that will be refunded if the protest is upheld by the Tournament Committee. All decisions made by the Tournament Committee are final and official.

**Boat entry is \$250 before 1 April 2024, after 1 April 2024 entries will be \$300

** All forms of payment (Cash, Check, Credit/Debit Card and Venmo) will be accepted. Any Credit Card or Processing Fees incurred will be added during payment.

** No Refunds from Sponsors or Boat Entries.

Starting at 10am there will be a kids (Land Only) tournament held at Causeway Cove Marina. All Species eligible and non-cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Additional information will be available during the captain's meeting.

Now that you know the rules, get your friends and family together for an enjoyable day of fishing and entertainment to help support Wounded Waters and their mission to save our Nations Hero's.