



5th Annual Firefighters Offshore Fishing Tournament Official Rules



- The Captains Meeting will be held at Sebastian Saltwater Marina on Friday June 19th at 5:30PM.
- All Captains must be in attendance to sign in and declare their team name.
- Maximum number of anglers per boat is 6.
- All State & Federal Fishing Rules & Regulations Apply.
- This is a rod and reel tournament only and **ELECTRIC REELS ARE PERMITTED.**
- No Formal Check-Out. Boats may leave from any Inlet.
- No lines in before 6 AM except for bait fishing.
- **Eligible Fish Categories/Species: Dolphin, Kingfish, Grouper (Gag, Red, Snowy, Scamp, Yellowedge) Snapper (Mangrove, Mutton, Vermillion, Cubera, Lane, Yellowtail), Amberjack**
- **Check-In 2:00PM - 6:00PM: (No late check-ins accepted.) Must be checked in via check in boat and in sight of the dock. Boats must be in the channel to Sebastian Saltwater Marina before 6:00 PM**
- 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.
- Fish must meet minimum size regulations, no minimum weight requirement.
- In case of a tie in fish weight, the first fish weighed will be given the higher placing.
- All fish may be subject to a freshness test by any and all appropriate means. Captains are responsible for keeping their catch properly iced & fresh. Fish failing the exam may be disqualified at the discretion of the Rules Committee.
- Mutilated fish may also be disqualified at the discretion of the Rules Committee.
- Any protest made must be in writing, be detailed and specify the grounds of protest, including proof or evidence to support the protest/position and in the hands of the tournament committee prior to 7:00 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 the 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.
- If a weather cancellation is being considered it will be announced at the Captains Meeting.
- We will reschedule if cancelled due to weather. Date is TBA .
- **Lady Angler & Junior Angler: Catch must be the sole effort of the Lady or Junior Angler until a mate can handle the leader. Junior Angler is 14 years of age and younger. Fish entered under Lady or Junior Angler must be declared before being weighed and may compete for other cash prizes.**
- Tournament Channel is VHF CH72.
- Decisions of The Rules Committee regarding ALL tournament matters are final.
- Participants in the tournament enter at their own risk. Officials, committee members and all persons directly or indirectly connected with the Indian River Firefighters 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.