



## **“2010” King of the Inlet Offshore Fishing Tournament Official Tournament Rules & Entry Form**

### **DATES:**

Registration Opens- Friday Night @ 5:00 p.m.  
Captain’s Meeting- Friday Night @ 7:00 p.m.  
Fishing- Saturday 6:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m.  
Awards Banquet- Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.

### **HEADQUARTERS & WEIGH STATION:**

DOWN THE HATCH Restaurant in Ponce Inlet, Florida

### **Entry Fee:**

\$300.00 per boat. Checks made payable to Frigate Ventures, LLC.  
Entry fees are non-refundable.

### **Final Registration & Captain’s Meeting:**

The final registration and The Captain’s meeting will be held Friday at Down The Hatch Restaurant. A representative from each boat entered in the tournament **MUST** attend this meeting. At that time, rules governing the tournament will be explained and any questions answered.

### **Tournament Within A Tournament:**

All entered boats are encouraged to participate in the Tournament Within A Tournament (TWT). Three separate categories are available in the TWT that may be entered. 70% Pay back. This TWT only pays one spot (1<sup>st</sup> Place).

**Category A:** \$50.00 that includes- Heaviest Wahoo & Dolphin combined weight

**Category B:** \$50.00 that includes- Heaviest Wahoo & King Mackerel combined weight

**Category C:** \$50.00 that includes- Heaviest Wahoo, Dolphin & King combined weight

### **Fish Species & Requirements For Eligible Fish:**

Wahoo, Dolphin & King Mackerel. Wahoo must weigh at least 15 pounds. Dolphin or King Mackerel must weigh at least 10 pounds. Each boat can weigh 1 fish per species. A boat/entrant can be a winner in only one (1) place within a fish category. Cash prizes will be awarded for the three heaviest fish in each category. The category winner will be determined by the highest total weight of fish on the board. In case of a tie, the boat with the lowest check-in number will be declared the winner; the loser shall assume the next lower position. All catches must be legal according to current State and Federal rules.

### **Point System:**

Wahoo, Dolphin and King Mackerel are 10 points per pound.

\*\*\*\* In the event of a point tie, the boat accumulating the points first (with the lowest check-in number) shall be declared the winner; the loser shall assume the next lower position in the points standing.

### **Tournament Rules:**

All boats must leave and return via Ponce Inlet. This is a 1-day tournament for Wahoo, Dolphin and King Mackerel. The tournament will start on Saturday. There will be no check out time prior to the start of fishing. This is a No Check-Out Tournament. Eligible fish must be caught during tournament hours on a vessel that leaves and returns via Ponce Inlet. Tournament Channel is 72. No fishing lines in the water before 6:00 a.m., including teasers and bait rigs. If the U.S. Weather Service issues a Small Craft Advisory or greater at the 5:00 a.m. forecast, fishing is automatically postponed to an alternate date. The first alternate date is the Sunday directly after the scheduled Saturday fishing day. The next alternate date, if neither of those days are fished, will be announced on [www.kingoftheinlet.com](http://www.kingoftheinlet.com) and at the Captains' meeting. Upon returning from fishing, all boats must CHECK IN by showing their boat number and then inform the committee boat on Channel 72 if they have fish to weigh. You will receive radio confirmation that you have checked in and then proceed to the weigh-in station located at Down The Hatch Restaurant, Ponce Inlet. Check-in MUST be acknowledged. ANY BOAT THAT DOES NOT CHECK IN CAN BE DISQUALIFIED. **A copy of these tournament rules must be onboard at all times.** If you don't have fish to weigh and do not check in at the weigh station, please check in by VHF radio. It is important for the tournament to know that each boat is back to port with all participants present and accounted for.

### **Weigh-In:**

Go to Channel 68

If you have fish to weigh, switch to Channel 68 for weigh-in instructions. All fish considered for awards must be weighed in at the official weigh-in station at Down The Hatch Restaurant. All fish must be caught during tournament hours. Fish must remain on and be removed directly from the entered boat by registered entrants or team member. All fish being weighed must meet the prevailing current minimum size limit of the State of Florida. Fish weight will be measured to a 10<sup>th</sup> of a pound unless the fish is over 200 pounds, in which case the fish will be measured in pounds. The weigh station opens at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Boats must be back to the check-in boat by 6:00 p.m. on Saturday to be eligible to weigh fish. Once you have checked in, you will proceed to the weigh-in area and wait to be called in to the dock. When an eligible boat number is called to the weigh station, the boat has 15 minutes to get to the dock.

**AFTER WEIGHING IN FISH- Please be respectful of other boats and do not hang out on the dock. If dock master ask you to leave and you don't, you will be disqualified.**

### **Requirement Of Fish Eligible To Be Weighed In:**

Fish must meet the following minimum weight to qualify for awards:

WAHOO- 15 lbs.

DOLPHIN- 10 lbs.

KING MACKEREL- 10 lbs.

\*\*\*\*The weigh-master reserves the right to hold and examine internally and externally any fish weighed in as a tournament catch to determine if the fish is eligible for an award. Any fish that has an unnatural material in or on it will be disqualified.

### **Communications:**

VHF Radio/Cell phone

The official tournament control Channel is 72. The weigh-in-station Channel is 68. All boats must be equipped with a VHF radio. If for any reason VHF Channel 72 is off the air, communications will move to VHF Channel 68 temporarily.

**Polygraph:**

Participants in the tournament are subject to a polygraph at the request of tournament management. Failure to take or successfully pass such an examination may result in a second team member; second failure results in automatic disqualification of the team. This is at the sole discretion of tournament management.

**Tackle & Equipment:**

Electric reels are not allowed. All tournament fish must be caught on rod and reel (no hand lines). The use of cast nets is allowed before 6:00 a.m.

**Types of Awards:**

Checks, trophy and merchandise will be awarded to the top- first, second & third-place heaviest fish anglers in each eligible fish category. Checks will be made out to the entrant. The entrant must be present at the awards presentation to receive their award. Exceptions due to hardship will be made at the discretion of the tournament management.

**Award Banquet:**

The award ceremony will be held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday at DOWN THE HATCH Restaurant in Ponce Inlet, Florida.

**Fishing Rules/ Sportsmanship:**

All anglers (or boats if chartered) must be properly licensed. The tournament will be fished consistent with and enforced pursuant to the laws of this state. Any violation of Florida State Statutes will result in disqualification for that angler and/or the vessel the angler is fishing from. It will be the responsibility of the angler to review Florida State Statutes and FWC Rules & Regulations. All vessels shall be equipped with the minimum Coast Guard safety requirements for that vessel.

All participants will exercise good sportsmanship whether at the dock, under way or fishing. Violators will be subject to disqualification without refund. Violations will be at the sole discretion of King of the Inlet management.

**Disqualification:**

If any boats come together or anything is passed between boats, or docked and/or trailered for any reason after the official start of the tournament and before each boat has weighed in you will be disqualified. However, as safety is of prime importance to the operation of the tournament, exceptions may be granted by tournament management for Emergencies. All boats must remain under their own power and fuel supply for the entire fishing day. Special exception could be granted to a Tournament boat lending aid to a distressed boat.

**Protest:**

All protest must be presented in writing to the tournament director at the weigh-in station on the day of the alleged infraction, within one (1) hour after the closing of the weigh-in station. A \$100.00 cash deposit, refundable if the protest is upheld, must accompany protest. Tournament management will make all decisions, and their decision is final. If the protest is not upheld, then such deposit will be forfeited to the tournament.

**Frigate Ventures, LLC**  
**2010 King of the Inlet Offshore Fishing Tournament**  
**“Official Entry Form”**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND HAVE ALL IN THE CREW SIGN. YOU WILL NEED TO TURN IN THIS FORM TO RECEIVE YOUR BOAT NUMBER AT THE CAPTAIN’S MEETING.**

This release affects your legal rights and its completion is required for your enrollment and participation in the 2010 King of the Inlet Fishing Tournament (the “Tournament”). Your signature below indicates your full acceptance of these terms. If you do not agree to these terms, DO NOT SIGN this Release; you will not be permitted to participate in the Tournament. I hereby acknowledge that the Tournament Activities are dangerous and hazardous, and may entail the risk of serious injury, death, and property damage. I understand that the risks include but are not limited to: dangers posed by inclement weather and the inherent risks posed by game fishing. I hereby fully assume all risks posed to me by my enrollment and participation in the Tournament Activities, whether those risks are known or not and whether those risks are foreseen or not. I hereby release and discharge the Tournament, its sponsors, Frigate Ventures, LLC; each of their parent companies, subsidiaries and affiliated companies. All participants in the “King of the Inlet Tournament” enter at their own risk and agree to hold harmless Frigate Ventures, LLC and any of their officials, committee members, or persons connected directly or indirectly with the fishing tournament. Furthermore, these parties are exempt from any liability suffered to any participant, entrant, sports fisherman, captains, their guest or companions, vessel, or equipment, which may occur during the course of the tournament. I hereby acknowledge and agree that photos and videos will be taken of me at this tournament.

By signing below, I hereby affirm receipt of the rules for “2010 King of the Inlet Offshore Fishing Tournament”. I also affirm that I will abide by and accept all decisions made by Tournament Management. Participants in Tournaments are advised to obtain their own insurance covering them and their vessel’s participation.

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Engine Brand: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ feet  
 Entrant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Entrant Signature: _____	Print Name: _____	Date: _____
Team Member Signature: _____	Print Name: _____	Date: _____
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**Tournament Registration Fees:**

The entry fee of \$300.00 is to be received by Friday Night no later than 9:00 p.m.

The entry fee includes boat, entrant and all on board.

**Tournament Entry Fee**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Tournament:    1    2    3

**Tournament Within A Tournament (TWT)**

(Optional and can be entered at Captain’s Meeting \$50.00 each category)

**Category A (Heaviest Wahoo & Dolphin combined weight.....**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Category B (Heaviest Wahoo & King Mackerel combined weight.....**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Category C (Heaviest Wahoo, Dolphin & King combined weight.....**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Cash \_\_\_\_\_      Check \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:    FRIGATE VENTURES, LLC**  
**P.O. Box 36, Pierson, Florida 32180**

