

# 2017 King of the Inlet Official Tournament Rules

## DATE: April 9 Entry Fee \$400 per boat each tournament

Registration Opens- Friday Night @ VOLUSIA TOP GUN 6:00 p.m. /Captain's Meeting- Friday Night @ 8:00 p.m.

Fishing- Sunday 6:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. out of Ponce Inlet (Committee boat 3:00-4:00 p.m.)

Weigh-Ins open at 7:00 p.m. SUNDAY at Volusia Top Gun

Awards Banquet- Wednesday, April 12 6:00 p.m. at Volusia Top Gun/Double Barrel Grill

**HEADQUARTERS & WEIGH STATION:** Volusia Top Gun- 2900 Bellevue Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida 32127

**Final Registration & Captain's Meeting:** The final registration and Captain's meeting will be held Friday before fishing day at Volusia Top Gun. A representative from each boat entered in the tournament must attend the captain's meeting. At that time, rules governing the tournament will be explained and any questions answered.

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

**Fish Species & Requirements for eligible fish to be weighed in:** 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, first to be weighed in is the winner. All catches must be legal per current state and federal rules. **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.**

**No mutilated/half eaten fish will be allowed for weigh-in. The tournament committee will determine if a fish is mutilated.**

**\*\*PLEASE REMOVE ALL HOOKS, LURES AND LINES BEFORE TAKING YOUR FISH OFF THE BOAT!\*\***

**Communications:** VHF Radio/Cell phone- **The official tournament control and weigh-in Channel is 72.** 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.

**Fishing Rules/ Sportsmanship:** This is a boat tournament! *The points follow the vessel that you register in each tournament.* The points follow the boat not the angler. If you fish a new boat **your points do not roll over!** All anglers (or boat if chartered) must be properly licensed. The tournament will be fished consistent with an enforced to the laws of the State of Florida. 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 FL. 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 docks, underway or fishing.** Violators will be subject to disqualification without refund. Violations will be at the sole discretion of King of the Inlet management.

**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 Sunday. 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. A photo of your fish with your boat number must be taken on the water and submitted by 6:00 p.m. Sunday night to 386.822.3427 **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.

**Weigh-In: Committee boat will be staged up and ready from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. inside the inlet directly across from Disappearing Island.** Upon returning from fishing, all boats must CHECK IN (Channel 72) by showing their boat number to the committee boat. At this time the committee boat will ask you if you have fish to weigh in. You will receive radio confirmation that you have checked in and then given a weigh # if you have fish to weigh. **WEIGH-IN'S WILL BE SUNDAY 7:00 p.m. AT VOLUSIA TOP GUN. Check-in must be acknowledged.** Any boat that does not check in will be disqualified. If you don't have fish to weigh please check in anyway. It is important for the tournament to know that each boat is back to port with all participants present and accounted for. Send us a text with boat name & # and let us know you made it in safe 386.822.3427 we will call your emergency contact if not heard from! After you have checked in with the committee boat on channel 72 and received confirmation the fish you choose to weigh must remain on ice and be brought to weigh-in at Volusia Top Gun. All fish considered for awards must be weighed in at the official weigh-in station at Volusia Top Gun (2900 Bellevue Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida). All fish must be caught during tournament hours. The weigh station opens at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday at Volusia Top Gun.

**Disqualification:** If any boats come together or anything is passed between boats, or docked or stops at a dock and/or trailered for any reason after the official start of the tournament and before each boat has checked in with the committee boat 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, prior to the closing of the weigh-in station on the day it occurs. 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.

**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.

**A copy of tournament rules and your boat number must be on-board with you at all times. Have fun and catch'em up!**