

2024 FWB Sailfish Club Offshore Tournament

Tournament Rules

Captain's Meeting

- Mandatory meeting @ 6:30pm on September 25th, 2024 to be attended by boat Captain or at least one member of the crew unless previously arranged with the Tournament Director (Mark Gootee – 214-500-6800).
- Location: FWB Sailfish Club Clubhouse - 23 Meigs Drive, Shalimar, FL 32579.
- Tournament open to members of the FWBSC as well as non-members on an invitation basis.
- No professional anglers or for hire guides allowed unless approved by Tournament Director.

Tournament Dates & Times

- September 28th – October 19th, 2024
- Up to a maximum of 4 days of fishing:
 - Two of the days are "Captain's Choice" and can be any 2 days the captain chooses between September 28th and October 17th.
 - Final two days for everyone are October 18th and 19th.
 - Final weigh-in is 5:00pm on October 19th with a tournament funded Happy Hour to follow. All anglers with fish to be weighed in must be in line by 5:00pm.
 - "Captain's Choice" days can be consecutive but do not have to be consecutive.
- Fishing time and area:
 - A day of fishing starts at 12:00am and ends at 11:59pm (except on October 19th).
 - Any fish hooked prior to 11:59pm can be fought into the following day. Photo evidence with time / date stamp and location services turned on must prove fish was hooked prior to 11:59pm.
 - Anglers are allowed to prep for their fishing day by leaving their departure dock no earlier than 2:00pm the day before to catch bait, travel to fishing location, etc.
 - No fish caught before 12:00am on the day of fishing will count in the tournament.
 - Pictures must be taken of all fish to be weighed in as soon as possible after catching with time stamp and location services turned on.
 - All boats must enter the gulf and return from the gulf through the Destin East Pass.

- For safety and accountability reasons, boats must check out / check in on each trip to sea. Captains must send a group text to the following people each fishing day / trip to sea:
 - Mark Gootee – 214-500-6800
 - Bryan Callahan – 850-758-1399
 - Brad Gable – 850-582-2773
 - Before leaving the pass on each trip to sea, send a group text containing the following information:
 - Name of vessel
 - Names of Captain and crew members
 - Expected departure time
 - Dates of days you will be fishing
 - When returning through the pass send a group text containing the following information (regardless if any fish need to be weighed or not):
 - Name of vessel
 - Name of Captain
 - If fish need to be weighed in or not. (If weigh in is needed you will be directed on where to meet).
- Final weigh in (no later than 5pm on October 19th) will take place in backyards Frank Kane and Brad Gable (first dock to the west of Two Georges Marina) with happy hour to follow.
- Fish must be caught within 150 NM of the Destin CB Buoy (30.22.245N 86.30.900W). No fishing allowed outside of this area.

Tournament Fee Schedule

- \$500 entry fee per boat for a Captain and a maximum crew of 4. Every additional crew member will be a \$100 upcharge.
- Captain must stay the same for all fishing days but crew members are interchangeable.
- Captain will receive a complementary tournament shirt of his / her choice and 5 tickets to the October 20th Annual Raffle and Fundraiser Dinner.
- New entries will not be accepted after September 27th.

Targeted Species and Awards

- Targeted Species
 - Tuna (Yellowfin, Blackfin, and Bigeye only)
 - Dolphinfish
 - Wahoo
 - King Mackerel
 - Swordfish
- Catch & Release
 - Eligible Billfish

- Sailfish
 - Blue Marlin
 - White Marlin
 - Roundscale Spearfish
 - Swordfish
 - Line leader must be touched to be considered a catch.
 - A photo of caught billfish with time / date stamp and location services turned on must be submitted to Tournament Director (Mark Gootee) and Weigh Master (Bryan Callahan).
 - Swordfish can qualify for catch & and release trophy only if released and not brought to weigh in. A single swordfish can't qualify for both monetary award and catch & release trophy. Captain must pick only one of the categories per fish. If 2 swordfish are caught by a team, one can qualify for the catch & release and the other can be brought in for weigh in.
- Payouts
 - FWBSC will retain 10% of all entry fee collected to fund the weigh in happy hour and the operations of the tournament.
 - 90% of all entry fees collected will go into the Award Pot.
 - 1st place will be determined as the heaviest fish caught and weighed in of each species. 2nd place will be determined as the 2nd heaviest fish caught and weighed in of each species.
 - If there are no legal fish weighed in for a certain species or place, the award allotment for that species will be added to the Award Pot and distributed evenly among the other species weighed in.
 - A single fish can only win one place. One prize per fish.
 - Award Pot will be distributed as follows:

Species	1st Place	2 nd Place
Tuna	14% of Award Pot (\$1,000 minimum)	6% of Award Pot (\$350 minimum)
Dolphinfish	14% of Award Pot (\$1,000 minimum)	6% of Award Pot (\$350 minimum)
Wahoo	14% of Award Pot (\$1,000 minimum)	6% of Award Pot (\$350 minimum)
King Mackerel	14% of Award Pot (\$1,000 minimum)	6% of Award Pot (\$350 minimum)
Swordfish	14% of Award Pot (\$1,000 minimum)	6% of Award Pot (\$350 minimum)
Catch & Release Billfish	Trophy given for the FIRST legal Catch and Release Billfish – no monetary awards	

- **FOR SAMPLE PURPOSES ONLY.** If 20 Captains are registered and a legal fish is weighed in for each species, this would be the payouts. **THIS IS A SAMPLE ONLY. ACTUAL NUMBER OF CAPTAINS COULD BE HIGHER OR LOWER:**

Species	1st Place	2 nd Place
Tuna	\$1,190	\$510
Dolphinfish	\$1,190	\$510
Wahoo	\$1,190	\$510
King Mackerel	\$1,190	\$510
Swordfish	\$1,190	\$510
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Overriding Tournament Rules

- All Captains and Crew must have a valid Florida fishing license.
- All fish must be caught by rod and reel.
- All state, FWC, and federal rules must be followed.
- FWBSC “board minimums” do not apply. Any fish only has to be legal as determined by state and federal rules.
- All FWBSC general fishing rules must be followed. Available upon request. (https://www.fwbsailfishclub.com/_files/ugd/c2993f_911c3591ac2c4a5f88f9d808368306dd.pdf)
- All fish must be weighed in whole condition.
- No foreign objects can be added to fish before weigh in.
- Weigh Master may request to be cut open any fish for inspection at his discretion.

Protests & Violations

- Any rules violations will result in disqualification of the fish in question.
- Any protests will be ruled upon by the Tournament Director.

Questions

- Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Tournament Director (Mark Gootee @ 214-500-6800).