



2011 Conch House Wahoo Challenge Rules

- Deadline for entry fee shall be March 17th @ 5:00 p.m. The Tournament reserves the right to deny entry to anyone. The entry fee shall be \$500.00 per boat.
- A boat may be replaced after entry deadline due to breakdown or loss of seaworthiness but is subject to approval by tournament committee.
- Prizes are awarded solely on basis of fish weight. In the event of identical weights, the first fish weighed shall be declared the winner.
- The fishing days are March 18th 2011 and March 19th 2011 from 07:30am until 03:30pm. All registered tournament boats may only fish one of the two days. The lay day must be declared by 7:30am the day of intention. If the boat doesn't declare the lay day by 7:30am then the committee will report that the boat is fishing.
- All boats must leave from St. Augustine Inlet no earlier than 5:00am.
- Official fishing times are per GPS. No lines or teasers in the water before or after official fishing hours each day. All fish entered for competition shall be hooked and fought during official tournament time.
- This is a rod and reel, hook and line tournament. Fish shall not be mutilated in any way other than hook or gaff marks. The following are illegal in this tournament a) use of hand line/ long line b) shooting or

harpooning c) electric reels and d) no participant may transfer a fish from one boat to the other.

- Only Wahoo may be weighed in.
- Hooks must be removed from fish.
- No Wahoo less than 15lbs will qualify.
- The total points will be a 2 fish aggregate per fishing day.
- All fish will be returned to the boat from the tournament.
- At least one member from each boat shall be at the captains meeting and be responsible for knowing the rules.
- There will be no boundaries to fish but boats must be inside the channel to Salt Run between markers 1 & 2 by 6:00pm the day of declared fishing. If the boat has not passed markers 1 & 2 of the Salt Run Channel by 6pm the fish will not count!!
- Rules, infractions and disqualifications: The violation of any tournament rule(s) shall constitute grounds for automatic disqualification from the tournament.
- Fish must be weighed in the same day it is caught from the boat on which it was caught.
- Official weigh master will be located at the Conch House Marina. Scales will open at 4:00 p.m and close at 6:30 p.m. No fish will be accepted after the official scheduled closing of the scale.
- All protests shall be made to the rules committee in writing with a \$150.00 deposit.
- All Boats entered into the tournament must adhere to all Federal and State Regulations, including the possession of all licenses and permits. Infractions of these regulations will result in disqualification.
- Only 2 fish will be weighed per boat.
- This is a Captain's choice tournament. Go/No Go weather decisions will be made by the Tournament Committee, but the decision to take a boat to sea is left to the Captain of the vessel who is legally responsible for the safety of the vessel and it's crew. SAFETY ALWAYS COMES FIRST.
- No refund of entry fees, unless the Tournament Committee cancels the Tournament. In that case, prorated entry fees will be returned after expenses.