

THESE ARE THE RULES TO THE VOLUSIA BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OFFSHORE CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT

Final Registration and Captain's Party:

June 20th at 6:00PM at Hard Rock Hotel, Daytona Beach. A representative from each boat entered in the tournament must pick up your boat number and attend the captain's meeting. At this time, the rules governing the tournament will be explained and any questions will be answered.

Tackle & Equipment:

All Tournament fish must be caught on hook and line/rod and reel.

Leave/Return Inlets:

There are no boundary coordinates but must return to Ponce Inlet and weigh eligible fish at Off The Hook.

Tournament Rules:

This is a 10 day-long tournament; you get to declare one day of fishing. If a **Mulligan Day** of fishing was purchased at registration, a 2nd day is granted. There are 3 fish categories: Dolphin, Grouper and Kingfish

You must text your Boat Name, Registration card Number to #386-843-9312 by 6:00 PM the day prior to your declared fishing day, and you will receive confirmation back. If you need to undeclare, it must be done before 6:00 pm, NO EXCEPTIONS. Fishing hours are between 6:00am and 4:00pm.

NO LINES IN THE WATER BEFORE 6:00 am AND LINES OUT AT 4:00 pm

There are no limitations of lines or teasers. This tournament is a line and hook tournament meaning you must catch the legal fish with hook and line. No spearing of fish while diving is allowed. Upon returning from fishing all boats must check in via text, to the phone number provided in your registration card no later than 5:00 p.m. A digital picture of your fish must be captured on the water with your registration # visible in the photo. This photo must be sent to the tournament committee upon arrival back to the dock. This is **MANDATORY**.

All fish must be brought to the scale on the day declared and fish caught, **by boat** to Off the Hook at Inlet Harbor, 133 Inlet Harbor Road, Ponce Inlet, FL 32127, the scale will be located outside between 5:00pm-7:00pm. The weighmaster reserves the right to hold and examine internally and externally any fish weighed to determine if the fish is eligible for an award. In the case of a tie, the first to be weighed in is the winner. **USE VHF CHANNEL 69 ONCE INSIDE THE INLET FOR YOUR WEIGH IN INSTRUCTIONS**

This is a point system and the heaviest fish per species tournament, but all fish need to be legal size required by Florida state and Federal regulations. The point system will be 1st place:30 points. 2nd place: 20 points, 3rd place:10 points. 25 bonus points possible if weighing 1 eligible fish of each species, Only legal sized fish will be brought to the weigh in and weighed. Only one fish eligible per species. In the case of a Points tie, the largest fish regardless of species wins. In case of a same sized largest species fish then the first fish taken to the weigh in wins. Tournament within a Tournament: Entry for Heaviest Dolphin \$500.00, entry for Heaviest Kingfish \$500.00 and entry for Heaviest grouper \$500.00. Heaviest Combination Aggregate of 1 fish per each eligible species \$500.00. 1 fish for each species required.

Please allow yourself enough time to get there.

No mutilated fish will be accepted.

Fishing Rules/Sportsmanship:

All anglers (or boat if chartered) must be properly licensed. All boats must comply with all local, state, and federal regulations. Any violation of any regulations will result in disqualification for that angler and/or the vessel the angler is fishing from. It is the responsibility of the anglers and the captains to review Florida statutes, FWC rules, local and National regulations. All participants will exemplify good sportsmanship whether at the docks, underway or during fishing. Violations will be at the sole discretion of Volusia Building Industry Association Offshore Challenge Committee.

Disqualification:

Once you leave your inlet no boats can come together. All boats must leave and return under their own power and fuel supply for the entire fishing day. If a boat cannot return under its own power, it will be disqualified for that day of fishing and the day is counted as a declared day. The only exception, (once the tournament committee is notified), will only be for a boat lending aid to a distressed boat.

Protest:

All protest must be presented in writing to the tournament committee at the weigh-in station, Off the Hook at Inlet Harbor Restaurant, outside, on the day of the alleged infraction, prior to the close of the weigh-in station. A \$500 cash deposit, refundable if the protest is upheld, must accompany the protest. Tournament management will make all decisions and their decision is final.

Polygraph:

In the result of winning, you will be subjected to a polygraph test. Refusal to submit to polygraph automatically revokes all claims to prizes and disqualifies the captain and crew from the tournament.

Small Craft Advisory and Weather Warning:

A fishing day will automatically be cancelled for the next day if, at 9:00 pm the evening before, the National Weather Service Marine forecast has a "Small Craft Advisory" in effect for winds of 20 knots or more for the next fishing day. "Small Craft Exercise Caution" is still Captains Choice and can be a fishing day, fishing day will not be cancelled due to large swells. This is a Captain's Choice tournament. Each captain is always solely responsible for the safety of his or her vessel and crew. Captains and crews are responsible for following any federal, state, and local fishing or boating laws. We encourage all Captains to heed any weather warnings or dangerous weather conditions, as safety is paramount. It is up to each Participant to determine whether their craft is seaworthy for the conditions of any given fishing day.

All decisions of the Volusia Building Industry Association Offshore Challenge Committee are final.