



2017 Conch House Wahoo Challenge Rules

1. The Conch House Wahoo Challenge is March 16th – 18th, 2017.
2. Standard entry fee is \$550.00 per boat. Early entry fees are \$500.00 prior to March 1st, 2017. Entry fees and calcuttas' will be accepted up to 8:00 pm March 16th at the Captains' meeting. All entry fees are non-refundable.
3. The heaviest 2 fish aggregate will be the winner.
4. The tournament pays out to the 1st and 2nd place winners as well as \$500 to a mystery weight.
5. 1st place pays out 70% and 2nd place pays out 30% minus the mystery weight.
6. The Mystery weight will be drawn at random at the conclusion of the tournament. The numbers will be in intervals of 5 from 30 lbs. to 100 lbs. The closest weight to the number wins.
7. All prizes are awarded solely on basis of fish weight. In the event of identical weights, the first fish weighed shall be declared the winner.
8. The Captain and crew of all entrants are subject to a polygraph test prior to being awarded any prizes. Failure to submit to a polygraph test automatically revokes all claims to prizes and disqualifies the Captain and crew from the tournament.
9. The fishing days are March 17th and March 18th 2016 from 07:00am until 05:00pm. All registered tournament boats may only fish one of the two days. The lay day must be declared by 7:00am the day of intention. If the boat doesn't declare the lay day by 7:00am then the committee will report that the boat is fishing.
10. This is a no checkout tournament. All boats must leave from St. Augustine Inlet no earlier than 5:00am.

11. 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.
12. Official weigh master will be located at the Conch House Marina. Scales will open at 5:00 p.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. No fish will be accepted after the official scheduled closing of the scale.
13. Only 2 fish will be weighed per boat. Hooks must be removed from fish. No wahoo less than 15lbs. will qualify.
14. A maximum of 6 lines are allowed. No electric reels. Wire Lines are allowed. No participant may transfer a fish from one boat to another. Flying drones, shooting and harpooning are illegal. A digital photograph with the tournament issued photo card is required on the water after the fish has been landed. Fish shall not be mutilated in any way other than hook or gaff marks. Only Wahoo may be weighed in.
15. All fish will be returned to the boat from the tournament.
16. There will be no boundaries to fish.
17. Boats must be inside the channel to Salt Run between markers 1 & 2 by 7:30pm the day of declared fishing. If the boat has not passed markers 1 & 2 of the Salt Run Channel by 7:30pm the fish will not count!!
18. Fish must be weighed in the same day it is caught from the boat on which it was caught.
19. A boat may be replaced after entry deadline due to breakdown or loss of seaworthiness but is subject to approval by tournament committee.
20. This is a Captain's choice tournament. Each captain is solely responsible for the safety of his or her vessel and crew at all times. 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. SAFETY ALWAYS COMES FIRST.
21. No refund of entry fees, unless the Tournament Committee cancels the Tournament. In that case, prorated entry fees will be returned after expenses.
22. All decisions by tournament committee are final.