



## **2018 Conch House Wahoo Challenge Rules**

1. The Conch House Wahoo Challenge is March 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
2. Standard entry fee is \$550.00 per boat. Early entry fees are \$500.00 prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Entry fees and calcuttas' will be accepted up to **8:00 pm March 15<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners (if over 50 entries). All eligible winners must take a digital photo of their wahoo with the official tournament photo card. The photo must be posted within 24 to the Conch House Tournament Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/conchhousefishing](http://www.facebook.com/conchhousefishing).
5. If less than 50 entries the tournament pays out 70% to 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place pays out 30% with posted picture from total entries minus tournament expenses. If over 50 entries the tournament pays out 60% to 1<sup>st</sup> place, 25% to 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and 15% to 3<sup>rd</sup> place minus tournament expenses. Proceeds to be distributed 48 hours after conclusion of tournament.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. The fishing days are **March 16<sup>th</sup> and March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 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. Report changes to phone # **904-347-8240**.

9. This is a no checkout tournament. All boats must leave from St. Augustine Inlet, Mayport Inlet, or Ponce Inlet no earlier than 5:00am. Boats must return to the St. Augustine Inlet only.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Only 2 wahoo will be weighed per boat. Hooks must be removed from fish. No wahoo less than 15lbs. will qualify. Fish shall not be mutilated in any way other than hook or gaff marks. Only Wahoo may be weighed in.
13. A maximum of 6 lines with hooks 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.
14. All eligible winners must take a digital photo of their wahoo with the official tournament photo card. The photo must be posted within 24 hours to the Conch House Tournament Facebook Page at **[www.facebook.com/conchhousefishing](http://www.facebook.com/conchhousefishing)**.
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.