

5th Annual “Bulls for Brooke”

Charity Fishing Tournament

Tournament Date: **June 10, 2017**

Tournament Rules

A. SAFETY AND CONDUCT

1. This is a boat tournament.
2. Participants are expected to follow all applicable laws and rules for safe boating, including those regarding USCG equipment requirements.
3. Participants are expected to follow all applicable laws pertaining to the taking of marine fish.
4. Participants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship and courtesy. Any participant who exhibits threatening behavior or who otherwise engage in disorderly, illegal or improper conduct of any kind is subject to immediate disqualification from the Tournament.
5. Willful violations of marine laws or other violations of safe and proper conduct may lead to disqualification.

B. REGISTRATION

1. No angler will be eligible to win any tournament prize or contribute to a team score unless properly registered, with payment of the applicable fee(s), before catching the entered fish.
2. The final deadline for entry by any means is at the close of the Captain’s meeting on June 9, 2017.
3. Mailed entries must be received by THURSDAY, June 8, 2017, at 5:00 pm. Call 561-302-7603 or email bullsforbrooke@gmail.com to confirm.
4. The tournament entry fee is \$350 for four (4) Anglers and additional Anglers may be registered for \$50 per Angler.
5. Entry fees are non-refundable
6. Junior Anglers may not turn 14 by the day of the Captain’s Meeting. Proof of age must accompany registration form.

C. FISHING AREAS AND HOURS

1. Boats may depart from any inlet.
2. Lines in at 7:00 am.
3. Weigh-In Starts at 2:00 pm and ends at 5:00 pm.
4. All boats must return to the dock by 5:00 pm. Once you have returned to the dock with your fish to be weighed, you MUST check in at the Tournament Committee Table in order for your fish to count.

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D. FISH ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. All fish to be weighed must be weighed at Pirate's Cove Resort and Marina and must be brought to the dock on the boat they were caught on.
2. All species must be in compliance with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and Federal Regulations to be eligible.
3. **The minimum weight requirement for eligibility is ten (10) pounds per fish.**
4. **The following species are allowed in accordance with State and Federal Law:**
 - Dolphin maximum of four (4) fish per angler
 - Wahoo maximum of two (2) fish per angler
 - Kingfish maximum of two (2) fish per angler
 - Cobia maximum of 1 per person or 6 per vessel, whichever is less
 - Tuna – Blackfin no size limit, maximum of four (4) fish per angler.
 - Tuna – Skipjack no size limit, maximum of four (4) fish per angler.
 - Tuna – Yellowfin. Maximum of three (3) fish per angler.
 - Tuna – Bigeye. Maximum of three (3) fish per angler.
5. Freshness: Fish brought to weigh-in must be whole with heads on in a fresh, edible condition and must not have been frozen.
6. All fish weighed by the tournament may be subject to a gut check after weighing at the discretion of Tournament officials.
7. Winners will be determined on overall weight on the dock following timed check-in at the Tournament Committee Table.
8. Tampering: Fish must be intact with no evidence of spearing, bangsticks, weight tampering, or other rules violations. It is the responsibility of the angler to ensure that all foreign objects are removed from the fish. Such objects shall include, but are not limited to: hooks, leaders, ice, and weights. Hooks or bait that have passed through the mouth and into the gullet may be left in place. Any fish found to be in violation of this rule is subject to disqualification and/or gut check.

E. TACKLE AND METHODS:

1. The angler credited with a catch in tournament scoring must have personally hooked and played the fish to boatside without assistance. Normal sportfishing practices for landing a fish (e.g. gaffing, wiring, or landing nets) may be assisted.
2. Fish must be hooked and landed on a single rod and reel, pole, or handline.
3. Electrically driven reels on a free-standing rod (e.g. "Electramates") are acceptable.
4. Expressly prohibited fishing methods for purposes of this tournament include: mounted winch devices ("one-armed bandits"), motor-driven longlines, spearing, gigging, netting, shooting (including use of bangsticks), or any method of catch in violations of State or Federal laws. Evidence of prohibited methods will disqualify the catch and all entrants fishing aboard the vessel on which such rule violations were committed.

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F. RULINGS AND RULES COMPLIANCE:

1. Rules violations, the eligibility of entrants or entered fish, disqualifications, and any other matters not specifically covered by these rules will be decided by the Tournament Judge in consultation with the Tournament staff. The Tournament Judge may disqualify any person who commits any violation of tournament rules. The Tournament Judge may disqualify entrants from this tournament and from future tournaments and events.
2. Decisions of the Tournament Judge(s) are final and binding on all entrants.
3. There is no differentiation between professional and amateur.
4. All boats fish at their own risk.
5. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone.
6. By accepting the prize, the winner consents to the use of his or her photograph, name, city and state for promotional and advertising purposes in any media without further payment or consideration.
7. Ship-to-shore communication for safety and for periodic tournament announcements will be maintained throughout the tournament on marine VHF channel 72.
8. All boats must check in by 6:00 pm on marine VHF channel 72, by cell phone 561-302-7603 or in person for safety.

G. WEATHER CONTINGENCY:

1. The tournament will not be canceled or postponed due to weather or sea conditions. Entry fees are non-refundable.

H. PARTICIPANTS RESPONSIBILITY:

1. All Anglers, Captains, Crew and Guests fish at their own risk. All participants and guests agree to indemnify and hold harmless The Tournament Committee, Pirate's Cove Resort and Marina, Sponsors, Press and their agents and employees from any liability loss or damage including attorney's fees they may suffer arising from their participation in this tournament.
2. All Anglers and Captains should attend the Captain's Meeting and Registration on Friday, June 9, 2017, at Pirate's Cove Marina and Resort.

I. DIVISIONS:

The following species and are allowed in accordance with bag limits in section D.4. above: Dolphin, Wahoo, Kingfish, Cobia, and Tuna: Blackfin , Yellowfin, and Skipjack. The minimum weight requirement is ten (10) pounds per fish, per species. All species must be in compliance with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and Federal Regulations.

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| 1. TOURNAMENT PRIZE – HEAVIEST DOLPHIN 45 LBS and OVER | \$10,000 & Plaque |
| 2. Top Angler (heaviest all species combined) | \$ 500 & Plaque |
| 3. Top Female Angler (heaviest all species combined) | Plaque and Prizes |
| 4. Top Junior Angler (heaviest all species combined) | Plaque and Prizes |
| 5. Top Boat (heaviest all species all anglers combined fish) | |
| a. 1st place | Plaque and Prizes |
| b. 2nd place | Plaque and Prizes |
| c. 3rd place | Plaque and Prizes |

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