

Goal

Have fun fishing and competing for prize money! The goal of the tournament is to raise funds for the Salvation Army's homeless shelter and services while having a great time enjoying our beautiful waters.

Entry Fees

\$250 per vessel by April 6th. After April 6, \$265 per vessel for up to 4 anglers. If the captain of the vessel wants to weigh-in fish, he must be listed as a registered angler. \$50 per additional angler. Entries will be accepted until 6:00 pm Friday, May 5th at Pirates Cove Resort & Marina.

For individual anglers riding with the Safari I, the entry fee is \$100 by April 6th. Fee includes Safari I registration and angling equipment, one dinner ticket and tournament shirt and goodie bag.

All Fees Are Non-Refundable

On May 6th, rainy or inclement weather constitutes a fishing day. In case of unsafe weather, at the discretion of the tournament committee, fishing may be cancelled or rescheduled. If cancelled, the purse will be added to the 2024 Tournament.

Registration and Captains' Meeting

MANDATORY FOR ALL CAPTAINS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES to attend. Captains' check-in will be on Friday, May 5, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at Pirates Cove Marina & Resort to receive vessel identification numbers and complimentary gifts. The Captains' Meeting will follow at 6:30 pm for official rules, review, questions and answers.

Ineligible Vessels

Vessels that are rigged or equipped for BULK HARVESTING of fish as a product are prohibited.

Eligible Vessels

No minimum or maximum size restrictions. Vessels that are engaged in PROMOTING THE SPORT of fishing or the catching of fish in a sportsman-like manner are eligible. All vessels must be in compliance with all state and federal laws as they apply to safety equipment, licenses, registration, etc. All vessels should be covered under an appropriate liability insurance policy. All vessels should be equipped with an operative VHF radio.

Check-Out

On Saturday, May 6th, all vessels must check-out with the committee boat, both by VHF radio and visually by displaying their designated tournament number. Check-out time will be between 6:15 am and 8:00 am. If out of Ft. Pierce Inlet, check-out is at the south picnic area of the jetty. Failure to check-out or check-in will result in a disqualification for the day.

Committee Boat

The committee boat shall be anchored inside the Stuart Inlet. It shall be identified by a flag or banner and will monitor VHF radio channel 72 and mobile phone with the phone number published at the Captains' Meeting.

Boundaries

Tournament boundary is limited to no more than 25 miles off the coast of Florida. Vessels venturing outside the U.S. border will be disqualified.

Check-In

Check-in must be made by radio or mobile phone. Check-in time is by 4:00 pm on Saturday. Failure to check-in by 4:00 pm will necessitate calling the Coast Guard and you will be billed accordingly.

Fishing License

Proof of fishing license is required.

Captain's Responsibilities

Captains assume full responsibilities for their crew and boat. Fishing all day or a partial day can constitute participation in the tournament.

Junior Angler

A Junior Angler applies to anyone 14 years or younger.

Salvation Army Saltwater Slam Rules

Kites, wireline, live bait, manual downriggers and planers may be used. Electric reels of any kind are not permitted to be used during the tournament nor shall they be on the fishing vessel at the time of the tournament. Shooting, harpooning or dynamiting of any fish is prohibited.

Eligible Fish

Eligible fish are DOLPHIN, KINGFISH, WAHOO, GROUPER, and SNAPPER (excluding Cubera species). Weigh-in allows one fish, per category, per angler, per day. All fish must adhere to all state and federal regulations. Injured or mutilated fish are not eligible.

Protected Species

It is unlawful to harvest, possess, land, purchase, sell or exchange the following species: **Nassau Grouper, Goliath Grouper (Jewfish), Sawfish, Basking Shark, Whale Shark, Spotted Eagle Ray, Sturgeon, White Shark, Sand Tiger Shark, Bigeye Sand Tiger Shark and Manta Ray.**

In Case of Tie

In the case of a tie, the first to be weighed in is the winner.

Catch Limits

All local, state and federal laws apply. Mackerel limits will be strictly enforced. MANDATORY sailfish release (certificates will be awarded).

Weigh-In

Weigh-in is at Pirates Cove Resort & Marino ONLY. All fish must be transferred directly from the participant's vessel to an official fish carrier or be escorted by a tournament official for weigh-in by 4:00 pm on Saturday. A visual of the boat number must be made by the committee radio operator with communication to the Weigh Master prior to 4:00 pm. If participating in any other fishing tournament, weigh-in of fish must be at the Saltwater Slam tournament first. Failure to comply will result in the disqualification of the fish.

Protests

Any protest must be submitted to the Weigh Master in writing prior to 5:00 pm on Saturday by a Captain registered in the tournament. Each protest must be accompanied by a one-hundred-dollar (\$100) deposit. In the event the protest is upheld, the \$100 deposit will be refunded. If the protest is not upheld, the \$100 deposit will be forfeited. The decision of the Rules Committee is final and binding regarding any protest.

Polygraph

All entrants agree to submit to a polygraph at the request of the Tournament Rules Committee. The results of the polygraph will be considered by the Rules Committee, along with any relevant information, which in their sole discretion will determine whether the entrant will be disqualified. Failure to submit to such an examination will result in disqualification of the entrant at the sole discretion of the Rules Committee.

Indemnity

All persons participating in the tournament agree to hold harmless and indemnify The Salvation Army, its staff, volunteers, sponsors and partners and their respective officers, directors, members, agents and employees and all persons directly or indirectly connected with the operation of the tournament from any liability, claim, loss, damage, injury or harm to any entrant, participant, their companions, family, boat captain, crew members, vessels or equipment arising from any act, omission or negligence, whether directly or indirectly arising from the operations of the tournament. Participation in the tournament constitutes agreement to this clause.

Photo Permission

All persons participating in the tournament grant consent to be photographed and/or filmed without compensation for any editorial, promotional or other related purpose associated with the fishing tournament. Participation in the tournament constitutes agreement to this clause.