

2018 SALTWATER SISTERS TOURNAMENT RULES

WEATHER: Fish at your discretion

1. All boats must have a VHF Radio with channel 74, have a minimum of two occupants and carry a set of the current tournament rules. Current state and federal fishing license requirements for all anglers and boats must be met.
2. **CHECK OUT/IN:** Via VHF 74, all boats shall Check Out with the Committee Boat from the vicinity of (but not east of) the inlet buoy at St. Lucie or Ft. Pierce inlets, or within ¼ mile of Jupiter Inlet beginning at 7:00 AM and must Check In with the Committee Boat no later than 4:00 PM. All boats must check in through the St. Lucie Inlet if weighing fish and deliver the fish to weigh-in at Pirates Cove Marina docks by boat. The Coast Guard will be notified of any boat not accounted for by 4:30 PM.
3. **LINES IN/OUT:** Fishing will begin at 7:00 AM and end at 3:00 PM. All fish hooked prior to 3:00 PM may be fought until released or landed if the hook up is reported to the Committee Boat prior to 3:00 PM.
4. **FISHING & TACKLE:** Trolling or drifting with dead, live or artificial baits is permitted. No line test restrictions and wire line is permitted, chumming is not permitted. Six (6) fishing lines maximum per boat, unlimited dredges and teasers. Maximum leader length is 15 ft., double line maximum is 15 ft., and combined length maximum is 20 ft.

Hook and hand is permitted. Once the rod has been handed off the rod may not be transferred again and the angler must fight the fish unassisted. No other angler or person may touch the rod or line during the fight.

For Billfish Only: If natural dead baits are used, only billfish caught with a non-offset circle hook are eligible. J hook caught billfish are eligible only if the J hook was rigged with an all artificial lure and no dead bait. All caught billfish must be released and must be called in to the Committee Boat following release (and declared as a dead or live bait release). The committee boat will advise an official release time. An official release may be claimed once the leader swivel or knot touches the rod tip or when the mate takes control of the leader. In the event of a tie for billfish the award will be based on the earliest official time of release of the last fish caught.

5. **ELIGIBLE FISH: All fish weighed must be Florida Legal Size Limits.** Minimum Fork Length: Kingfish 24", Dolphin & Wahoo 20", Grouper & Snapper – see Florida Recreational Saltwater Fishing Regulations pgs 1-3. No mutilated fish. Only eligible fish will be weighed. Only one fish per species per angler will be accepted for weigh-in. Billfish: All must be released, no size limits.
6. **BOUNDARIES:** All boats must fish within an area bounded to the North by the Ft. Pierce Inlet and to the South by the Jupiter Inlet, no more than 35 miles offshore.
7. **WEIGH-IN:** Scales will be open from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM at Pirates Cove Marina.
8. **AWARDS:** Will be based on points equal to 1 pt./lb. of qualifying fish, 50 points for sailfish released on dead bait and 25 points for sailfish released on live bait. Awards presentation and dinner will follow at 6:00PM at Pirates Cove Resort & Marina (Port Salerno).

IF THERE IS A CANCELLATION DUE TO SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY—THE ALTERNATIVE FISHING DATE WILL BE: (TBD)*

*** INFORMATION WILL BE FORTH COMING**

STAY TUNED.