

Frances Langford Memorial Fishing Tournament

Offshore Division

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

April 30 - May 1, 2010

1. Registration is limited to the first 250 paid entries.
2. The deadline for entries will be Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 9:00pm. On site registration will open at 1:00pm on the 29th. Pre-registration is encouraged at www.langfordska.com. This is an open tournament but the Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone it deems necessary.
3. The general tournament entry fee shall be \$250.00 per boat. Optional ways to win are listed on the entry form. To qualify for the optional cash prizes you must have paid the respective entry fee.
4. There will be a mandatory Captain's meeting on Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 7:30 pm at the official Tournament Site located at the Four Fish Marina, 2225 NE Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach, FL 34957. Rule changes can be announced by the Tournament Director during the Captain's meeting so attendance by the Captain or his representative is imperative.
5. This is a **TWO-DAY** tournament. A fishing session lasting four or more hours will constitute a fishing day for the tournament. In the unlikely event of a hurricane watch or warning before the tournament begins, it will be postponed until a substitute tournament day is determined. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to delay, cancel or reschedule the tournament if a small craft advisory is posted or anticipated.
6. King Mackerel (*Scomberomorus Cavalla*), Dolphin and Cobia are the only eligible fish allowed at weigh in.
7. All boats must have an operational 25-watt VHF radio.
8. The fishing days are Friday, April 30, 2010 and Saturday, May 1, 2010. Fishing can begin at 6:30am. There is a visual **CHECK OUT at both St. Lucie Inlet and Ft. Pierce Inlet's beginning at 6:10 am**. The exact location of the check out points will be announced at the Captain's meeting. After checking out, all boats will maintain a position with ¼ mile of the inlet you check out from until the Bimini start notification is given at 6:30 am by the Tournament Committee on VHF channel 72.
9. After check-out if two or more boats come together or pass anything between boats or if any boat makes landfall during the tournament before weigh in of there catch, it will result in disqualification. The only exception is for life threatening emergencies. The exception will apply to the boat granting the assistance, not the boat receiving it and must be reported to the Tournament Committee on VHF radio or by phone as soon as possible.
10. There is no limit as to the number of lines that can be fished during the tournament. Cast nets can be used for catching bait only. Cast netting for bait in the Atlantic Ocean after check out and before 6:30 am is allowed. Jigging bait is not allowed until 6:30 am.
11. VHF Channel 72 shall be the official communications channel for the tournament. The tournament Committee shall announce the official tournament time during the Captain's meeting. It is the Captain's responsibility to be aware of the official tournament time and adhere accordingly.
12. **TOURNAMENT BOUNDARIES:** There are no North, South or West boundaries for fishing in the Atlantic Ocean. However, there is an eastern boundary establish at **79.30.000 West Longitude**.....No boat can fish east of this established line. After a boat has checked out, they can enter and return from the Atlantic Ocean by the inlet of there choice.
13. Weigh-in will be held at the Tournament Site. Weigh-in opens at 3:00pm. All boats weighing in fish must be in visual range of the Tournament Site. Please announce to the tournament committee on Channel 72 of your intention to weigh fish. It is the Captain's responsibility to assure that he has been recognized. There will be a designated "end of line" boat. No boats will be allowed to weigh fish if they are not forward of the end of line boat at 5:30 pm each day. The location of the end of line boat shall be announced at the Captain's Meeting. Boats returning to weigh-in with a fish to weigh before weigh-in opens must moor outside of the marina. Do not make landfall before weigh-in opens, as this will disqualify you. The tournament committee will instruct you when to proceed to the dock.
14. This is a **HEAVIEST FISH ONLY** tournament. Eligible fish must be of legal size. Only one fish per specie may be weighed. Junior and Lady Anglers may weigh there own fish in addition to the boats fish. Kingfish must weigh a minimum of 10 pounds. All fish must have been caught on the day of the tournament. All fish presented to the weigh master become the property of the Tournament. Upon weighing in the fish, you will be presented with a weigh in receipt, which you must sign. Once signed, the receipt with all printed information will stand as is.
15. Fish must be weighed in from the boat in which they were caught. No overland transportation is allowed.
16. All fish must be fit for human consumption, must not be mutilated in any way other than hook or gaff marks and must pass an inspection at weigh-in. All fish are subject to the Torrey Meter test. The Tournament Weigh master has the right to refuse any fish.
17. Prizes are awarded solely on the basis of fish weight. In the event of identical weights, the first fish weighed will be take precedence.
18. Each boat entered in the tournament shall be eligible for only one primary prize. Lady and Junior Angler and the Class of 23 are considered secondary prizes.
19. Violation of tournament rules and/or local, state or federal fishing and boating laws shall constitute grounds for disqualification from the tournament. The Tournament Committee shall be the sole judge of any tournament violation and its decision final.
20. Any protest concerning a violation of tournament rules shall be made in writing to the Tournament Committee and presented to the tournament director within 30 minutes of the last fish weigh in time. A \$400.00 cash deposit must accompany this protest. If the protest is upheld, the deposit will be returned. Any protest not sustained will result in the forfeiture of the deposit. All decisions of the Tournament Committee are final.
21. All prize winning anglers, at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee, shall be subject to submitting and successfully passing a polygraph test and/or sign an affidavit prior to accepting there prize. Captains must make themselves available immediately following weigh in if requested by the tournament director for polygraph testing.
22. SKA rules apply when not in conflict with these tournament rules as they relate to the Kingfish category.
23. All tournament participants consent and authorize the Francis Langford Memorial Fishing Tournament, Tournament Group, the Jensen Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Southern Kingfish Association and their advertisers and sponsors to use and reproduce names, voices, and/or photographs, whether taken or recorded and circulate the same for any and all purposes of publicity and advertising of all kinds and descriptions and any and all media formats.
24. Payment of the entry fee constitutes a representation by the Captain and each crewmember that he or she has read and will abide by such rules.

Tournament Site Contact # 904-669-8353