

## 2023 Mahi Championship Rules

Dates: May 1-31, 2023

Kickoff Party/Registration: Saturday- April 29, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Awards: Wednesday- June 7, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Final Registration & Captain's Party: Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> starts at 6 p.m. at Volusia Top Gun, Daytona Beach.

A representative from each boat entered in the tournament must pick up your boat number and attend captain's meeting. At this time, rules governing the tournament will be explained and any questions answered.

Tackle & Equipment: No electric reels allowed for fishing but may be used for teasers only. All tournament fish must be caught on hook and line/rod and reel.

Leave/Return Inlets: You may leave from any Inlet between Mayport and Sebastian. There is no boundary coordinates but must leave and return to one of the inlets between farthest north and farthest south points.

Tournament Rules: This is a month-long tournament; you get to declare two days of fishing. The boat you register in this tournament must be fished both days, no exceptions.

You must text the day before your declared fishing day no later than 8 p.m. and you will receive a confirmation.

Fishing hours are between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. **NO LINES IN THE WATER** before 7 a.m. including teasers or bait rigs.

There is no maximum number of lines or teasers permitted.

Upon returning from fishing all boats must check in via text no later than 8 p.m. **A picture of your fish must be captured on the water with your weigh # visual in the photo.** This picture is to be send when you check in (THIS IS MANDATORY) text picture to 386-547-7385

You will be allowed to weigh in 2 bulls and 2 cows per declared fishing day. The weigh master WILL NOT weigh every fish a boat catches.

The heaviest Mahi will take 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winnings.

All fish must be brought to the scale by vehicle to **Volusia Top Gun**, 2900 Bellevue Avenue, Daytona or **Beamish Custom Tackle**, 76 Dockside Drive, Suite 111, St. Augustine. The scale will be located outside at both locations.

The weighmaster reserves the right to hold and examine internally and externally any fish weighed to determine if the fish is eligible for an award. Any fish that has an unnatural material in or on it will be disqualified. No mutilated/or half eaten fish will be eligible to weigh.

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

There are no minimum weights, but all fish need to be of legal size required by Florida state laws.

Weigh-ins will be between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. of the declared day of fishing (If text is received and confirmed no later than 3 p.m.) or between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. the day after the boats declared day.

Fishing Rules/Sportsmanship: All anglers (or boat if chartered) must be properly licensed. Any violation of Florida state statutes will result in disqualification for that angler and/or the vessel the angler is fishing from. It is the responsibility of the anglers to review Florida statutes and FWC rules & regulations. All participants will exercise good sportsmanship whether at the docks, underway or fishing. Violators will be subject to disqualification without refund. Violations will be at the sole discretion of Mahi Championship management.

Disqualification: Once you leave your inlet no boats can come together, or anything can be passed between boats.

Protest: All protest must be presented in writing to the tournament director at the weigh-in station on the day of the alleged infraction, prior to the close of the weigh-in station. A \$500 cash deposit, refundable if the protest is upheld must accompany protest. Tournament management will make all decisions and their decision is final.

Polygraph: In the result of winning, you will be subjected to a polygraph test. Failure to take or successfully pass such an examination may result in a second team member. Second failure results in automatic disqualification of the team.

**Please remove all hooks, lures and lines before weighing your Mahi**