



# Carteret Community College Spanish Mackerel & Dolphin Fishing Tournament Rules

## Registration

1. All boats, entries and add-ons must be registered by Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 5 p.m.
2. One event T-shirt is included with each boat entry. No shirts will be mailed.
3. Once officially registered, all entry fees are non-refundable, except if the tournament is cancelled or rescheduled.
4. Participation constitutes a waiver of liability to Carteret Community College Foundation, Inc., committees, sponsors, and related parties. Participation releases Tournament Committee to use all names, pictures, etc. for advertising purposes.
5. Rules not covered will be decided by Tournament Committee.
6. All decisions made by the Tournament Committee are binding.

## Tournament Fishing Times

1. The tournament is a week-long format. You can fish as many days of the tournament as you like.
2. Because of the week-long format, no weather dates will occur. Each boat will determine which days to fish. There are no minimum or maximum number of days to fish.
3. Fish must be caught between the tournament start and end fishing times on tournament dates. Fishing starts at 6:00 a.m. July 9, 2022. Fish must be weighed prior to the closing of the weigh stations on Saturday, July 16, 2022.

## Fishing

1. Each boat must pick up its Captain's bucket with rules and sign rules to be eligible to compete. **If you do not pick up your bucket and sign the rules, you will not be able to compete.**
2. You must pick up your Captain's bucket from a designated location at the designated time. If you cannot pick up your bucket during this time, you must call (252) 222-6268 to schedule a time to pick up your bucket.
3. Your signed rules are your check-in for the tournament. No check-out is required.
4. Fish can be caught by boat, pier or beach. Fish can be transported by land.
5. All fish must be caught by hook and line. Fish must be caught by rod and reel to qualify for NC Saltwater citations.
6. Boats may be replaced if needed. **Anglers may not be substituted.**
7. Boats congregating or passing fish from boat to boat during competition time may be disqualified.
8. Any boat violating tournament rules will be disqualified from the entire event.
9. All sponsors and committee members are eligible to participate in the event.
10. Small King Mackerel and big Spanish Mackerel are similar, know the difference. See Diagram: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/mackerel-diagram>
11. It is encouraged and the captains' obligation to follow all U.S.C.G., State and Federal Regulations.

## Weigh-In

1. You can weigh your fish at any of the following locations convenient for you:
  - Cape Pointe Marina, 1390 Island Rd., Harkers Island, NC 28531
  - Chasin' Tails Outdoors Bait and Tackle, 709 Atlantic Beach Causeway, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512
  - Dudley's Marina, 106 Cedar Point Blvd., Swansboro, NC 28584
  - Tideline Marine, 159 Old Bridge St., Jacksonville, NC 28540
  - Town Creek Marina, 114 Town Creek Dr., Beaufort, NC 28516

2. Scales are open from:
  - Cape Pointe Marina: Sun. – Sat. 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Chasin' Tails Outdoors Bait and Tackle: Sun. – Thurs. 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. and Sat. 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.
  - Dudley's Marina: Sun. – Sat. 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
  - Tideline Marine: Mon. – Thurs 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat. 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Sun. Closed
  - Town Creek Marina: Sun. – Thurs 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fri. and Sat. 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
3. All anglers weighing fish must check in at one of the scales listed above. Provide your tournament registration card to the weigh-station staff and state you are fishing the Carteret Community College Spanish Mackerel & Dolphin Fishing Tournament. The weigh station will enter the type of fish and the weight into the system for you to get credit.
4. Each boat is not required to weigh fish daily.
5. Regulation lengths are Spanish Mackerel 12" FL minimum, King Mackerel 24" FL minimum.
6. All hooks must be removed from fish before weigh-in.
7. Gaff holes and bite marks are acceptable.
8. All times are subject to the Weigh Station official time.
9. Anglers can weigh the same species each day. One Spanish Mackerel and one Bluefish per person will count towards competition. Angler's heaviest fish weight will be recorded and the least will be eliminated.
10. One Dolphin, one King Mackerel and one Wahoo will count for competition per boat. Boat's heaviest fish weight will be recorded and the least will be eliminated. Boat must be entered in species category to compete. These are Overall boat prizes not Angler prizes.
11. All fish will be returned to the angler after weight is recorded.
12. Fish that meet citation requirements will be recorded by the weigh station after weight is recorded.
13. In the event more than one fish of the same weight are brought in by different boats or anglers, the fish weighed first is leading.
14. All fish must be fit for human consumption.

### **Award Categories and Payouts**

1. Boat Awards:
  - Spanish Mackerel Overall: \$1,000 for 1<sup>st</sup>, \$500 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, \$250 for 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Spanish Mackerel Artificial Lure: \$250 for 1<sup>st</sup>, \$150 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, \$100 for 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Add-on categories for King Mackerel, Dolphin, Wahoo and Spanish Mackerel TWT: Payouts for prizes will be split 50/50 based on number of boats entered into each category.
2. Individual awards for Spanish Mackerel: Kid Angler (age 0-9), Junior Angler (age 10-17), Master Angler (age 60 and up), Lady Angler (all ages), Bluefish (all ages). Anglers must accompany fish to scale. Age as of July 9, 2022. First place winners in each category will win \$25. A boat is not limited to angler prizes.
3. Mystery Weight: A weight will be determined by the Committee prior to the tournament. The fish closest to the weight without going over will win \$500. **Angler must be present at Awards Party to claim prize. Otherwise, the prize will go to the next closest fish.**
4. Cash prizes over \$600 are required to complete an IRS W-9.
5. Awards are based on weight of fish, not the length. No alterations (weights, ice, etc.).
6. Each boat can place in any or all of the categories, but only place once in each of the Overall Boat categories. Boat must be registered in that category to qualify.
7. Prizes not claimed at Awards Party can be picked up at Carteret Community College Foundation Boatyard within 30 days. Cash payouts are based on the number of entries in each category. No prizes will be mailed.

**Have Fun — Be Safe!! Tight Lines!**