

2021 Rules and Regulations - Inshore Division

1. A North Carolina Recreational Saltwater Fishing License is required. The NC Division of Marine Fisheries requires a recreational fishing license for anyone 16 years or older participating in fishing aboard a non-charter boat vessel. These individual licenses can be purchased on a 10 day, annual or lifetime basis. For more information or to acquire a license, go to <http://www.ncwildlife.org/Licensing/Hunting-Fishing-Trapping-Licenses> or call (888) 248-6834.
2. Anglers, boats, or teams must abide by all state and federal regulations.
3. To qualify for the tournament, each boat must be registered with the Tournament Committee and tournament entry fee (\$1000.00) must be paid by 6:00 pm on Friday, April 30th. Registration must be made online and the registration form must be turned in via mail or email (charters@reelinforresearch.org). Any boat may be substituted before the tournament, but must be registered with the Tournament Committee before lines in on Saturday, May 1st.
4. There is no boundary for where you can fish but you must be in sight of the scales by 2:00 pm or the boat will be disqualified. The scales/weigh-in will be located at the public dock on Morehead City Waterfront, between Jack's Restaurant and the Carolina Princess. Look for the Reelin' for Research Banner!
5. Fishing hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The scales at the weigh-in will be open from 1:00 pm to 2:15 p.m. or until all qualified teams have weighed in. Fish may be weighed in dead or alive. Teams may weigh in by land or water.
6. Team Captains will be notified the evening of the Captains Meeting on Friday, April 30th if the tournament is going to be canceled or altered due to weather. Tournament registration fees are nonrefundable but still tax deductible. 100% of tournament registration fees will go to Reelin' for Research, Inc.
7. We will have the inshore and offshore captains meeting from 6-7 p.m. on Friday, April 30th. Only ONE team member is permitted to attend the captains meeting.
8. Maximum of 4 registered anglers per boat.
9. The winner is determined by the total weight of four (4) qualifying fish. These can be a combination of species as defined by the next rule but a team cannot have more than two of the same species of fish. Reelin' for Research is not responsible for determining a team's largest four (4) qualifying fish. A tie will be settled by whichever team has the largest fish.
10. Qualifying fish are defined as bluefish, trout (speckled or gray), striper and drum (black and/or red). Maximum of 2 red drum per boat. One point per pound for all qualifying fish. See NC 2021 Saltwater Regulations for size and creel limits.
11. All fish must be caught on rod and reel, maximum of six rods in the water at a time. Artificial and/or live bait is permitted.
12. Prizes will be awarded for the top two total aggregate weight teams, lady angler largest fish and youth angler largest fish (must be under age 16).