

2020 Rules and Regulations - Offshore 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://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/recreational-fishing-licenses-and-permits> or call 252-726-7021.
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 7:00 pm on Friday, May 1st. Any boat may be substituted before the tournament, but must be registered with the Tournament Committee before lines in on Saturday May 2nd.
4. There is no boundary for where you can fish but you must be in sight of the scales by 6:00 pm or the boat will be disqualified. The scales/weigh-in will be located at the public dock on Morehead City Waterfront, next to Carolina Princess.
5. Fishing hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and all boats must be in sight of the weigh-in station by 6:00 pm. The scales at the weigh-in will open at 4:00 pm. The weigh-in is located at the public dock on Morehead City Waterfront, next to Carolina Princess. Look for the Reelin' for Research banner.
6. Boats/Teams will be notified the evening of the Captains Meeting on Friday, May 1st 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. The committee boat (Sensation) will be monitoring channel 72. No fish need to be called into the committee boat.
8. The winner is determined by the total weight of three (3) meat fish. These can be all the same species or a combination of species as defined by the next rule. Reelin' for Research is not responsible for determining a team's largest (3) meat fish.
9. Meat fish are defined as dolphin, wahoo, tuna (yellowfin or blackfin). One point per pound for all meat fish.
10. All fish must be caught from a conventional rod and reel. J-Hooks or Circle hooks are allowed, as well as lures and artificial baits. No electric reels or bandit reels or "Green sticking" will be permitted. All boats must be trolling.
11. A rod may be passed from one angler to another angler as long as it is immediate and that the receiver fights the fish. A rod may not be handed off to more than two anglers.
12. In the case of a tie in total weight of the teams 3 fish, the winner will be determined by a coin toss. The boat that weighed in first will make the heads/tails call.
13. Any protest must be made immediately at the end of the day's fishing in writing to the Tournament Committee.