

2007 Kingfish Masters - Rules

TOURNAMENT DATES & LOCATION

The tournament will take place from March 23, 2007 through March 25, 2007 with the fishing days being March 24 and March 25. The captains' meeting, weigh-in, check-out/in, awards ceremony and dock parties will take place dockside at Haulover Park & Marina, 10800 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

Entry fee is \$495 per boat/team if received on or before February 28, 2007 or \$595 if received after February 28, 2007. Each team entry includes 4 angler entries, 1 captain's bag, 4 social bands, 4 tournament shirts, and other sponsor provided promotional items. Each registered team and angler is eligible for team and individual tournament prizes. Additional anglers may be added to each team for \$75 per extra angler. There is a maximum of 6 anglers per boat/team. Social bands/tickets may be purchased for \$20 per day per person.

SKA RULES

Unless otherwise noted, SKA Angling Rules apply throughout.

OFFICIAL TIME

The official time will be kept by the tournament director. It is urged that captains and anglers synchronize their watches with the director to avoid time related issues.

CAPTAIN'S MEETING

There will be a Captains' Meeting on Friday March 23, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the tournament site. At least one representative from each boat/team must be present. All anglers are encouraged to attend. The rules of this tournament may be amended verbally or in writing at the time of the meeting. Anglers are responsible for being well informed of all rules.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

All participating anglers must possess necessary licenses and permits including, but not limited to Florida Saltwater Fishing License.

ELIGIBLE SPECIES:

Open Division (includes class of 23) - King mackerel only.

Rodeo Division - Dolphin, Tuna (blackfin & yellowfin), Wahoo, King mackerel.

BOUNDARIES

All teams must remain within a 35-mile offshore boundary. No Bahamian or Cuban waters. Fish caught within the designated area may be fought outside the area. No fish may be hooked while outside the designated area. Bait fishing may occur anywhere within or outside the boundaries.

GPS VERIFICATION

The top teams' GPS units will be checked EACH DAY. It is each team's responsibility to have a functioning chart plotting GPS aboard. The GPS unit must be in plot mode and the plot must remain on the unit until clearance is given by the tournament director to re-clear the unit for the next day's fishing.

COMMUNICATIONS

All participating boats should be equipped with a working VHF marine radio. The tournament committee will monitor VHF channel 82. The backup channel will be channel 80. Official times and other special notifications will be announced during the tournament on this channel.

NO TOURNAMENT STANDINGS OR WEIGH-IN STATISTICS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE VHF RADIO.

SUBSTITUTIONS

You may substitute anglers or boats. Boat and angler substitution may occur if done in writing and accepted by the tournament director before either day's fishing has commenced.

BOAT

All teams must arrive at the weigh-in under their own power. Fish and anglers must arrive by boat.

CHECK-OUT PROCEDURE

All boats must be visually checked-out at "Checkpoint Charlie." Checkpoint Charlie is located at the end of the north seawall at Haulover Marina. Please consult tournament maps for visual details on the exact location of Checkpoint Charlie. All boats will be visually and verbally checked-out from this location. This checkpoint will be manned by tournament staff from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. each fishing morning. Any boat wishing to check-out after 7:30 a.m. must contact the tournament director or member of the rules committee to arrange a check-out at the marina. Boats not checked out will be disqualified from that day's fishing.

LANDFALL/OTHER BOATS

Once boats have checked-out, they may not come in contact with land or another boat. The only exception to this rule is where an emergency exists. Each team/boat captain is ultimately responsible for the safety of their boat and crew.

FISHING TIMES

The official start time is at 7:30 a.m. each day. This will be marked by a radio announcement of "lines-in." There is no "lines-out" time. Teams must have a team member with the fish to be weighed and be in line at the scales before the weigh station closes each day. Weigh station closes at 5:00 pm on Saturday and 4:00 pm on Sunday. There are no exceptions to this rule.

BAIT FISHING

Teams may fish for their own bait or purchase bait for this tournament.

FISHING RULES

Live/dead chumming is allowed.

KING MACKEREL SCORING

The open class is open to all anglers in the tournament. All fish presented for weigh-in must be in fresh, edible condition and caught that tournament day. No mutilated fish (based on tournament committee's opinion) will be accepted. Minimum acceptable weight of 10 pounds is required for entry into the tournament. All participating anglers are urged to release those fish not to be entered into the tournament. The release of fish should be in keeping with the best conservation methods to ensure continued life. All entries must be weighed at the certified scale at the official weigh-in location in the presence of the boat/team entering them. Any fish may be examined by any means necessary. No more than 1 fish may be weighed in per team per day. The fish will be weighed to the nearest hundredth (1/100) of a pound.

RODEO DIVISION SCORING

The rodeo division is only open to teams registered in the rodeo division category. All fish presented for weigh-in must be in fresh, edible condition and caught that tournament day. No mutilated fish (based on tournament committee's opinion) will be accepted. Minimum acceptable weight of 10 pounds is required for entry into the tournament. All participating anglers are urged to release those fish not to be entered into the tournament. The release of fish should be in keeping with the best conservation methods to ensure continued life. All entries must be weighed at the certified scale at the official weigh-in location in the presence of the boat/team entering them. Any fish may be examined by any means necessary. No more than 2 fish per eligible species may be weighed in per team per day. The fish will be weighed to the nearest hundredth (1/100) of a pound. Scoring for the rodeo division is based on the heaviest combined weight of both days of fishing.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

In the event of unsafe weather

conditions, the tournament committee may choose to cancel a day of fishing for the tournament. If one day has been canceled, the tournament will be decided on the results of a single day. Captains are ultimately responsible for their crew and should make the decision as to safe sea conditions.

PROTESTS

Any protests concerning the conduct of an angler or rules violations must be filed in writing with the tournament committee no later than the close of the weigh station on the day of the alleged violation. Protests will be handled by the rules committee. The decisions of the rules committee are final.

REFUNDS

No refunds will be given for any reason including, but not limited to acts of nature, war, national security, or travel restrictions.

TIES

All ties will be broken based on time. The earlier fish weigh-in will win the tie.

POLYGRAPH

Each registered angler specifically agrees and consents to voluntarily submit to a polygraph examination or examinations at any time until all prize winners and awards are determined and announced. Further, each registered angler agrees to obtain the agreement and consent of each and every occupant of the boat from which he or she fishes during the tournament (including but not limited to the captain and crew) to submit to a polygraph examination or examinations as described above. The method and conduct of all polygraph examinations, and the interpretation of the results thereof, shall be in the sole judgment of the polygraph examiner appointed by the Tournament, whose opinion shall be final. If any registered angler or occupant of a vessel refuses to submit to a polygraph examination, or if any registered angler or occupant gives a response which, in the sole opinion of the polygraph examiner, is untruthful, then all registered anglers on the boat shall be immediately disqualified without further notice from the Tournament. Any registered angler so disqualified shall not be entitled to any prize, award, or entry fee refund.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

It is expressly understood that all participants in the Tournament enter at their own risk and that the Tournament or Envision Consulting Group, Inc. their officers and directors and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operations of the tournament, or any sponsor of the tournament shall be exempt from any liability for slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury or death suffered by any participant, entrant, anglers or their companions, boat captains, mates, crew members, guests, vessels and equipment which may occur during the tournament.

SIGNING OF THE ENTRY FORM

By signing the entry form, the angler agrees to follow the above tournament rules and that the tournament and/or its sponsors may use without payment or restriction any photographs in which he or she appears for any purpose whatsoever but not limited to resale, advertising, commercial or promotional material. All anglers are required to sign their entry blank form as certification that they have read and agreed to abide by all rules and the above liability release.