

# Canaveral Mac Attack Rules 2018

**1. Tournament:** This is a BIG FISH one-day tournament to be held on June 16th, 2018. This will be a Captains Choice Tournament. If the seas become unfishable due to sever or rough weather, the tournament committee will discuss rescheduling for a future date or distribute prizes raffle style.

**2. Fishing Regulations:** All fish must be caught on hook and line and in accordance with applicable Florida and Federal recreational rules and regulations. Any boat possessing more than the allowable state or federal recreational limits on board will be disqualified. From the time that a fish strikes or takes a bait or lure, the angler must hook, fight, and bring the fish to the boat WITHOUT the aid of any other person. Electric or power-driven reels are not permitted. (power downriggers and kite reels are permitted) Stinger rigs are allowed. All gaffs must be equipped with a single hook. Flying gaffs, detachable head gaffs, harpoons or lance attachments are prohibited. Boats can get bait prior to the 6:00 checkout. Once a boat checks out with committee boat on the date of the tournament, the boat nor individuals on boat shall come in contact with, transfer or receive people, bait, or any item prior to weighing in the fish.

**3. Entry Fee:** \$250, Pre-Entry fee is \$200.00 and to be eligible, the signed and completed entry form and entry fee must be received by May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**4. Captains meeting:** Attendance at the Captains meeting is mandatory by at least one team member to pick up the registration card. All boats must display the registration card at all times during the tournament. All boats must monitor channels 16 & 71 throughout the tournament. Commercial fisherman must show documentation that they are commercial fisherman night of the captains meeting!! Charters are not considered commercial unless proper documentation showing otherwise.

**5. Time:** The tournament shall commence with a shotgun start from the green buoy "9" in Port Canaveral at 6:00a.m or at safelight. A morning prayer over the radio will be broadcasted prior to the shotgun start.

**IMPORTANT:** If you do not care to participate in Bimini start, remain on the outside of the checkout area to avoid any issues, then still check out after start.

All boats weighing fish must be past the committee check-in point by 5:30 PM, the committee checkpoint will be located at the tournament site. (Flags will be visible to mark checkpoint) This will be a visual check in and you must be acknowledged by radio (channel 71). In the event of large boat traffic you must pass to the south of the traffic.

**6. Tournament limits:** all boats may fish 50 nautical miles in any direction of Port Canaveral.

**7. Weigh in:** Weigh in will commence at 3pm and will end at 5:30pm. If you have checked in by 5:30pm, you are still eligible to weigh. All eligible fish must be brought by water to the weigh in station at the Tournament Site dock in the boat upon which it was caught. All fish weighed must be legally caught under tournament, state and /or federal rules. All fish must be weighed by the tournament weigh master and all decisions by the weigh master are final. In the event of fish being weighed of equal weight, the tie shall be broken by the first weighed fish. In the event of a scale failure, a Salter scale may be substituted as the official scale. All weights shall be considered official once recorded regardless of scale used.

**8. ALL HOOKS MUST BE REMOVED PRIOR TO WEIGH IN. FISH WITH VISABLE FISH HOOKS WILL NOT BE WEIGHED UNTIL HOOKS ARE REMOVED! NO DAMAGED OR MUTILATED FISH MAY BE WEIGHED.**

We will have A local charity on site taking any fish that you wish to donate. The donated fish will be used to feed the hungry, and \$1.00 a pound will be donated by the charity to the CMA. Remember to catch your limit and help feed the needy.

**9. Eligible Species: Kingfish, Dolphin, Wahoo**

**Prizes:**

**Kingfish**

**1<sup>st</sup> \$10,000.00 Guaranteed**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 5,000.00 Guaranteed**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 2,000.00 Guaranteed**

**4<sup>th</sup> 1,000.00**

**5<sup>th</sup> 500.00**

**Dolphin and Wahoo**

**1<sup>st</sup> \$1000.00 Guaranteed**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 500.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 250.00**

Kingfish, First, second and third Place, first place Dolphin & Wahoo are Guaranteed, based on 100 boats. Boats may weigh a fish in each species category. A separate fish must be weighed for ladies and junior. All other places, ladies and juniors paid if over 100 boats registered.

**Ladies Division: \$500.00** The female angler that catches the heaviest eligible fish out of the 3 categories (Dolphin, Wahoo, Kingfish) shall be awarded a \$500.00 prize. \* Lady must reel the fish in\* (Only 1 lady prize awarded overall)

**Juniors Division: \$500** The anglers who are 16 years old or less on June 17th 2018 that catches the heaviest eligible fish out of all 3 categories (Dolphin, Wahoo, Kingfish) shall be awarded a \$500.00 prize. \*Junior must reel the fish in.\* (only 1 junior prize awarded overall)

**10. Testing:** The tournament reserves the right to test any fish for freshness by all appropriate means and to administer a polygraph test to any angler and/or boat captain. All boats shall maintain continuous track logs on their GPS throughout the tournament and until after the awards ceremony and must allow inspection upon request by the tournament committee. Anyone refusing such tests shall be

disqualified.

11. **Protests:** All protests must be presented in writing to the tournament director, by the registered tournament captain only, with a \$500 cash deposit prior to 6pm. If the protest is not upheld, the cash prize will be forfeited. All decisions are final.
12. **Awards Ceremony:** Shall commence after the weigh in has concluded and all eligible fish have been weighed. All prizes shall be awarded at the awards ceremony, to receive the prize, the winning team or representative must be present to accept the award.
13. **Safety:** All boat captains and anglers are responsible for their own safety and it is the responsibility of the boat captain and crew to insure the boat is properly equipped and that it is operated within the limits of the boat and the skill and seamanship of its captain and crew. Each boat is responsible for making the determination as to whether the boat and crew can safely operate on the day of the tournament and in the sea conditions of the tournament. Captain is responsible for the conduct of his or her crew.
14. **Release:** The owner, captain and/or crew of each boat understands and agrees that the CMA, the CMA Membership and all supporters, and any of its volunteers or employees shall not be held liable or responsible in any way for any injury, death or other damages to the crew or the boat that may occur as a result of participation in this tournament. This shall include any damage or injury which is result of the negligence of any person(s) affiliated with CMA. The owner, captain and/or crew intend to fully exempt, release and hold harmless CMA and all their volunteers and employees from any and all liability or responsibility for any injury and/or damage. All boat captains by signing the registration form acknowledges that he or she understands and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless CMA, SKA, staff and/or volunteers from all damage or claims brought regarding the tournament. The tournament shall include the captains' party and tournament.
15. **General:** The Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend the rules at any time as it deems necessary. We reserve the right to deny entry to any team or participant, regardless of acceptance of entry form or payment, refund of fee will be made. All participants agree that all decisions of the Tournament Director are final and hereby agree to waive all rights to any further interpretation and/or litigation. Venue for all claims and disputes shall be solely in Brevard County, Florida. By participating in this tournament or the events accompanying, the anglers and captains agree to allow the use of their names and images as CMA sees fit.
16. **If your boat can not return to the dock under its own power and have to be towed in you must contact us by radio 30 min prior to check in and must be towed by a commercial company such as Sea Tow or Boats Us! You cannot have any other fisherman assist you this is an automatic Disqualification!**

**PAYOUTS**

**Kingfish**

**1<sup>st</sup> \$10,000.00 Guaranteed**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 5,000.00 Guaranteed**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 2,000.00 Guaranteed**

**4<sup>th</sup> 1,000.00**

**5<sup>th</sup> 500.00**

**Dolphin and Wahoo**

**1<sup>st</sup> \$1000.00 Guaranteed**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 500.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 250.00**

**\*\*\*\*\* BASED ON 100 BOATS\*\*\*\*\***