



# NAKED WARRIOR PROJECT

## *Fishing Tournament*

HOSTED BY  BTM  
BLUE TIDE MARINE

## 2022 Tournament Rules

1. ENTRY FEE PER BOAT: \$475 per boat paid on or before April 22nd, 2022. \$550 if paid after April 22nd, 2022. No exceptions. Register and pay online at [www.nakewarriorproject.org](http://www.nakewarriorproject.org).
2. REGISTRATION: Entries can be mailed to Naked Warrior Project c/o John Owens PO Box 843 Deerfield Beach, FL 33443. No entries, angler changes, or angler additions can be made after the night of the captains meeting May 19th, 2022. Registration fee is non-refundable.
3. CAPTAIN'S MEETING: Sands Harbor Resort and Marina. Registration/check-in from 6 pm-7 pm, rules announced at 7:00 pm. One angler from each boat must be present, you will not be able to fish this tournament if not present. Official rules will be reviewed, and any rule changes will be given at this meeting.
4. TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS & OFFICIAL WEIGH STATION: The Naked Warrior Headquarters and Weigh Station will be held at the Sands Harbor Resort and Marina (125 N Riverside Dr, Pompano Beach FL 33062), this is the official weigh station. Regular weigh-in hours: Saturday, May 21st, 2022, will be from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, if you wish to weigh in sooner, contact our weighmaster on channel 68. Fish can only be delivered to the weigh station by vessel. No fish hooked or boated after hours stated above will be eligible.
5. ANGLERS PER BOAT: Four (4) registered anglers are permitted per boat; additional anglers are \$125.00 per person. Anglers may also serve as captain and/or mate.
6. COMMUNICATIONS: All participating boats should be equipped with a working VHF marine radio. The tournament committee will monitor VHF channel 68, official times or special notifications will be announced during the tournament on this channel. NO WEIGH-IN STATISTICS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON VHF RADIO.
7. START and HOURS OF FISHING: Saturday, May 21st, 2022, Bimini Start. Boats must be visually checked out from Hillsboro inlet. Lines in @7:00 am and all lines out of the water by 4:00 pm. Weigh-in closes promptly at 6:00 pm with no exception. Remember this tournament is for charity and we are relying on everyone to abide by the rules.
8. ELIGIBLE FISH: Dolphin, Kingfish, Wahoo, Blackfin Tuna, and Cobia. Mutilated fish will not be eligible for any category. Mutilation determined by weight master. A maximum of five (5) fish

per boat may be weighed. A maximum of three (3) fish per species per boat may be weighed. Heaviest weight of 5 fish wins.

9. CATEGORIES/MINIMUM WEIGHTS/JR: A) The minimum weight for Dolphin, Kingfish, Wahoo, Blackfin Tuna or Cobia in any category is five (5) pounds. B) Fish not meeting these minimum weights will not count. All fish must meet state fishing requirements. C) The Junior Angler award recipients must be 14 years or younger, boy or girl. NOT a cash award category. D) Only one cash prize per category will be awarded per boat. E) Fish can count towards multiple categories.

10. TIES: In the event of a tie in weight, the winner will be determined by the earliest weigh-in time.

11. BAIT & TACKLE: No bait restrictions. Live bait permitted. All fish must be caught on rod and reel. Wire lines permitted. No Electric Reels except for kite and dredge reels. No "Live Bait" chumming!

12. Tournament winners may be subject to a polygraph test. All fish may be examined by any means necessary.

13. FISHING BOUNDARIES: Fishing Boundaries: The fishing limits of this tournament are no more than twenty-five (25) miles off the east coast of Florida.

14. ENTRY REFUSAL: THE NAKED WARRIOR FISHING TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE reserves the right to refuse any tournament application or entry from a prospective entrant with or without cause. Any applicant refused entry shall be entitled to a refund of entry fee.

15. WEATHER CONDITIONS: In the event of unsafe conditions at sea, the committee, in its best judgment, may call off the tournament until better conditions prevail. Such notice of cancellation and resumption will be broadcast on channel 68. In the event of full cancellation, tournament prizes will be awarded by drawings for category prizes at the awards party, must be present to win. Captains are ultimately responsible for their crew and fish at their own risk.

16. THE NAKED WARRIOR PROJECT FISHING TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE and any and all participants will abide by any federal, state and/or local laws that pertain to the environmental control of the fisheries. All registered anglers must possess a current Florida saltwater fishing license and present upon request.

17. NOTE: Tournament rules are subject to change without notice. ANY CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE CAPTAIN'S MEETING.

## **Sailfish Rules**

1. Sailfish Points: This is a numbers competition per boat. Whatever boat catches the most sailfish wins. Boats will receive 1 point for each eligible sailfish released in the tournament. The

Sailfish prize will be awarded based on total number of fish. In the event of a tie, winners will be determined by the team that releases their last fish first.

2. Sailfish Release Criteria: All sailfish must be properly released in order for a point to be scored for a boat. The requirements for a release are as follows: (1) The double line and leader must leave the tip of the rod once a strike occurs, unless they have already exited the tip of the rod. (2) At the conclusion of the fight the fish must be brought close enough to the boat for a mate or crew member to touch the leader, not the double line. (3) In a continuous sequence, video footage must clearly identify the fish as well as the leader touch by a crew member. (4) Evidence on video of the leader being cut at the time of release. (5) The proper card and confirmation # should be displayed on video to mark the completion of a catch.

3. Video Requirement: Every sailfish released in the tournament must be verified by video footage clearly identifying the release. Each team is responsible for providing their own video camera and the appropriate media to record video footage that documents the releases on their boat. Video media will not be provided to teams by the tournament committee. A secondary video source is highly recommended.

4. Continuous Video Sequence: To ensure the authenticity of the releases, each team will be required to maintain a continuous video sequence from the time video evidence of the fish is established up to the time that the leader touch and cut is verified on video. If a break in the footage should occur, the team must reestablish video evidence of the fish again with a continuous video sequence up to the leader touch and leader cut.

5. Release & Catch Verification: All sailfish releases must be reported to the tournament committee immediately following the release. Individuals calling in a release must include the boat number in their report. A release will be official once the radio controller responds to the respective angler with a confirmation number and color. That confirmation number and color should be recorded on the registered angler's release card. Any boat unable to contact the committee should contact another boat for a relay. A tournament cell phone # will also be provided to teams at the Captain's meeting. Boats that intend to fish in areas with poor cell phone coverage are still responsible for maintaining communication with the tournament committee on all releases.