

*8th Annual  
Hilton Head Harbor Wahoo Shootout  
April 20th & 21st, 2012*

**Tournament Rules**

1. Registration is from 5:00 - 6:15PM on Thursday, April 19, 2012
2. Captain's Meeting will start at 6:30PM, April 19, 2012 at Hilton Head Harbor Marina Deck.
3. Eligible species: WAHOO
4. Heaviest fish only wins the tournament.
5. All eligible fish must be caught on rod & reel only.
6. Prizes: Based on number of entries, each entry is eligible for one prize only (excluding Tuna & Dolphin Calcutta's). Each entry may only weigh 1 WAHOO. The 3 Calcutta's, Tuna, Dolphin and 2 Fish Aggregate are "Winner Take All." In addition, a "Lucky 13" and "Smallest Fish" (by weight) prize will be awarded. To be eligible for additional door prizes, you must have weighed at least 1 fish in any category.
7. Tournament will run April 20th & April 21st. Each Captain decides which day to fish and is required to declare no later than close of registration on April 19th..
8. Check-Out: Boats electing to fish on Friday, April 20th may leave after Captains Meeting is finished. Remember this is a fun tournament; if you choose to leave in the dark of night please be extra safe. This event is for fun and the Captain of the vessel entered is responsible for the safety and welfare of his crew and others around him. Boats electing to fish Saturday, April 21st may leave after 7:00PM on Friday, April 20th.
9. Check-In: Scale will be located at Hilton Head Harbor fuel dock, ICW 557. Check-In will begin at 4:00PM and end at 6:00PM on both days. Boats returning from Calibogue Sound must be through the HWY 278 bridge and on the north side by 6:00PM. Boats returning from the north must be past the public dock located on the north side of Hilton Head Harbor by 6:00PM. Once you are under the bridge or idling by the public dock, call on VHF channel 69 and **check-in** with the dock master ASAP.
10. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by the earliest boat to check-in, refer to rule 9.
11. Tournament Headquarters and Committee boat will monitor VHF channel 69.
12. Weigh-In: All boats are responsible for getting their fish to the weigh-in under their own power.
13. Boats may not come together during tournament hours unless there is an emergency. An emergency must be reported to a committee boat ASAP.
14. Boats will not transfer fish or anything else during tournament fishing hours. If a tournament-entry vessel requires a piece of equipment or tool (such as a fuel filter) in order to make it home safely, a committee boat must be notified about the transfer before it takes place. Only the vessel receiving the transfer will be disqualified and not allowed to weigh-in any fish.
15. All entered vessels must comply with all local, SCDNR and USCG regulations, no exceptions.
16. No mutilated fish will be weighed.
17. **Boat Breakdown.** Once you leave the dock to fish the tournament day that you elected , if your boat breaks down, to remain eligible you cannot come in contact with land or dock, and you cannot receive assistance from others to fix the problem. However if your boat breaks down before the official start time (see rule 8) on your selected fish day, you must contact the tournament director before the official start time in order to change boats.
18. If a protest is to be made, it must take place no later than 30 minutes after the last fish is weighed in.
19. Any matters not specifically covered by these rules may be decided by and at the sole discretion of the tournament committee.
20. Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone.
21. All decisions made by the Tournament Committee are final.