

Cudjoe Gardens Dolphin & Tail Tournament Rules

1. THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD APRIL 24-26TH, 2026

- a. The entry fee is \$250 per boat if paid by April 17th or \$300 at the Captain's Meeting. (Up to 4 people per boat). Additional Anglers can be added for \$50 per angler.
- b. The tournament will have a Division for Kids aged 14 and under. If a kid is part of your 4-person crew, their fish can be used for either the boat fish or the kid's division fish. If a kid is a 5th member of your crew and fishing in the kids division only, their entry is free and fish caught by them can only be used for the Kids Division. Anyone qualifying for the Kids Division must be noted on the registration form.
- c. Mandatory Captains Meeting will be held at the Bent Prop, located at 457 Drost Dr., Cudjoe Key on Friday, April 24th 5-7 pm.
- d. Weigh-in will be held at Cudjoe Garden Marina on Sat/Sun April 25th & 26th from 3-5 pm. Lines in at 7 am each day. Scales close at 5 pm sharp according to the weigh masters phone. The tournament has no boundaries and a registered participant must present their fish in whole, unmangled condition to the Weigh Master at the scales.
- e. The Awards Ceremony will be held at the Bent Prop on Sunday, April 26th 5:30-7 pm. Awards will be presented at 7 pm following a Fish Fry for tournament anglers courtesy of the tournament sponsors. Must be present to receive awards.

2. The Tournament Winners will be determined based on the combination of one Dolphin and one Yellowtail Snapper. Winners must have points from one Dolphin and one Yellowtail to win. You may choose to upgrade your Saturday fish with a fish caught on Sunday and can be used to replace your Saturday points. Fish must be weighed on the day it's caught.
3. Winners will be determined by a combination of one Dolphin's weight and one YT Snapper's length. (Example- Dolphin is 25.30 pounds, YT is 15 1/4", total points awarded will be 40.55 points). Dolphin will be totaled to the nearest 100th ".00", YT will be totaled to the nearest quarter inch.
4. Payouts will be 100% of the boat entry fee with 1st at 50%, 2nd at 30% and 3rd at 20%. Additional Angler fees will be used for tournament expenses. Specialty awards will be winner-take-all and include at least 3 categories. 1. \$150 entry of overall points. 2. \$100 entry for heaviest Dolphin. 3. \$100 entry for longest YT. (1st fish weighed on Saturday determines ties).

The kid's division payout will be a Rod and Reel awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers.

5. All participants must be legally licensed. IGFA methods and angling gear will apply. No boat substitutions or physical contact between boats during the tournament.
6. Weight Master decisions are final. Boat entry is considered acceptance of the tournament rules and regulations.

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