

Emerald Isle Fishing Tournament Celebrates Biggest Year Yet, Surpasses \$100,000 in Scholarships

Emerald Isle, NC – Sept. 30, 2025— The Emerald Isle Fishing Tournament is proud to announce its most successful year to date, with record participation, record payouts, and continued investment in the community through scholarships.

This year's tournament drew 110 boats in the Boating Division and 84 surf anglers—including 56 adults and 28 juniors (ages 15 and under). Combined, the Adult Surf and Boating Divisions awarded just over \$56,000 in payouts to winners. In the Junior Surf Division, the top three anglers each received a brand-new rod and reel, along with a TV.

The tournament's Friday night live and silent auction during the Captain's Meeting also played a major role in supporting the community. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors and local businesses who donated auction items, the tournament was able to continue funding local high school scholarships for another year. With this milestone, the Emerald Isle Fishing Tournament has now provided over \$100,000 in scholarships in just seven years.

"This tournament is truly a team effort," said Mark Taylor, Tournament Director. "Our sponsors, volunteers, town staff, and community supporters make it possible not only to host a first-class fishing competition but also to give back in meaningful ways. We're proud of what this event has become and the impact it has on our town and our students."

The Emerald Isle Fishing Tournament extends its gratitude to all sponsors, volunteers, and participants, and encourages the community to show support for the businesses and organizations that help make the event possible.

The tournament will return next year on September 26, 2026, and promises another exciting event for anglers of all ages.

For more information, sponsorship opportunities, or to get involved, please contact:
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About the Emerald Isle Fishing Tournament

Founded seven years ago, the Emerald Isle Fishing Tournament is a community-driven event that celebrates sport fishing while giving back through scholarships and local initiatives. With divisions for boating, surf, and junior anglers, the tournament combines family fun, competition, and community spirit—making it one of the premier events on the Crystal Coast.