

1st Annual Wahoo Derby

Location: Florida Keys (Key Largo -> Dry Tortugas)

Captains Meeting (For those who can come): November 30

Tournament Date: December 1st-January 31st

Awards Ceremony: Sunday February 1st

Raffle proceeds being donated to **Pawadise Rescue Key West**

Divisions

Freedive Men/Women Division:

Largest Wahoo in the division - 1st & 2nd Place Prizes

Most Wahoo harvested in the division - 1st Place Prize

Rod & Reel Men/Women Division:

Largest Wahoo in the division - 1st & 2nd Place Prizes

Most Wahoo caught in the division - 1st Place Prize

Youth Mutton (Under age 18) Division:

Overall Largest wahoo in the Tournament by an under age 18 Participant -
1st Place only Prize

Mahi Calcutta:

Largest mahi harvested in any division

King Mackerel Calcutta:

Largest King harvested in any division

Each Participant is required to register for a division and pay the entry fee. Entry fees are the same for each Division. All Registrations shall be done online through the tournament website. All registration fees are due with registration. Only one division registration per participant (ie. May NOT Enter Rod & Dive). Calcutta entries are automatically included for each registration.

Registration Fees

Early Registration Sept 1st - Nov st (\$140)

Youth Registration \$100

General Registration Nov 15 - Nov 30 @ Captains Meeting (\$150)

Sign up includes:

- Derby T-shirt
- Scale to weigh fish
- Pickle Juice shot

Captains Meeting

Captain's Meeting is the last day to enter however early registration is advised. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE CAPTAIN'S MEETING TO REGISTER! Registrations are NOT transferable. There will be no reimbursements or refunds for the tournament fees once paid by the participant. Participants may commence their fishing journey Jan 1st.

Submitting Fish

- Scale sent with sign up must be used when submitting weight of fish. Picture of fish and weight must be submitted online.
- **Video** including weight/date/coordinates must be submitted but will only be verified if competitor is a finalist
- Text 313-433-7485 or email captnatmeyers@gmail.com video verification
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*** Pictures submitted will be used on instagram(not videos)

Methods of Harvest

This is both an angling and spearfishing tournament. Rod & Reel may include any legal combination of gear and tackle, including hand-reel/line. Spearfishing includes only freediving. In order to be eligible, fish must have been caught by the participant using any legal method approved by Florida state and Federal regulations. No participant may receive assistance with any fish. Each fish entered by a participant must have been landed by that participant.

Fish Categories

Wahoo will be the main category however there will be a Mahi Calcutta and a King Mackerel Calcutta which includes entries from angling and spearfishing.

Tournament Rules:

1. Must be in the Florida Keys, Key Largo through the Dry Tortugas to submit fish into derby.
2. Submit fish picture and weight online
3. Video + Coordinates must be submitted in order to verify winner
4. Must have a Florida Fishing license
5. No use of power heads
6. Competitor MUST be PRESENT at awards ceremony to accept winnings

Other General Rules:

Each participant is responsible for their own safety and liable for their own actions. Paid Entry into the Tournament signifies compliance with these general rules & conditions. All FL State Laws and Federal Regulations are expected to be observed during the tournament. No boat may approach another boat without permission and must stay more than 200 feet away from an anchored boat flying a diver's down or Alpha flag. This Tournament is for Ocean Conservation Awareness, Respect of these Aquatic Sports, Camaraderie among participants, and for Fun! If you must cheat to win, you are cheating yourself of your own Honor and Respect. Each participant entering this tournament has given implied and expressed consent for Tournament to use his/her name and/or likeness to promote the efforts of *1st Annual Wahoo Derby*

Raffle

1 ticket for \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20 and donations accepted
All Proceeds will go to Pawadise Rescue of the Florida Keys.

Raffle Items to be announced