

# 2020 HISTORIC ST. MARYS FISHING CLASSIC

## Kingfish Tournament Rules

June 13, 2020

Howard Gilman Memorial Park - Downtown St. Marys, GA

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### **REGISTRATION:**

Kingfish Division: \$300.

All participating boats will be assigned an official boat number.

### **CAPTAIN'S MEETING:**

There will be a Captain's Meeting on Friday, June 12, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Seagle's Saloon, St. Mary's, GA. Any statements or rules may be amended at the Captain's Meeting prior to the Tournament.

It is up to the Captains or their representatives to be well informed on all rules.

### **HSMFC RULES**

1. Teams entering both the HSMFC Kingfish Tournament and the Old School Kingfish Shootout June 13, 2020 will be required to follow the Old School rules. If you are fishing both tournaments, you can weigh your kingfish in St. Augustine and text your weight to Jerre Brumbelow at 229-869-2253. Be sure to include your name and boat number in your text.

2. The fishing hours will be 7:00 am until 3:00 pm unless terminated by the Tournament Director. No lines in the water intended for King Mackerel prior to 7am.

Beginning with the Captain's Meeting, no lines shall be in the water except during Tournament hours. In the event the Tournament is cut short due to bad weather, if at least four hours fishing has been accomplished that will complete the tournament. The Tournament Director has the authority to cancel or shorten the fishing day. If the tournament is cancelled in its entirety prorated entry fees will be returned after expenses.

3. There will be NO CHECK-OUT for this year's tournament.

4. Live bait may NOT be purchased. Live bait must be caught on the Tournament Boat on Tournament Day. Live bait may not be transferred from boat to boat. Purchased dead bait is permitted.

5. Boats may begin catching bait within the boundaries via cast net or hook and line at 5:00 am on June 13, 2020. Penning any type of live bait up, prior to 5:00 am on June 13, 2020 is NOT permitted.
6. All types of live bait are permitted; however, all bait must be caught within the boundary or in the Intracoastal Waterway.
7. Fishing boundaries. East boundary is 3 nautical miles from the beach (*Florida State Waters*). North boundary is the South Jetty of St. Mary's River. South boundary is the South Jetty of Ponce Inlet.
8. All boats must fish in Florida State Waters (*3 nautical miles from the beach*). If a fish is hooked in Florida State Waters and while fighting the fish you are taken out of bounds you may continue to play the fish until it is caught or lost but may not deploy lines after completion until you are back in bounds.
9. All boats must be inside the Green marker in St Marys harbor by 4PM or you will be disqualified.
10. Weigh in will open at 10:00 AM and will remain open until the last Kingfish is weighed.
11. The Captain and crew of all entrants are subject to a polygraph. Failure to submit to a polygraph test automatically revokes all claims to prizes and disqualifies the Captain and crew from the tournament.
12. All protests must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director no later than 30 minutes after the last fish is weighed. The Tournament Director's decision will be final.
13. Kingfish minimum weight – 10 pounds. This is a big fish tournament. Only 1 fish per boat may be weighed, with the exception of a Lady or Junior Angler fish.
14. Lady and Junior Anglers must fight their fish from start to finish for their fish to qualify. A Junior may receive assistance getting around engines, etc. but must receive the rod back as soon as possible until the fish is gaffed.
15. In the case of identical weights, the tie will be broken by the first fish weighed.
16. The tournament reserves the right to deny entry to anyone for whatever reason.
17. There will be only one prize per boat excluding Lady Angler, Jr. Angler.

**PRIZES:** 100% of registration fees collected based on number of boats entered will be distributed as prizes. Up to ten (10) boats; 1st for largest kingfish, 1st for Lady Angler, 1st for Junior Angler. Amount to be awarded in each category will be determined upon close of registration, Friday, June 12, 2020 and announced at the Captain's meeting.