

FINS WEEKEND RULES

1. **Register:** Registration for Fins Weekend tournament is available online at fish.bluewatermovements.com/app/. Registration must be completed by the captain or owner with appropriate fees and registration information. Tournament officials reserve the right to refuse application or entry into any tournament at their discretion with or without cause.
2. **Waiver:** A Participant Waiver is posted online at the registration site and available for review by all team members. All members on a participating team's boat must acknowledge and accept the terms of the waiver as a condition of participation in the Fins Weekend tournament. By typing their name in the digital signature field on the registration site all participants accept and agree to be bound by the terms of the Waiver.
3. **Eligible Species:** Dolphin, Kingfish, Wahoo, Blackfin Tuna, Cobia
4. **Fish Limit:** A maximum of 8 fish may be weighed in per boat with a limit of 3 fish per species. Cobia are restricted to 2 per vessel by state law and must measure 36" from the lower jaw to the fork of the tail. Each fish must weigh a minimum of 10 pounds. Fish that do not meet these requirements will not count. All boats must adhere to state of Florida recreational bag limits as they apply to the eligible species.
5. **Tackle:** All fish must be caught on rod and reel. Wire lines are permitted. No electric reels (except kite rods and downriggers). Treble hooks are permitted. Gaffs of any length may be used, however, harpoons may not be used for any purpose in the tournament.
6. **Bait & Bait Fishing:** Fishing with Live Bait is permitted in the tournament; however, live chumming in any form is prohibited. Live baits may not be removed from a hook or bait well, thrown against any object or surface on the boat and then placed in the water. Live bait may not be removed from a hook or bait well, then cut in half and thrown into the water. If a bait is not attached to a hook connected by line to a fishing rod, it must be completely dead before it is placed in the water. Live bait teasers are not allowed. All teams in the tournament are prohibited from having any boats outside the tournament to live chum on their behalf. Frozen chum and cut bait are permitted. Registered boats may catch their own bait at any time during the tournament, provided they are not fishing for eligible species at the same time. Bait fishing is permitted before lines in.
7. **Hook & Catch:** A hook & hand scenario is permitted in the tournament. A hooked fish may be fought by multiple members of a team with no limit on the number of times a rod is passed from one angler to another. The use of a rod holder to hook and fight a fish is permitted.

8. **Tournament Channel:** All teams should monitor channel **74** when they return from fishing to weigh in.
9. **Boundaries:** N – 26° 37' S – 24° 53' E – 79° 37'
10. **Check-Out:** There is not a land-based check out for the tournament. Prior to the start of fishing each team must video the time, date and their GPS coordinates to verify that they are in the boundaries of the tournament. Boats may not deploy any lines in the water until they are within the stated boundaries of the tournament.
11. **Inspection:** Tournament officials reserve the right to inspect any boat participating in the tournament during the day of competition. Any boat that refuses inspection will be automatically disqualified.
12. **Lines-In:** 7:30 AM.
13. **Lines Out:** 3pm. All boats with fish to weigh must be checked back into Grove Harbor Marina by 4:30 PM. Each team must use a cell phone to video the time and location to confirm that they returned to Grove Harbor Marina for weigh in by 4:30 PM.
14. **Weigh-In:** The weigh-in will be held at Regatta Grove located at 2640 South Bayshore Dr., Coconut Grove, FL 33133. All fish must be brought to the weigh station in the boat that they were caught. Transferring a fish to another boat will result in disqualification. All decisions of the weigh master are final.
15. **Weather:** If weather conditions arise deemed unsafe for the average registered boat, by tournament officials, the tournament may be called off for that day. No refunds will be made in the event of cancellation. Any notice of cancellation will be posted on fins weekend website and social media. If Saturday is weathered out, the tournament will be moved to the same hours on Sunday. It is expressly understood that the permitting of fishing by tournament officials does not ensure the safety of registered anglers or any other occupants of their vessels. Captains, anglers and all other members of registered boats must determine in their own judgment whether to fish under the given conditions based on factors including but not limited to the sea worthiness of their boat and their own seamanship.
16. **Protests:** All protests must be made within two hours of the conclusion of fishing along with \$500 cash or check to the tournament officials. Protests should be made based on firsthand eyewitness information. All decisions of the tournament officials regarding protests are final.
17. **Polygraph:** By entering the tournaments all captains, anglers and occupants of their boat voluntarily consent to submit to a polygraph examination as deemed necessary by tournament officials. All decisions of the polygraph examiner will be final. Any captain,

angler or occupant of a registered boat who refuses to take a polygraph or provides untruthful answers as determined by the examiner will be disqualified from the tournament without further notice. Such a disqualification will eliminate payment of any prize money, awards and or refund of entrance fees.

18. **Release:** By registering for the tournament, all captains, anglers and occupants of their boat hereby consent that tournament officials may use without payment or restriction, any photographs, video or interviews in which he or she may appear for any purpose whatsoever, including but not limited to resell, advertising and promotional material.
19. **Tournament Discretion:** The tournament director reserves the right to implement his or her discretion at any time during the tournament as it may apply to the rules or any other circumstance that should arise during the event.
20. **Acknowledgement:** By registering for the tournament, the captain, owner or person responsible for the team's registration acknowledges that all anglers and crew members on board the boat will abide by the tournament rules.
21. **Winnings:** By law, all winners must fill out a W9 form prior to receiving a check for their winnings. Prize money will be withheld until the W9 form is received from the recipient. W9 forms will be available for completion at the awards ceremony for the tournament.

COMPETITION RULES

22. **Scoring:** Each fish meeting weight requirements will be given a score of one point per pound. Mutilated fish will be disqualified. The decision of the weighmaster is final. In the event of a tie, the prize money will be evenly distributed between the two places.
23. **Team Division:** Ranking in the team division will be determined by the total number of points scored by the registered anglers of each team.

OPTIONAL ENTRY CATEGORIES

24. **Big Fish – Winner Take All:** Prize money in this category is awarded to the team that weighs in the heaviest overall fish of the tournament. A team must be registered for this category to qualify for the prize money. Entry fee is \$500 per boat.
25. **Big Fish – 50/30/20:** Prize money in this category is awarded for the three heaviest fish caught in the tournament. 50% is awarded to first place, 30% to second place and 20% to third place. A team must be registered for this category to qualify for the prize money. Entry fee is \$1,000 per boat.

26. **Combined Weight – Winner Take All:** Prize money in this category is awarded to the team with the heaviest combined weight. A team must be registered for this category to qualify for the prize money. Entry fee is \$500 per boat.

27. **Combined Weight – 50/30/20:** Prize money in this category is awarded to the top three teams with the heaviest combined weight. 50% is awarded to first place, 30% to second place and 20% to third place. A team must be registered for this category to qualify for the prize money. Entry fee is \$1,000 per boat.

28. **Show Me the Mahi – Winner Take All:** Prize money in this category is awarded for the heaviest combined weight of three dolphin. A team must be registered for this category to qualify for the prize money. Entry fee is \$500 per boat.

FINS WEEKEND PRIZE STRUCTURE

Heaviest Fish Overall

1	Heaviest Fish Overall	\$	20,000.00
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Team Division

1	Team Division 1st	\$	15,000.00
2	Team Division 2nd	\$	10,000.00
3	Team Division 3rd	\$	5,000.00

Big Fish Money

1	Big Fish 1st	\$	10,000.00
2	Big Fish 2nd	\$	3,000.00
3	Big Fish 3rd	\$	1,000.00

Top King

1	King 1st	\$	10,000.00
2	King 2nd	\$	3,000.00
3	King 3rd	\$	1,000.00

Top Dolphin

1	Dolphin 1st	\$	10,000.00
2	Dolphin 2nd	\$	3,000.00
3	Dolphin 3rd	\$	1,000.00

Top Tuna

1	Tuna 1st	\$	10,000.00
2	Tuna 2nd	\$	3,000.00
3	Tuna 3rd	\$	1,000.00

Top Cobia

1	Cobia 1st	\$	10,000.00
2	Cobia 2nd	\$	3,000.00
3	Cobia 3rd	\$	1,000.00

Top Wahoo

1	Wahoo 1st	\$	10,000.00
2	Wahoo 2nd	\$	3,000.00
3	Wahoo 3rd	\$	1,000.00