Cape Fear Anglers

6th Annual Spanish Mackerel Tournament

At Inlet Watch Yacht Club

801 Paoli Court, Wilmington, NC 28409 - Saturday, May 20, 2017

$1000 in cash prizes and additional sponsor prizes
6am-3pm Fishing Tournament
1pm–3pm Weigh-in. (Scales close at 3pm)

• Cook out immediately after weigh in includes awards ceremony, raffle and cookout for participants and families. You must be present to win raffle prizes.
• Cash and Prizes will be awarded to at least first through seventh place (based on min. of 20 boats).
• Tournament within a Tournament is a 75% payout. Payable to first place only entered in TWT.

2017 Boat Entry Form
$50 Entry Fee for CFA members per boat
$60 Entry Fee for Non Members per boat (includes complimentary membership for 2017)
$50 Tournament within a Tournament Entry Fee
Late registration on May 19th between 6PM and 8PM at Inlet Watch

Team/Boat Name_____ Boat make/length_____
Captain/Contact: _____Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Participation constitutes a waiver of liability to Cape Fear Anglers, Inlet Watch Yacht Club, all committees, sponsors and related parties, and all officers, directors, employees and agents of the forgoing. I understand that I, as a registrant/captain/boat owner/participant, am responsible for my boat and occupants at all times. I further understand that the decision to fish and participate is the responsibility of the registrant/captain/boat owner. Participation releases tournament committee to use all names, pictures, etc. for advertising purposes. Once officially registered, all entry fees are non-refundable, except if tournament is canceled or rescheduled.
Boats that win prizes that are not claimed at awards party will be contacted at the number entered on the Boat Entry Form.
Have Fun — Be Safe!!! By signing this Entry Form, each Captain acknowledges that he/she has read, understands, and agrees to all terms, conditions and rules on behalf of him/her and each of his/her crew members.

Captain's signature: _____ Date: _____

All rules and regulations and fish identification are on the attached page, please retain for reference.

Rules and Regulations:

Cash and prizes awarded for 1st through 7th position – based on minimum of 20 boats
Actual number of boats will determine payout in the event there are fewer than 20 boats

Fish must be caught and entered on tournament day and all who are fishing must have a valid NC fishing license. All fish must be weighed at Inlet Watch Yacht Club.

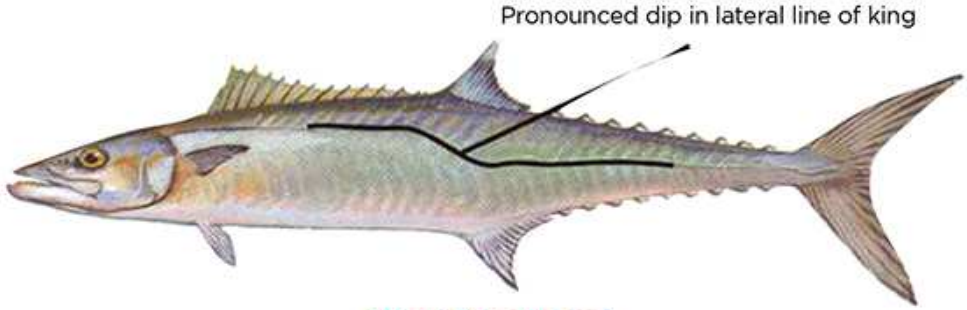
Scales are open from 1:00pm-3:00pm Saturday May 20, 2017. All anglers must be in line at weigh-in table no later than 3pm.
Spanish mackerel 12" FL minimum, Fork length (FL) is measured from tip of snout to middle of fork of tail. No under size fish will be considered.
In the event more than one fish of the same weight is brought in, the fish weighed first is the winner.

Fish can be caught by boat, pier or beach. Fish can be transported by land.
Awards are based on weight of fish, not the length. No alterations (weights, hooks, ice, etc).
Fish are subject to inspection by Tournament Committee.
All decisions made by the Tournament Committee are binding.
All fish must be caught by hook and line.
Fish brought to weigh-in must NOT be mutilated, cut, etc. Gaff holes are acceptable. Mutilated will be defined as any damage which may impair the fish's fighting ability.
All hooks must be removed from fish before weigh-in.
All times are subject to the Weigh Station official time.
It is encouraged and the captains' obligation to follow all USCG, State and Federal Regulations.
No entries will be accepted after 12 Midnight-Friday, May 19th, 2017.
Boats congregating or passing fish from boat to boat during competition time will be disqualified.
Any boat violating Tournament rules will be disqualified for the entire event.
Captain of each boat must accompany fish to scales to be weighed in.
Boats will be allowed 15-minute time limit to tie-up to unload fish.
No check-out required. No lines in the water before 6:00am Saturday, May 20, 2017.
All sponsors and committee members are eligible to participate in the event.
One Spanish mackerel per boat can be weighed. The fish will be returned to the angler after weight is recorded.

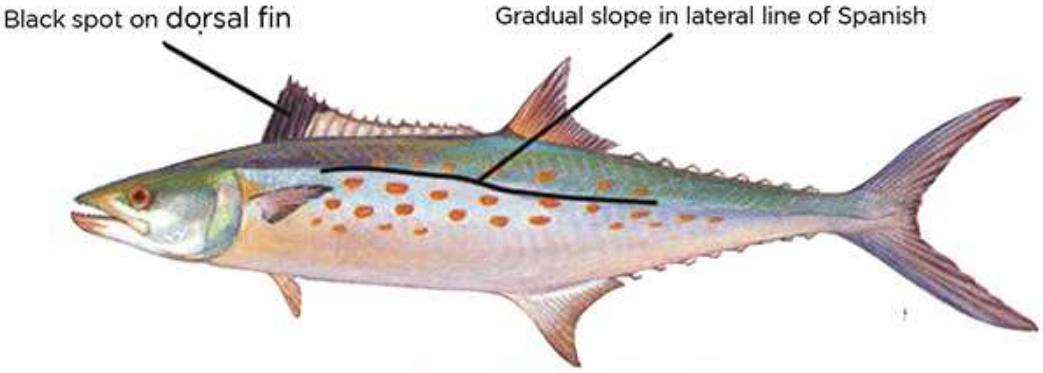
Only one Spanish Mackerel primary prize (top 7) PER BOAT (except TWT).
Bad weather date is May 21, 2017 and will be determined by the Tournament committee.
All fish must be fit for human consumption.
Rules not covered will be decided by Tournament Committee.

Return Entry Forms to:
Barry Turano
4901 Merlot Court
Wilmington NC 28409
910-799-7995
Email: B.turano1@charter.net
Make check payable to Cape Fear Anglers or go to
Cape Fear Anglers on Face Book PayPal address is B.turano1@charter.net

Identifying Mackerels



King Mackerel



Spanish Mackerel

They can look a lot alike, but the size limit on king mackerel is twice the length of Spanish, so you need to be able to tell them apart.

Both the adult Spanish mackerel and a juvenile king mackerel have gold spots on the body. However, the Spanish mackerel features a black spot on the first dorsal fin.

Another difference between the fish is that the king mackerel has a pronounced dip in the lateral line below the second dorsal fin. The lateral line on the Spanish mackerel gently curves to the tail.

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