Cape Fear Anglers

7th Annual Spanish Mackerel Tournament

At Inlet Watch Yacht Club

801 Paoli Court, Wilmington, NC 28409 - Saturday, May 19, 2018

$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.

2018 Boat Entry Form
$50 Entry Fee for CFA members per boat
$60 Entry Fee for Non Members per boat (includes complimentary membership for 2018)
$50 Tournament within a Tournament Entry Fee
Late registration on May 18th 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.

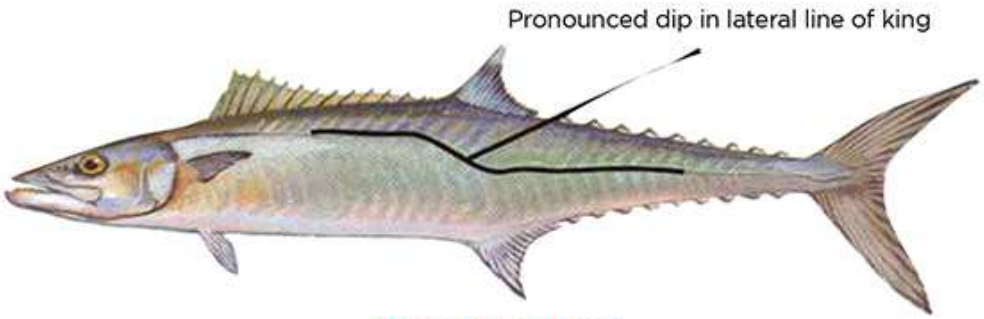
Scales are open from 1:00pm-3:00pm Saturday May 19, 2018. All anglers must be in line at weigh-in table no later than 3pm.
Spanish mackerel 12" FL minimum, Fork length (FL) is measured from tip of snout to middle of fork of tail. No under size fish will be considered.
In the event more than one fish of the same weight are 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 18th, 2018.
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 19, 2018.
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.

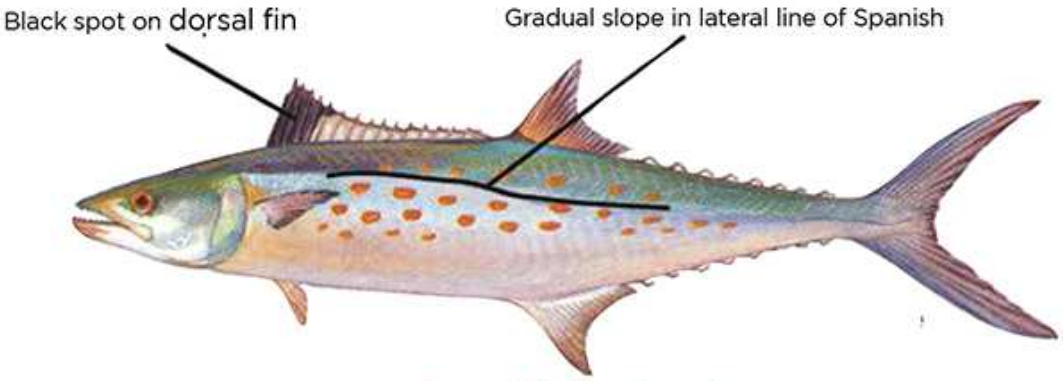
Only one Spanish Mackerel primary prize (top 7) PER BOAT (except TWT).
Bad weather date is May 20, 2018 and will be determined by the Tournament committee.
All fish must be fit for human consumption.
Rules not covered will be decided by Tournament Committee.

Return Entry Forms to:
Barry Turano
4901 Merlot Court
Wilmington NC 28409
910-799-7995
Email: barryturano@gmail.com
(Make check payable to Cape Fear Anglers or go to
Cape Fear Anglers on Face Book and link to PayPal
PayPal Address is barryturano@gmail.com

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.

NC Marine Fisheries

To all tournament participants and guests,

Inlet Watch Yacht Club is a private marina. They are allowing us to hold this event on their property. They have asked that we respect their parking and docking requirements as they will be busy during our weigh in. Below please find the regulations that have been put forth. Please follow what is being asked for in order to avoid any problems.

Thank you,

Barry Turano

Participants need to park in the lot on the left when coming into the marina.

Inlet Watch will have a tow vehicle on the property any vehicle without an Inlet Watch Membership sticker and not parked in the lot before the marina WILL be towed at the owner's expense.

Boat trailers are NOT allowed.

Docking will be for weigh in only. Space will be limited please do not block the area

There will be NO docking in any slip in the marina, unless it belongs to you.