

## 2025 UMSHoF&M FAN FEST & CELEBRITY FISHING TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL RULES and PRIZES

*All events are open to the public. Come meet your favorite Canes All Stars!*

### 1. SCHEDULE:

**Thursday June 19<sup>th</sup>** VIP Welcome Party, sponsored by Dr. Spencer & Martha Kellogg, and Tito's for Celebrities, Tournament Anglers, and Guests from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Ocean View Inn and Sports Pub (OV) It's Steak Night Mile Marker 84.5 in Islamorada. Dinner on Thursday is not included in your entry fee. Tickets are available for purchase online. This is the final day for registration discounts.

**Friday June 20<sup>th</sup>** on the beach at Three Waters Resort and Marina Mile Marker 84. Kick off Party 4PM – 9PM sponsored by Coastal Metal Roofing Sales - Final registration, Silent Auction, Live Auction, Raffles, Captains Meeting and Dinner. After Party at OV.

**Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>** Lines in (other than bait catching) at 7:30AM. Official Weigh in and dockside party 2:30-5:00 at Three Waters Marina. Followed by an Awards Party with Raffles, Auctions and Awards Dinner on the beach 6:00-10PM. After Party at OV.

**2. TYPE OF TOURNAMENT:** This is an angler/team tournament. There is no limit to the number of anglers allowed per boat. Junior anglers must be 16 years of age or younger on the first day of fishing. Entry in the Junior and Ladies Division is voluntary and must be declared on the entry form to entitle the angler to win Junior or Ladies Division awards. They will still be eligible for all other awards. An adult registered angler must accompany junior anglers. Entry fees include sales tax, team goodies along with Friday and Saturday night dinners for each paid angler and captain. Additional tickets are available for purchase. All eligible species of fish (Dolphin, Blackfin Tuna, Kingfish and Wahoo) must be entered for official weigh-in in the presence of a registered angler/team representative. All fish must be caught by hook and line in a conventional manner.

**3. RULES:** Unless otherwise stated in these rules, IGFA rules apply throughout the tournament. Rules of the road are to be always followed and are the boat captain's responsibility. All federal, state, and local laws including possession and size limits must be abided by. All boats, anglers, crews, and guests will fish at their own risk. Captains are ultimately responsible for their crew and should make decisions as to safe sea conditions for their vessel.

**4. FISHING LICENSE:** All participating anglers must possess a Florida Saltwater Fishing License valid on the day of fishing. The only exception to this rule is for those anglers fishing on a charter boat where the charter boat's license covers its paying anglers. All anglers and boats must possess the proper licenses and permits.

**5. CAPTAIN/ANGLER MEETING:** Final registration and the tournament's Kick-off Party will be held on Friday June 20th, from 4pm-9pm at Three Waters Resort and Marina Mile Marker 84 in Islamorada, with the captain's meeting at approximately 7:30 pm. **At least one representative from each team must be present at the Kick-off Party/Captains Meeting.** The tournament committee reserves the right to make changes to the rules and/or the terms and conditions of this tournament verbally or in writing at the time of the Captain's Meeting. Anglers are responsible for being properly informed of all the rules of the tournament.

**6. BOUNDARIES:** All boats must be docked between Ocean Reef Club, in North Key Largo and the east end of the seven-mile bridge, in Marathon. No boat may leave their dock for fishing before 6AM. No two boats are allowed to come together after lines in, except for emergency purposes. There shall be no transferring of eligible fish or anglers between boats allowed. All fishing must take place in US waters. No boats are allowed to pass the EEZ line. TEAMS MAY NOT ENTER BAHAMIAN OR CUBAN WATERS.

**7. ELIGIBLE FISH:** Dolphin, Blackfin Tuna, Kingfish and Wahoo are the only species of fish eligible for prizes. No more than three of any eligible species shall be weighed per team. The only exception is for Dolphin. If a junior or lady angler's dolphin are not one of the team's top three, that junior and/or lady will be allowed to weigh one dolphin towards their respective division for awards purposes. All eligible fish must be presented for weigh-in at the certified scales at the official weigh-in location in the presence of a member of the fishing team entering them. All fish must be in fresh, edible condition and caught on the tournament day. Only fish of legal size may be weighed! Any fish may be examined by any means necessary. Fish may be delivered to the weigh station by boat or car. All tournament winners may be subject to a polygraph test. No mutilated fish (based on the tournament committee's opinion) will be accepted. The tournament urges all participating anglers to release those fish not to be entered into the tournament. The release of fish should be in keeping with the best conservation methods to ensure continued life.

**9. WEIGH IN:** The weigh station opens at 2:30 and closes at 5:00 Saturday, June 21st Three Waters Marina. All anglers should be aware of traffic conditions to make sure they are in line by 5:00PM. You must be in line, acknowledged by the tournament official, with your fish to be weighed, by 5:00PM. There shall be no exceptions.

**11. AWARDS:** Prizes will be awarded for Aggregate Weight of three Dolphin, 1st Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Place, and 5<sup>th</sup> Place. Heaviest Single Dolphin-Male Angler over the age of 16, Heaviest Single Dolphin-Junior Angler and Heaviest Single Dolphin-Female Angler over the age of 16. The "King of Fish" prize will be awarded to the angler for the heaviest single fish of the other eligible species (Tuna, Kingfish or Wahoo). The judges have full discretion to disqualify any fish believed not to meet the rules of this tournament. All decisions made by the judges as to the eligibility of a fish for weigh-in is final. The judge has the right to inspect and mark all fish presented for weigh-in and inspection may be done by any means necessary. Any protest concerning conduct or rules violation must be filed in writing with the tournament judges prior to the close of weigh-in with a deposit of \$500.00. If the alleged violation is found to have occurred, the deposit of \$500.00 will be refunded. If the Rules Committee finds no violation, the deposit will not be refunded. All decisions of the judges on rules questions are final. In the event of a tie in weight, the winner will be determined by the earliest weigh-in time.

**12. OPTIONAL ADDED VALUE CATEGORIES:** The tournament will offer three (3) additional optional added value categories for registered boats. All tournament rules apply. The judges have the same discretion to disqualify any Dolphin that falls outside of the rules listed above. Fees to enter these optional categories are on a per-boat/team basis and are in addition to the tournament boat entry fees. **Each value-added category is completely voluntary. You may enter as many of the optional categories as you would like. Only those boats that have paid the fee(s) for the category(s) by the end of the captains' meeting on Friday June 20th are eligible to win the prize.** Fifteen percent (15%) of the gross entry fee in each category will be donated to the University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame. The remaining eighty-five percent (85%) will be awarded and divided into each category as described below. Actual cash prize amounts of each category are dependent on the number of boats entering that category. All prizes will be paid by check at the awards presentation after a w-9 has been received.

**A: BUCKET OF BUCKS:** The Bucket of Bucks optional added value category entry fee is \$300.00 per boat. Payment for the "Bucket of Bucks" will be distributed for first, second and third places on a fifty percent (50%), thirty percent (30%) and twenty percent (20%) basis, respectively for those boats that have entered this optional category. The heaviest single Dolphin caught during the fishing day will determine the winners. No other species will be eligible.

**B: MASTER OF THE OCEAN:** The Master of the Ocean optional added value category entry fee is \$500.00 per boat. The award for the “Master of the Ocean” will be distributed on a Winner-Take-All basis. The winner will be determined by the heaviest combination of eligible fish weighed (Dolphin, Blackfin Tuna, Kingfish and Wahoo). No more than three (3) of each eligible fish species per boat (a maximum of 12 fish) will count toward the total weight. All fish must be legal size.

**C: BIG THREE:** The Big Three Optional Added Value Category entry fee is \$300.00 per boat. Payment for the “Big Three” will be distributed for first, second and third places on a fifty percent (50%), thirty percent (30%) and twenty percent (20%) basis, respectively for those boats that have entered this optional category. The Big Three will be determined by the aggregate weight of the three biggest Dolphin weighed by the team. No other species will be eligible.

**13. WEATHER CONDITIONS:** In the event of unsafe weather conditions, the tournament committee may choose to postpone the tournament or cancel the tournament; however, there will be no refunds of entry fees. Any portion of the day’s fishing will constitute the tournament. Captains are ultimately responsible for their crew, anglers and guests and should make the decision as to safe sea conditions for their team.

**14. RELEASE OF LIABILITY:** Hold Harmless: All registered anglers, celebrities and non-registered occupants of their boats enter and participate in this University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame Celebrity Fishing Tournament voluntarily and at their own risk. In consideration for the University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame’s acceptance of his or her entry, each registered angler, celebrity and participant for his or her heirs, executors, and administrators, agrees to release, hold harmless and indemnify the University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame, its officers, managers, directors, agents, polygraph examiners, sponsors, donors, the city and county where the event is held, and all other persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the tournament, from and against any and all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs, fees or expenses which he or she may have against any above-described party, or which his or her captains, crew members, celebrities, family members, companions or non-registered occupants of their boat may have, arising out of or in any way connected with his or her participation in this Tournament, including any injury or death suffered by any registered angler, boat captains, crew members, family members, celebrities, companions or other occupants of any boat, and including any damage to vessels and equipment, which occurs during or in conjunction with the event. Each registered angler understands and agrees that this release specifically includes and waives any claims based on libel, slander, negligence, action, or inaction of any above-named party. Each registered angler further understands and agrees that this release specifically includes and waives any claims arising from the University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame’s use of any photographs and from the University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame’s administration of or interpretation of any polygraph. By entering the Tournament and being a registered angler, mate, captain, celebrity or volunteer participant, you agree to follow the Tournament Rules and that the University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame and/or its sponsors may use, without payment or restriction, any photographs, including video, in which he or she appears for any purpose whatsoever, including but not limited to resale, advertising, commercial or promotional material. Your participation in this event as Angler, Celebrity, Captain, Crew or other participating party shall constitute your acknowledgment of this Release of Liability and consent to the use of any photograph, still or video in which you appear for promotional purposes, without compensation. A copy of this release will be part of the registration package picked up at registration. For any participant not personally registered on-line he/she shall sign and return the Release prior to the Captains meeting on Friday night.

## 2025 Prize Structure

1st Place: Aggregate Weight of 3 Dolphin	\$7,000.00 and Trophy
2nd Place: Aggregate Weight of 3 Dolphin	\$2,000.00 and Trophy
3rd Place: Aggregate Weight of 3 Dolphin	\$1,000.00 and Trophy
4th Place: Aggregate Weight of 3 Dolphin	Trophy
5th Place: Aggregate Weight of 3 Dolphin	Trophy

Heaviest Single Dolphin Male Angler over the age of 16	Trophy
Heaviest Single Dolphin Junior Angler	Trophy
Heaviest Single Dolphin Female Angler over the age of 16	Trophy

“King of Fish” (included in your base tournament entry fee) – A \$500.00 prize to the angler with the heaviest single fish of the other eligible species: Tuna, Wahoo, or Kingfish

### Optional Added Value Categories

**Bucket of Bucks (\$300 Entry Fee)** – Optional Added Value Category for the heaviest single dolphin. Payment for the “Bucket of Bucks” will be distributed for first, second and third places on a fifty percent (50%), thirty percent (30%) and twenty percent (20%) basis, respectively for those boats that have entered this optional category.

**Master of the Ocean (\$500 Entry Fee)** – Optional Added Value Category for the heaviest combination of eligible fish weighed (Dolphin, Tuna, Kingfish and Wahoo), no more than 3 of each eligible species per boat, max 12 fish and paid on a “Winner Takes All” basis for those boats that have entered this optional category.

**BIG THREE: (\$300.00 Entry Fee)** -Optional Added Value Category for the combined weight of three dolphin. Payment for the “Big Three” will be distributed for first, second and third places on a fifty percent (50%), thirty percent (30%) and twenty percent (20%) basis, respectively for those boats that have entered this optional category.