SAILFISH SWEETHEARTS LADIES TOURNAMENT

RULE 1: The tournament is open to female anglers only. Men may join as captain and crew.

RULE 2: Registered anglers are responsible for providing their own fishing vessel and must have a valid Florida fishing license, unless the event is being held on the weekend when the state license is exempt. (The first Saturday in June is always license free day for Saltwater anglers).

RULE 3: You fish two days Friday & Saturday. Check Out Friday, November 14, 2025 & Saturday, November 15, 2025 from Ft.Pierce, Stuart, Jupiter, Palm Beach, Boynton Inlet or Hillsboro Beach Inlet: All boats must text (561) 254-8240 when departing inlet. You cannot leave inlet any earlier than 6:30 am. Once checked out boats may proceed to fishing grounds. You do not need to check in when lines are out. However, there will be no lines in until the official start at 8:00 am. This announcement will be made on the tournament app.

RULE 4: Lines are out at 3:30pm. The weigh-in scales will be open from 3:30-6pm one located at The Buccaneer Marina in Palm Beach & one at JIB Club in Jupiter.

RULE 5: Fishing area is Florida waters only. Boats fishing in the Bahamas will be automatically disqualified.

RULE 6: All IGFA rules apply. No wire lines are permitted. The use of treble hooks (unless part of a commercially-manufactured lure) and electric reels (except kite rods and downriggers) are prohibited. Stinger hooks must be firmly embedded or firmly attached to the bait.

RULE 7: Live bait, dead bait and lures are permitted. Live chumming is prohibited.

RULE 8: Anglers must abide by IGFA rules by hooking and reeling in their own fish. (Hook and Hand is allowed) Hook and Hand points will go towards team score not angler score! Mutilated fish are not eligible. Any fish that has been tampered

with to increase the weight shall be disqualified and removed from the tournament. The weigh master's decision is final.

RULE 9: The following species are eligible: Dolphin, Kingfish, Wahoo, Cobia, Black Fin Tuna and Yellowfin Tuna. Bonita are only eligible if no other Tunas are caught.

RULE 10: There is a 10 lb. minimum per fish. Fish not meeting minimum weight will not count. All boats must adhere to Florida recreational bag limits as they pertain to all eligible species. To view current recreational bag limits, visit www.myfwc.com.

- a) A maximum of four fish per species, per boat may be weighed.
- b) A maximum of ten fish per boat can be weighed. Points:
- a) Blue Marlin: 500 points
- b) Live Bait Sailfish: 200 pointsc) Dead Bait Sailfish: 300 points

RULE 11: Video Review — You are to upload all of your releases to the app, if you cannot or having issues you can text them to (561) 254-8240 or email them <u>sailfishsweethearts@gmail.com</u> once they are reviewed you will be given points and the app will be updated. You can also drop off SD cards to either weigh station. Note: Please have a time/date stamp, angler, species clarification & leader touch for release in your video!

Reminder: All meat fish points will be added to the app that night.

RULE 12: Tournament officials will monitor tournament director cellphone for calling in a fish. A cell phone (561) 254-8240 will be provided at the Captain's meeting. There will be live scoring on the tournament app.

RULE 13: Awards and/or trophies will be given as follows: Top Three Boats, Top Lady Angler, Top Jr Lady Angler, Heaviest Mahi, Heaviest Tuna, Heaviest Wahoo, Heaviest Kingfish and Heaviest Cobia. If one species is not weighed it is divided equally into each meat fish calcutta.

RULE 14: Registration fees will not be refunded for any reason.

RULE 15: Weather: Tournament Committee has the right to make the final call, postpone or cancel fishing day due to tropical storm warnings. Participants are responsible for their own vessel's seaworthiness and for making the decision to fish or not.

RULE 16: Registered junior anglers age 11-16 are eligible for all awards. IGFA rules apply for all junior anglers.

RULE 17: In case of a tie, the earliest fish reported will be the winner.

RULE 18: As a condition of the entry in the Tournament, the angler specifically understands, agrees and consents to a polygraph examination if requested by decision of the tournament committee. Refusal of any angler to submit to a polygraph examination shall result in her immediate disqualification. In the sole opinion of the polygraph examiner, any untruthful response in the examination shall result in her immediate disqualification. Any participant so disqualified, shall not be entitled to any prize, award or entry fee refund.

RULE 19: The Sailfish Sweethearts Committee reserves the right to refuse tournament applicants or entries with or without cause in its sole discretion.

RULE 20: Any protest must be submitted in writing with a non-refundable fee of \$500 per incident and delivered to the Sailfish Sweethearts Committee by 7:00 pm on the day of fishing. Discretion of the Committee will be final.

RULE 21: It is expressively understood that all participants enter at their own risk. Directors, officers, committee members, sponsors, officials and all other persons directly or indirectly involved with the operations of the Sailfish Sweethearts Ladies Tournament shall be exempt from loss, damage, liability, negligence or injury suffered to any participant, entrant, sports angler, their companions, boat captains, crew members, vessels and equipment, which may occur during the Tournament.