

2022 CAMO Classic Rules

1. Eligible species for competition purposes are Blackfin Tuna (*Thunnus atlanticus*) or Yellowfin Tuna (*Thunnus albacares*), Dolphin (*Coryphaena hippurus*), and Wahoo (*Acanthocybium solandri*).
2. Winners will be decided by the combined aggregate weight of an entrant's heaviest Tuna (Blackfin or Yellowfin), Dolphin, and Wahoo. Must weigh 2 out of 3 eligible species to qualify.
3. Any rule changes or additions at the captain's meeting will take precedence over these printed rules.
4. This is a captain's choice tournament. It is up to the captain of each boat to determine if he/she and crew will compete on their declared tournament days.
5. Online registration will remain open and must be received by 9:00 pm on Thursday, May 19th.
6. A captain may enter the same boat twice in the CAMO Classic and it must be the sole boat fished for the duration of the tournament. Entrant must declare / fish both days of the first entry prior to declaring a fish day for the second entry.
7. Replacement boats may not be entered for any reason after 9:00 pm on Thursday, May 19th.
8. Each entry is eligible to win 1 primary prize and 1 place in each tournament within a tournament entered.
9. Polygraph tests will be administered at the sole discretion of the tournament committee. Captain and an occupant of the winning boat must be available for a polygraph test on Thursday, June 23rd. Refusal by any participant or occupant of a registered boat will result in disqualification. All decisions of the polygraph examiner are final.
10. By signing the entry form, all captains, anglers, and occupants of their boat hereby agree to all rules and regulations and 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 resale, advertising and promotional material.
11. The tournament committee reserves the right to refuse an entry into the tournament.
12. The tournament director and tournament committee, at their discretion, can enforce the rules or make decisions on any other circumstances that may arise during the event. The tournament director and/or the tournament committee's decisions are final.
13. Sponsors, tournament director, and employees of Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina are eligible to enter and win prizes just like any other entrant.
14. Violation of the tournament rules will subject the boat and angler to disqualification from the entire tournament without refund.

Tournament Days & Times

15. Tournament fishing days begin Friday, May 20th through Wednesday, June 22nd.
16. Each entry is eligible to fish 2 out of 34 potential tournament fishing days.
17. An entrant must declare their fish day by e-mailing FishCAMOClassic@gmail.com no later than 6:00 a.m. on their declared fish day. The e-mail must include captain, boat name, and the declared fishing day.
18. An entrant may un-declare their fish day by 6:00 a.m. only by e-mailing FishCAMOClassic@gmail.com if no fishing lines have been deployed.
19. No lines-in or lines-out time. A fishing day must be conducted within an entrant's declared calendar day: Midnight – Midnight
20. If Small Craft Advisories are posted on local NOAA Weather Radio by 6:00 a.m., then that day will not be a tournament fishing day. The safety of the participating vessel is ultimately the responsibility of the captain.

Fishing

21. All anglers must have a valid South Carolina saltwater fishing license and comply with South Carolina and Federal Laws.
22. All vessels must have on board an Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Permit: <https://hmspermits.noaa.gov>
23. Eligible tournament species are not allowed to be on-board at the start of a declared fishing day.
24. Boats entering the ocean on tournament days must do so from South Carolina navigable waters.
25. Two or more boats congregating during a declared fishing day will be disqualified from the tournament. Congregation is defined as two or more boats touching and/or passing objects to another boat. Approval is not required for life threatening emergencies.

Weigh-In

26. Official weigh station is at Charleston Harbor Marina scales (top of A-Dock) and will remain open until 5:00 pm. An entrant is eligible to weigh-in the day after their declared fish day from 8:00 am to 11:00 a.m.
27. Entrant may bring their fish to weigh in by boat or car. Only 1 fish per species may be weighed per declared fishing day.
28. An entrant declaring to fish on Wednesday, June 22nd must weigh their fish by 5:00 pm and will not be allowed to weigh-in on Thursday, June 23rd.
29. The crew is responsible for unloading and presenting their fish for weighing.

30. Fish must be fresh, not frozen, fit for human consumption, not mutilated, nor its weight altered in any manner. Hook and gaff marks are acceptable. Crew must remove all hooks, lures, and leaders prior to presenting the fish for weigh-in.
31. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by the earliest weigh-in date and time.
32. Only a registered boat's captain may protest a fish weighed in the tournament. All protests must be delivered in writing to the weighmaster on the day the protested catch is weighed no later than thirty minutes (30) after the last fish weighed. All decisions of the tournament officials regarding protests are final. There is a \$750.00 cash charge for registering a protest. If the protest is validated, the \$750.00 will be returned. The captain who submits any protest must provide indisputable evidence to prove the infraction.