

 **POT O' GOLD KINGFISH TOURNAMENT**
OFFICIAL RULES
March 21th 2026

ONLY ONE SPECIES ELIGIBLE:

- King Mackerel (Kingfish)

No other species will be weighed or awarded.

Official Times

- **Lines In:** 6:30 AM
- **No Check-In Before:** 3:00 PM
- **Mandatory Check-In Deadline:** 5:00 PM

To be eligible, all boats **MUST** check in by **5:00 PM**.



Mandatory Boat Check-In

- Official check-in boat will be located at **Jetty Park Boat Ramp**.
- Boats **MUST** physically check in with the official check-in boat.
- **If you do NOT check in at the check-in boat, you will be sent back.**
- No boat may check in prior to 3:00 PM.

Failure to check in properly results in disqualification.

Weigh-In Location

All weighable fish must be unloaded at:

Gator Portside– Cape Canaveral
83 Dave Nisbet Dr, Port Canaveral, FL 32920

Fish must be presented whole and fresh, damaged fish will be disqualified.

- No more than **TWO (2) Kingfish** may be weighed per boat.
- All fish must comply with FWC regulations.
- Fish may not be transferred between boats.
- Fish must be delivered by boat

ABSOLUTELY NO hooks, lures, gaffs, rigs, tackle, or fishing equipment allowed on stage. Any team bringing tackle or hooks onto the stage will face **INSTANT DISQUALIFICATION**.



CASH PRIZE STRUCTURE

Individual Fish Division

1st Place – \$3,000

2nd Place – \$1,500

3rd Place – \$750

Aggregate Division (2 Fish Combined Weight)

1st Place – \$3,000

2nd Place – \$1,500

3rd Place – \$750

SKA Member Boat Division

Largest Kingfish (SKA Member Boat Only) – \$2,000

All people on the boat must be an active SKA member at time of tournament.

Best Dressed Crew

Best St. Patrick's Day themed crew – \$500

Judging by tournament committee

CALCUTTA RULES

Calcutta participation is optional. All Calcutta funds will be distributed according to the announced payout percentages prior to the start of the tournament, with 80% of the Calcutta pool paid out. Teams must enter the Calcutta prior to the end of the Captain's Party to be eligible. The Calcutta payout applies to the Largest Kingfish only.



Polygraph

The tournament committee reserves the right to require polygraph testing for:

- Optional for all prizes of major prize winner, protest situation or Random selection

Failure to comply or pass may result in disqualification.

Safety & Conduct

All boats must comply with all applicable USCG and FWC regulations at all times. Unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification. All participants fish at their own risk, and the tournament committee reserves the final decision authority on all rules interpretations, disputes, and matters related to the event. By entering the tournament, participants grant permission for photography, video recording, and promotional use of their likeness in connection with the event.

