

SPACE COAST KINGFISH SHOOTOUT

\$40,000 Cash and Prizes

SKA Division 6

November 5–7

Cape Canaveral, Florida

Limited to 40 Boats



The Space Coast Kingfish Shootout is a two-day Kingfish tournament. The overall tournament standings will be determined by the **largest two-day aggregate weight**.

The boat with the highest combined official weight from the two competition days will be declared the **Space Coast Kingfish Shootout Tournament Champion**.

Entry Fee \$1000

Entry Fee is non-refundable

SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 5 — Captains Party 5:50PM

Location: **Gator's Portside – Cape Canaveral**

Tournament registration, Raffles, rules review and event kickoff.

Friday, November 6 — Fishing Day 1

Official Check-In / Weigh-In Window: **3:00 PM–5:00 PM**

Saturday, November 7 — Championship Day

Official Check-In / Weigh-In Window: **3:00 PM–5:00 PM**

Awards Presentation: 6:00 PM Saturday, November 7

Location: **Gator's Portside – Cape Canaveral**

PAYOUTS & PRIZE CATEGORIES

1st Place — \$25,000 Cash

2nd Place — \$7,000 Cash

3rd Place — \$3,000 Cash

The overall cash purse will be awarded according to the official final two-day aggregate standings.

SPECIAL PRIZE CATEGORIES

Additional prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

LADIES DIVISION (18 and older)

1st Place, 2nd Place & 3rd Place

MINOR DIVISION — (ages 13–17)

1st Place, 2nd Place & 3rd Place



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JUNIOR DIVISION — (ages 12 & UNDER)

1st Place, 2nd Place & 3rd Place



MINOR / JUNIOR AGE ELIGIBILITY

For purposes of the Minor and Junior Divisions, an angler's age **as of the first official fishing day, November 6, 2026**, will determine the angler's division.

MINOR Ages 13–17: Anglers who are at least 13 years old and have not reached their 18th birthday as of November 6, 2026.

Ages 12 & Under: Anglers who are 12 years old or younger as of November 6, 2026. Tournament officials may require proof of age for any Minor/Junior Division angler.

SPECIAL CATEGORY ELIGIBILITY

Ladies and Minor/Junior Division standings will be determined by the **single heaviest eligible Kingfish** officially weighed during the tournament by an eligible angler in that category.

To qualify, the eligible angler must be aboard the registered tournament boat and must **personally hook and catch the Kingfish** submitted for the applicable Ladies or Minor or Junior prize category.

A boat may present up to **two eligible Kingfish per fishing day** in accordance with the tournament weigh-in rules. Only **one Kingfish per fishing day** may count toward the boat's official two-day aggregate; however, **either of the two eligible Kingfish officially presented for weigh-in may qualify for a Ladies, Minor, or Junior Division prize**, regardless of which fish is selected to count toward the boat's official aggregate weight.

A Kingfish entered in a Ladies or Minor/Junior prize category **may also count as the boat's official fish toward the overall tournament standings**, provided the fish otherwise meets all tournament rules.

All cash payouts and prizes are subject to verification of eligibility, compliance with tournament rules, and final approval of the Tournament Chairman/Tournament Committee.

OFFICIAL CHECK-IN

The official tournament check-in location is **Jetty Ramp**.

Each competing boat **must check in between 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM** on each fishing day.

No early check-ins. No late check-ins.

To complete official check-in, the boat must:

1. Arrive at the designated Jetty Ramp check-in location during the official check-in window.
2. Clearly display and hold up the tournament-issued identification/sign so it can be visibly confirmed by tournament officials.
3. Radio (Channel 72) the tournament check-in official and receive confirmation that the boat has been officially checked in.
4. You cannot weigh in unless you have checked in, the weigh station does not have the ability to check you in.

The tournament-issued sign **must be clearly visible to tournament officials**.

A boat that has not completed the required check-in procedure by **5:00 PM** will not be eligible to weigh a fish for that day.



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NO LAND CONTACT BEFORE WEIGH-IN

From the time a competing boat begins its tournament fishing day until its fish has been officially presented for weigh-in, the competing boat, captain, anglers, and crew shall have no physical contact with any outside person, vessel, or land.

After arriving at the designated Jetty Ramp check-in location between 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM, the boat must display its tournament-issued sign, radio tournament officials, receive confirmation of its official check-in, and then proceed according to the tournament's designated weigh-in procedure.

No person aboard the competing vessel may step onto or otherwise physically touch land before the boat's fish has been presented through the official weigh-in procedure.

Fish intended for weigh-in must remain aboard the competing vessel until transferred according to the tournament's official weigh-in procedure.

Any unauthorized outside contact before weigh-in will result in disqualification for that fishing day.

Any violation of this rule will result in **disqualification**.

Fish must remain aboard the competing vessel until presented according to the tournament's official weigh-in procedure.

WEIGH-IN

Official weigh-in will be conducted at:

Gator's Portside – Cape Canaveral

3:00 PM–5:00 PM Friday, November 6

3:00 PM–5:00 PM Saturday, November 7

Boats must first complete the official Jetty Ramp check-in procedure during the designated window.

Only **two** eligible Kingfish caught during the applicable tournament fishing day may be presented for weigh-in. All fish presented for weigh-in must be in a **natural, unaltered condition**. Fish may not be mutilated, intentionally damaged, altered, stuffed, weighted, injected, or otherwise manipulated in any manner for the purpose of increasing or affecting the fish's official weight.

No hooks, sinkers, lead, weights, foreign objects, substances, or other materials may be intentionally placed in or attached to a fish presented for weigh-in.

The tournament committee and weighmaster have final authority regarding fish eligibility and official weight.

TWO-DAY AGGREGATE

Each boat may record **one official Kingfish weight per fishing day** toward the tournament championship.

The tournament score will be:



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Day 1 Weight + Day 2 Weight = Official Aggregate Weight

The boat with the largest official two-day aggregate will win the tournament.

BOAT LIMIT

Participation is strictly limited to **40 registered boats**.

Once 40 eligible boat entries have been accepted, tournament registration will be closed.

SPORTSMANSHIP & COMPLIANCE

All captains, anglers and crew are expected to conduct themselves in a safe and sportsmanlike manner.

All fishing must comply with applicable **Florida, Federal, SKA, and tournament regulations**.

The captain is responsible for the conduct of all anglers and crew aboard the registered vessel.

Attempting to circumvent tournament rules, falsify a catch, interfere with another competitor, or gain an unfair competitive advantage may result in immediate disqualification.

TIE-BREAKER

In the event two or more boats finish with the same official two-day aggregate weight, the tie will be determined by **official check-in order on the second and final fishing day**.

FISHING BOUNDARIES

Tournament fishing boundaries are:

Northern Boundary: St. Augustine Inlet

Southern Boundary: Fort Pierce Inlet

All tournament fishing must take place within these established northern and southern boundaries.

WEATHER & TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

Safety of all participants is the responsibility of each captain.

If weather or sea conditions are deemed unsuitable for tournament competition, including the issuance of **Small Craft Advisories/Warnings or other significant marine weather conditions**, the **Tournament Chairman will have final authority** to postpone or reschedule a fishing day.

Depending upon conditions and forecasts, the Chairman may:

- Move the affected fishing day to another suitable day; or
- Reschedule the affected portion of the tournament to the **following weekend**.

Any official schedule change will be communicated to registered captains by the tournament committee.



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PROTESTS

Any formal protest must be submitted to the Tournament Chairman or designated tournament official in accordance with the tournament protest procedure.

A **\$500 cash deposit** must accompany any protest. If the protest is **upheld and the ruling is made in favor of the protesting boat**, the \$500 deposit will be returned.

If the protest is **denied or the ruling is not made in favor of the protesting boat**, the \$500 deposit is **non-refundable**.

The decision of the Tournament Chairman/Tournament Committee regarding a protest will be final.



POLYGRAPH / LIE DETECTOR EXAMINATION

As a condition of receiving prize money, the **winning captain and/or any member of the winning boat's crew may be required to submit to a polygraph (lie detector) examination** at the discretion of the Tournament Chairman or Tournament Committee.

Tournament officials may also require a polygraph examination of **any captain, angler, or crew member** when reasonably necessary to investigate compliance with tournament rules or resolve a protest.

The **CASH may be withheld** until any required examination, protest, or tournament investigation has been completed.

All decisions regarding examinations, eligibility, disqualification, and payment of prize money will be made by the Tournament Chairman/Tournament Committee and shall be final.

