

Wahoo Round-Up Tournament Rules

December 14, 2024 through February 2, 2025

1. Don Combs Wahoo Round-Up will run from Saturday, December 14, 2024 until Sunday, February 2, 2025.
2. Each boat will be eligible to fish a maximum of 2 days. **The Captain must declare their fishing day no later than 9:00pm the day before by notifying the tournament committee through the NEFMA App.**
3. The heaviest fish will be the Don Combs Wahoo Round-Up winner.
4. Each boat will be eligible to weigh 1 wahoo per day **unless weighing as a Lady or Junior Angler Fish.**
5. You may leave and return from any inlet of your choice but may not deploy baits outside of the boundaries. Boundaries are latitude 28.15.000 South and 31.50.000 North. All Boats must fish within the Atlantic Ocean in US Waters.
6. All fish must be weighed in at Beamish Custom Tackle by 5:00pm the day of fishing (expect Sunday by 12pm) or by 11:00am the next day **unless also fishing the Elite 60 Tournament and weighing at Strike Zone.** No mutilated fish will be accepted. A digital photograph of the fish with the tournament issued boat number is required on the water after the fish has been landed.
7. You may fish from 7:00am until 5:00pm. You must return to the inlet of your choice by 8:00pm on your designated fishing day.
8. **Purchasing or penning live bait is prohibited. Live bait may be used IF caught during fishing hours on declared fishing days.**
9. A maximum of 6 lines are allowed. No electric reels. Wire lines are allowed. A digital photograph with the tournament issued boat number is required on the water after the fish has been landed.
10. You may un-declare a fishing day for whatever reason by 8:00am via the **NEFMA App.** if a line has not been deployed. You may substitute a boat once if the substitute boat is not registered in the tournament.
11. Use of flying drones in the tournament is prohibited.
12. Only one cash prize per boat excluding – Tournament-Within-A-Tournament (TWT). Lady and Jr Angler Prizes can be awarded to cash winning boats.
13. All decisions by tournament committee are final.
14. Entry Fees \$500.00 prior to the Captain's meetings and \$600.00 at the meeting.
15. The Captains Meeting will be held on **Friday, December 13, 2024 - 6pm**
16. The Captain and Crew of all entrants are subject to a polygraph at any time during the tournament. Winning Captains may be required to submit and pass a polygraph test prior to being presented any prize. Failure to submit to a polygraph test automatically revokes all claims and prizes and disqualifies the Captain and crew from the tournament.
17. All declared boats must check in by the **NEFMA App** once they are back with inshore. They must indicate if they have fish to weigh.
18. This is a Captain's Choice Tournament. Each Captain is solely responsible for the safety of his/her vessel and crew at all times. Captains and crews are responsible for following any federal, state and local fishing or boating laws. We encourage all Captains to heed any weather warnings of dangerous weather conditions, as safety is paramount. It is up to each participant to determine whether their craft is seaworthy for the conditions of any given fishing day.
19. Awards Banquet will be held NEFMA Clubhouse at 3030 Harbor Drive, St Augustine, FL 32084 on Saturday, February 8, 2025.
20. You can call or text Tournament Director, STEVE STOMBOCK (904) 545-9048 if you have questions.