KELI WAGNER
LADY ANGLER TOURNAMENT

Registration Form

Complete form in detail and don't forget to sign!

AFTER JUNE 1, IN-PERSON or ONLINE REGISTRATION IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

PARAGON
custom homes
MAJOR SPONSOR

BOAT INFORMATION

Boat Name _____

HAS THIS BOAT FISHED IN THIS TOURNAMENT BEFORE? Yes ☐ No ☐

Boat Make/ Length _____

Boat Engine Type _____

Locally Docked At _____

Mobile Boat Phone _____

OWNER

NAME_____
Address_____
City/ST/ZIP_____
*email*_____

CAPTAIN

NAME_____
Address_____
City/ST/ZIP_____
*email*_____
*phone*_____

HMS PERMIT NUMBER

_____
www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permits-and-forms#

I, as entrant, do hereby RELEASE and HOLD HARMLESS Crystal Coast Tournament, Inc., its officers, directors and sponsors, whether individual or corporate, from any claim for damages to my person or property incurred by my participation in the Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament. This release applies to members of my crew and all parties fishing from my boat.

By signing the entry form and paying my entry fee, I acknowledge that I have read this release and am bound by same. This release shall also be binding on my heir, executors, administrator or assigns.

I further do hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the Rules of the Tournament and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions contained therein.

X _____
SIGNATURE

WINNER'S INFORMATION

PAY PRIZE MONEY *to* **(WINNER) NAME:** _____

WINNER'S SSN OR FEDERAL TAX ID# _____

Address_____

City/State/ZIP_____ **Phone**_____

LADY ANGLERS

1 NAME_____
Address_____
City/ST/ZIP_____
*email*_____

2 NAME_____
Address_____
City/ST/ZIP_____
*email*_____

3 NAME_____
Address_____
City/ST/ZIP_____
*email*_____

4 NAME_____
Address_____
City/ST/ZIP_____
*email*_____

5 NAME_____
Address_____
City/ST/ZIP_____
*email*_____

6 NAME_____
Address_____
City/ST/ZIP_____
*email*_____

PROJECTED PRIZE MONEY

TOTAL ENTRIES
$328,100
AMOUNT TO CHARITY
$25,000

- Based on 2025 entries -
- 15% of fees retained by tournament -

Proceeds are donated to the Carteret Health Care Cancer Center specifically for patient comfort and care.

Level I—*Mandatory*.... $1,000 ☑

PRIZE SCHEDULE

1st Place Release..... $41,438
2nd Place Release $24,863
3rd Place Release..... $16,575

1st Place Gamefish..... $16,575
2nd Place Gamefish..... $11,050

Level II—*WTA Dolphin* .. $500 ☐

—MUST ENTER LEVEL I—

1st Place Dolphin $92,225
Level I Prize - Largest Dolphin .. + 16,575
POTENTIAL TOTAL WINNINGS $108,800

Parker OFFSHORE POWERED BY YAMAHA

Level III—*WTA Release* .. $500 ☐

—MUST ENTER LEVEL I—

1st Place Release..... $70,125
Level I Prize Money - Release .. + 41,438
POTENTIAL TOTAL WINNINGS ... $111,563

TOTAL ENTRY FEES

$ _____

Checks should be made out to **KWLA TOURNAMENT**.

Send payment and this form to:
710 EVANS STREET
MOREHEAD CITY, NC 28557

—FOR OFFICE USE ONLY—

CK#	DATE	REC. BY

official rules

June 6
8am–2pm

SCALES CLOSE AT 6PM

Rules Committee
DALE BRITT
RICHARD CROWE
DEW FORBES
RANDY GREGORY
RANDY RAMSEY
EMERY IVEY
CASEY WAGNER

Weighmaster
RANDY GREGORY

Tournament President
CASEY WAGNER

FOR QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATION, CONTACT:

KWLA Tournament Director
CARLEE SHARPE
919.801.8346

Big Rock Executive Director
MADISON STRUYK
252.725.1568

PLEASE NOTE THAT RULES AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT.

2026 CHANGES ARE PRINTED IN PINK

1. **REGISTRATION** All boats must be registered with the Tournament Committee and entry fee paid to qualify for prizes and trophies. Any boat may be substituted but must be registered with the Tournament Committee prior to fishing. The tournament reserves the right in its sole discretion to deny entry to anyone for any reason. No entries or upgrades after 8:00 a.m.
2. **RULES MEETING** At least one person from each boat should attend the Captain's Meeting for the tournament, which is usually held on the Friday evening prior to the day of fishing on Saturday. Regardless, all participants in the tournament are responsible for knowing all tournament rules, including any changes to the rules that may take place at the Captain's Meeting.
3. **FISHING TIME** No lines or teasers are permitted in the water before official fishing hours. The use of omnidirectional sonar technology will not be permitted before official fishing hours. Official fishing hours are 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This is a one-day billfish release/gamefish tournament scheduled for Saturday, June 6th, 2026. Official time will be GPS time. Fish hooked prior to or after fishing hours are not eligible.
4. **ROD & REEL RULES** This is a rod-and-reel, hook-and-line tournament. Double line and leader combined may not exceed 40 feet; neither may exceed 30 feet. The fish must be fought by rod and reel from the boat. A second rod and reel may be attached to the primary rod and reel. It is not allowed to throw a rod overboard with a floatation device. The following practices are illegal in this tournament: Ⓐ use of handline or rope attached to the line or leader; Ⓑ shooting, harpooning or lancing; and Ⓒ the transfer of any participant from one boat to another. After hookup, only a female may fight the fish. Mate is allowed to adjust drag after the rod is passed to a female. Drones are not allowed in this tournament.
5. **REPORTING** All billfish must be reported to tournament headquarters when hooked, lost or released. Radio frequency shall be VHF Channel 71. The alternate is Channel 78a.
6. **BOUNDARIES** All boats fishing in tournament must fish between LORAN coordinates North 40275 and South 39200. All fish must also be hooked within those coordinates.
7. **FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATIONS** All vessels and participants shall comply with North Carolina and Federal Fisheries laws and regulations regarding fishing licenses, vessel permits, fishing gear, season size limits and bag limits. Participants shall also adhere to all Keli Wagner Lady Angler Tournament rules as contained herein.
8. **QUALIFYING BILLFISH** All participants, fish and boats must adhere to all state and federal fishing regulations to qualify for prizes in this tournament. This is an all-release tournament—no billfish shall be boated. A fish is boated when any portion of the fish or gaff breaks the plane of the boat. In the event a billfish is boated, the boat will automatically be disqualified from the tournament.
9. **RELEASE POINTS** A cash prize will be awarded to the boat that scores the most points. No release points will be awarded if the gaff breaks the outside vertical plane of the boat. In the event of a tie in total release points, the tiebreaker shall be the largest single gamefish (yellowfin tuna, dolphin, wahoo) by weight. If no gamefish are caught, the winner will be determined by the first boat to achieve the winning total. In order to qualify as a release, by federal law, the billfish must remain in the water.

125 RELEASE POINTS WILL BE AWARDED FOR:

- ✔ All billfish including blue marlin, white marlin, sailfish, hatchet marlin and spearfish.
- ✔ When mate touches the leader or leader touches the rod tip before the fish is released.
- ✔ When team turns in a release form provided by the Tournament Committee attested to by signature of the captain and mate or angler on board the boat at the time of the release. This form may be submitted to Tournament HQ or the Offical Weigh Station in Morehead City or to the tournament representative at Hatteras Harbor Marina or submitted electronically via the Big Rock app. Release forms must be turned in no later than 10:00 pm on the day the fish was released to qualify.

400 RELEASE POINTS WILL BE AWARDED FOR:

- ✔ Blue marlin, if the team provides indisputable video or photo evidence to the Rules Committee. To qualify for the 400 points, teams must turn in a Release Form in person along with supporting video footage no later than 10:00 pm on the day the fish is released. The release video must contain the following elements:

  a) The mate touching the leader or the leader touching the rod tip.

  b) Clear and indisputable evidence that the fish is a blue marlin.

  c) Date and time stamp of the release. It is the responsibility of the boat to ensure that their camera's clock/date is set accurately to reflect the time and date of the releases. The date and time stamp must be 100% accurate.

There are **two options** to provide the video evidence:

1) Teams may turn in a release form in person along with the SD card, Micro SD Card or Compact Flash Card from their camera. Forms and Media Cards can be turned in at Tournament HQ or the Offical Weigh Station in Morehead City or to the tournament representative at Hatteras Harbor Marina.

2) Teams may complete the release form and submit the supporting video evidence from their phone via the Big Rock App. Teams are responsible for ensuring the date and time of the release are clearly verified within the video using an approved method outlined in the Captain's Handbook.

All videos will become property of the Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament. If the rules committee is unable to see indisputable evidence that the fish is a blue marlin, the release will be scored at 125 points. The tournament reserves the right to request additional video from other cameras or phones. Teams must retain the original, unedited video files until the end of the tournament.

10. **DISQUALIFICATION** A boat will be disqualified from the tournament if the boat, captain or crew violate any rules of the tournament.
11. **GAMEFISH** Winning gamefish will be determined by weight. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by the first fish weighed in. Fish must be in fresh, edible condition and fit for human consumption. All gamefish must be weighed in the day they are caught. Only two gamefish per species per boat may be weighed in. Weighmaster has the right to refuse any fish. Winner-Take-All Dolphin prize money will roll over if no qualifying fish is weighed. Gamefish are defined as yellowfin tuna, dolphin and wahoo. If no qualifying gamefish are caught in Level 1,

the tournament will retain the money.

12 **WEIGH-IN** All gamefish eligible for prizes must be off-loaded and weighed at the Official Tournament Weighstation from the boat landing the fish. The fish must be entered on the official entry form by the tournament weigh master. The same scales and weigh station will be used for all fish, including those entered in the NC Billfish Series. Gamefish scales will close at 6:00 p.m. The weigh station is located on the Morehead City waterfront. The weighmaster has the right to refuse any fish at his sole discretion.

13 **MANDATORY HOOK REQUIREMENTS** Non-offset circle hooks are mandatory when deploying natural bait or natural bait /artificial lures. "J" hooks are allowed on artificial lures only.

14 **PRIZE PAYOUT SCHEDULE** Prize money checks will be made payable to the person or entity indicated on the registration form of the winning boat. Social Security Number or Taxpayer I.D. number of the recipient must be provided on the entry form. All undisputed funds will be distributed 10 days after the tournament

15 **PROTEST** Any protest by any participant against the catch of another participant must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Rules Committee. No protests are allowed against the tournament. Any protest must be received by 9:00 a.m. on the day following the catch. Any member of the rules committee, or the weigh-master (at their sole discretion), retains the right to hold and keep any fish deemed questionable with respect to being qualified for any prize or cash award. If retention of the fish is refused, the fish is automatically disqualified.

16 **DISPUTE RESOLUTION** A protest by one participant against the catch of another must be submitted in accordance with Rule 15. All other disputes, controversies, or claims of any kind arising out of or relating to the tournament (hereinafter, "dispute" or "disputes"), including, but not limited to, all disputes concerning decisions by tournament officials, boards, or committees, must be submitted in writing to the rules committee no later than 6:00 p.m. on the last fishing day of the tournament. Failure to submit any such disputes in writing by that date and time shall constitute a waiver and release of any and all such disputes. In the event of any dispute arising out of or relating to the tournament in any way, the interested parties shall use their best efforts to settle such dispute by mutual agreement. To this effect, responsible, authorized representatives of the interest parties shall meet, consult, and negotiate with each other in good faith (with or without a third-party mediator, as they may choose) and attempt to reach a mutually satisfactory solution. In the event they do not reach such a solution within a period of five days after the first notice by any party to any other of the existence of the dispute, then without waiving any other provisions in these rules concerning the absolute discretion and finality of decisions made by the Tournament Officials, Boards, or Committees, the sole and exclusive means for resolution of any dispute shall be the procedures set forth below:

(A) The dispute shall be submitted to arbitration under the North Carolina Revised Uniform Arbitration Act, Chapter 1, Article 45C of the North Carolina General Statutes.

(B) Upon the submission of the dispute to arbitration, the party or parties initiating the dispute shall be required to post a cash or surety bond in an amount equal to 20% of the total monetary amount in dispute. All participants agree that(I) Failure to post the required bond within 30 days of notice of the dispute to the Rules Committee shall result in dismissal of the dispute with prejudice; (II) The Tournament shall be permitted to hold all disputed prize money in consideration for the bond being posted; (III) The amount of the bond as provided herein is fair and reasonable security for such disputed prize money being held; (IV) During the pendency of the arbitration, the bond shall be held in the manner agreed upon by the parties or as directed by the arbitrator; and (V) Upon the conclusion of the arbitration, the bond shall be returned to or paid over to the prevailing party or parties in the arbitration in the sole and exclusive discretion of the arbitrator.
All negotiations, mediations, and arbitration hearings shall take place in Morehead City, North Carolina, or such other places the interested parties may agree upon in writing.

(C) The arbitration shall be conducted by a single arbitrator who is a retired North Carolina state or federal judge or an attorney whose practice experience includes commercial litigation. The arbitrator must be a resident of the state of North Carolina. In the event the interested parties cannot agree upon an arbitrator, the decision shall be made by a resident Superior Court judge of Carteret County, North Carolina.

(D) Prior to any arbitration hearing, limited discovery shall be permitted for the purpose of obtaining production of documents and taking depositions. All discovery shall be governed by the North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. All issues regarding discovery requests shall be decided by the arbitrator. All discovery shall be completed within 90 days after the selection of the arbitrator; provided, however, that the arbitrator shall have the authority to extend or reduce the time for discovery in a manner consistent with a general desire for expedited resolution of the dispute.

(E) The reasonable attorney fees and expenses of the prevailing party or parties in the arbitration shall be taxed against or among any parties adverse to the prevailing party, up to the amount of $25,000. The arbitrator shall make all determinations of prevailing parties and adverse parties.

(F) Any arbitral award may be enforced by an action in the superior court of Carteret County.

The terms and conditions of this agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and enforced under the laws and judicial decisions of the state of North Carolina, notwithstanding any principles of conflicts of law. In the event any part of this agreement shall be declared illegal, invalid, or void, such declaration shall not affect the validity of any of the other terms or provisions of this document.

17 **WEIGHT ALTERATION** Attempted weight alteration of any gamefish will automatically disqualify the boat from the tournament. The rules committee reserves the right to cut open any fish for inspection of suspected weight-altering efforts such as inserted weights, ice, water, etc.

18 **MUTILATION** IGFA rules apply regarding mutilated fish. Mutilation to the fish, prior to landing or boating the catch, caused by sharks, other fish, mammals, or propellers that remove or penetrate the flesh. Injuries caused by leader or line, scratches, old healed scars or regeneration deformities are not considered to be disqualifying injuries.

19 **POLYGRAPH** Polygraph tests may be administered to captain, mates, and others as deemed necessary by tournament officials. Participants must make themselves available for polygraph testing in Carteret County within 24 hours following notice from tournament officials. Individuals that are required to take the polygraph test must not consume alcohol or any controlled substance within eight hours prior to the test. A participant's refusal to take a polygraph test or failure to answer test questions in a manner satisfactory to tournament officials, in their sole discretion, may result in disqualification. By entering the tournament, participants consent to the admissibility of polygraph results in any dispute or proceeding arising out of the tournament.

20 **WITHDRAWAL FROM TOURNAMENT** No fees will be refunded.

21 **REFUNDS** In the event that no qualifying fish are caught, the prize money will be retained by the tournament.

22 **VIOLATION OF RULES** Any boat violating any of these tournament rules or any boat containing a participant violating any of these tournament rules is subject to disqualification from the tournament (unless another sanction for a particular violation is expressly set forth herein). By participating in the tournament, all participants acknowledge that all tournament rules are material and that disqualification is a permitted and appropriated sanction for any violation of any tournament rules. Decisions regarding the interpretation of rules, violation of rules, penalties, and the suspension of any rules or penalties will be made by rules committee and /or board of directors in their sole discretion. All decisions by rules committee and / or board of directors are final and are not subject to further challenge by participants.