

2019 OCEAN ISLE INSHORE CHALLENGE RULES

1. The tournament's entry fee places your boat in both categories—flounder and red drum.
2. The primary payouts go to the boats with the single heaviest flounder and the single heaviest red drum.
3. The tournament's entry fee allows you to have as many anglers on your boat as you'd like (within safety limitations).
4. The one fishing day is Saturday, June 1. The tournament will reserve the right to hold Sunday, June 2, as an optional foul weather day, or the tournament may make the decision to hold the event on a separate weekend.
5. There are no checkouts and no boundaries.
6. Fish must be caught during tournament hours. No lines in the water until after 6:00 a.m.
7. All boats must be at the plane of the last green buoy leading to the Wildlife ramp (at the mouth of the Ocean Isle commercial canal) by 4:00 p.m.
8. Scales will open at 1:00 p.m. at Ocean Isle Fishing Center. No weigh-ins allowed before 1:00 p.m.
9. Each boat may present only one flounder and only one red drum to the weigh master, at which time their fishing day has ended.
10. All fish weighed in will become the property of the Ocean Isle Inshore Challenge.
11. Any angler, if directed by the tournament committee, must submit to a polygraph test within 72 hours after the last fish has been weighed. This decision is at the sole discretion of the tournament committee. Should the test be failed or if the angler fails to participate in the polygraph test within the 72 hours, the tournament committee reserves the right to forfeit all winnings awarded to the winner in question.
12. All protests made to the tournament committee shall be accompanied by a \$250 cash deposit. All protests shall be made no later than one hour after the last fish has been weighed. The \$250 cash deposit will be returned if the tournament committee upholds the protest. The \$250 cash deposit will become the property of the Ocean Isle Inshore Challenge if the protest is not upheld. All decisions of the tournament committee shall be final.
13. The three TWTs (tournament within a tournament)—Single Big Flounder TWT, Single Big Red Drum TWT, and Aggregate (one flounder/one red drum) TWT—all have a payout ratio of 1st—50%, 2nd—30%, and 3rd—20%. Participants in the tournament are not required to enter the TWTs. They are offered as another way for you to win money.
14. Prizes are awarded solely on the basis of fish weight. In the event of identical weights, the first fish weighed shall be declared the winner.
15. All fish must be caught on hook and line and from the registered boat.
16. All fish must be weighed in from the boat in which they were caught. All fish must remain aboard the boat on which they were caught until a crewmember takes the fish to the scales. No overland transport to the weigh station will be allowed, and a crewmember must accompany the fish to the scales.
17. By signing the entry form, the captain and crew, etc. consent that the Ocean Isle Inshore Challenge may use without payment or restrictions any photographs in which he or she appears for any purpose whatsoever, including but not limited to resale, advertising, commercial, or promotional material.
18. Two or more boats seen congregating may be disqualified from the tournament.
19. This tournament does not have any boundaries; however, a boat may not fish within 25 yards of the CP&L intake wall and a boat may not fish within 50 yards of Ocean Isle Fishing Center's weigh-in docks.
20. All fish must adhere to North Carolina state size regulations.
21. All fish will be received, inspected, measured, and weighed by the terms of the weigh master.
22. Red drum will be measured nose to nose plate, belly facing the weigh master, and with a uniform pinch of the tail.
23. No cut or mutilated fish will be accepted, and all fish must be in edible condition.
24. A boat may only weigh in one flounder and one red drum. A boat is eligible to win once in the Flounder category and once in the Red Drum category, but a boat may not win more than once in the same category.
25. The Junior Angler must be 14-years-old or younger. This prize is based on the heaviest single fish—either red drum or flounder.
26. The Lady Angler must be female and 15-years-old or older. This prize is based on the heaviest single fish—either red drum or flounder.
27. The Senior Angler must be male and 60-years-old or older. This prize is based on the heaviest single fish—either red drum or flounder.
28. To qualify for payouts in the Aggregate Secondary Prize and the Aggregate TWT, a boat must weigh in both a flounder and a red drum.
29. The SeaTow prizes go to the boat with a current SeaTow membership that weighs in the heaviest flounder and to the boat with a current SeaTow membership that weighs in the heaviest red drum.
30. The tournament committee has the right to refuse entry from any applicant. If an entry is refused, then 100% of the applicant's entry fee will be returned.
31. All captains and crewmembers are responsible for reading and following all rules and regulations set forth by the Ocean Isle Inshore Challenge.

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