



## 2019 SOUTH CAROLINA WAHOO SERIES Rules

1. Fish days will run through Friday, February 8th through Saturday April 27, 2019.
2. Teams can pick 3 days. Teams can weigh one Wahoo each day. No mutilated Wahoo will be weighed.
3. The South Carolina Wahoo Series champion will be determined by the boat with the heaviest two fish aggregate weight. A single fish can win if it has the most weight overall.
4. A captain may only register one boat, however crews can fish on other boats during the series.
5. The Captain must declare his boat fishing day by no later than 7:00PM the day before. Notification of a fish day must be done by emailing [marc@scwahooseries.com](mailto:marc@scwahooseries.com). **Required Information: Give your boat name & number, marina or boat landing, and Sound/Inlet you are leaving and returning.**
6. You may un-declare a fish day, as long as no lines were deployed, by calling Marc (843) 298-0377 with a cell phone only, NOT A SAT PHONE, no later than 7am the morning of the fish day.
7. On a declared fish day teams can not leave the dock or ramp prior to 12 midnight. Boats can deploy lines in the water at 5:30am no earlier. Boats must be checked in by 8:30pm with a cell phone only, NOT A SAT PHONE, by calling 843-298-0377. **Check-in is mandatory if even you are not weighing a fish, simply text me your back safe.**
8. During the Series all fish must be weighed in at Hilton Head Harbour Marina, Hilton Head Island, SC, Tolers Cove Marina, Mt. Pleasant, SC or Georgetown Landing Marina, Georgetown, SC no later than 12:00pm the day after you fish. Any team that wants to weigh in on the same day, must be in front of the fuel dock at Tolers Cove Marina, Hilton Head Harbor Marina or Georgetown Landing Marina no later than 5pm! Teams fishing the Last Day, Saturday April 27th have to weigh in the same day, and must be at the official scale location by 5pm.
9. Any tie will be broken by the boat with the heaviest fish.
10. Boundaries: The 2019 SC Wahoo Series boundaries are as follows: 33:00:00 is the North boundary line, 78:00:00 is the East Boundary line, and 31:00:00 is the South Boundary line: No Teams are allowed to travel outside of the boundary lines with the following exception, teams leaving from Georgetown, Murrels Inlet, and Little River Inlet are north of the 33:00:00, so they have to travel through to get in bounds, but they must stay west of the 78:00:00 line. **No Teams are allowed to deploy fishing lines or teaser of any kind, outside of the boundary lines.** Also, during teams declared fish days, the inlet boundaries are St Simons Island, GA. to Little River Inlet, SC.
11. Fish must be caught by rod and reel. No spear guns or harpoons allowed. No electric reels are permitted for trolling any hooked bait or lure. Electric reels can be used for hookless teasers.
12. **A digital picture must be taken of the fish with the official boat number immediately after being caught, before you ice it down. The photo must include members of the fishing team. Photos of fish lying on the deck or in the fish box are not acceptable. The picture must be forward to Marc Pincus immediately upon checking-in.**
13. A picture of the teams GPS screen must be taken prior to leaving the inlet, and submitted upon check- in. Your GPS screen must include the following information: time, date, ships position coordinates.

14. You may substitute a boat one time if the substitute boat is not registered in the tournament. If the substitution is due to mechanical, boat sale, or unforeseen circumstance, and the boat will not be ready for the remainder of the series, you must complete the series in the substitute boat, you can not switch boats again. Chartering a boat is not allowed.
15. Boats are not allowed to come together for any reason during tournament fishing hours.
16. All registered boats and participants must comply with SC State and Federal regulations including but not limited to fishing license, permits, boat registrations, safety equipment and adequate liability insurance is required.
17. No culling of dead fish allowed in the SC Wahoo Series.
18. Teams are subject to random boat inspections, prior to departure, or upon return from a series fish day.
19. Teams are required to save their GPS track from their declared fish day, until 1pm, the day after their declared fish day.
20. It is not permitted to freeze or brine your fish frozen or alter or attempt to alter the weight prior to weigh-in.
21. A formal protest, or other circumstances may result in the need to administer Polygraph Test(s). All tournament participants are subject to Polygraph Test(s). The vessel Owner or Authorized crew member must sign the "Polygraph Acknowledgment Waiver" as a part of their 2019 SC Wahoo Series registration form. Polygraph Test result(s) are final.
22. Any protest filed must be submitted to the SC Wahoo Series in writing accompanied by a \$650 cash only non-refundable fee and delivered 30 minutes after the scale closes (12:30pm) for that fish day you are protesting. And, on the final fish day, April 27th any protests must be submitted by 5:30pm.
23. The Rules Committee has the sole right to interpret the rules, and address issues not covered in the rules. All decisions made by the committee are final.
24. The tournament Director has the right to refuse any entry.
25. This is a Captain's Choice tournament. Each Captain is solely responsible for the safety of his or her vessel and crew at all times. Captains are required to heed any weather warnings or dangerous weather conditions, as safety is paramount. It is up to each Captain to decide whether their craft is seaworthy for the conditions of any given fishing day.
26. Small Craft Advisory cancels fish day.
27. A violation of the rules will result in disqualification.

