



INFORMATION, RULES AND GUIDELINES: January 14, 2018 Wahoo Classic

- A) **WEIGHT CATEGORIES:** Each entering Wahoo will be classified for according to weight individually.
Fish Category: Minimum Weight:
Wahoo 20 lbs.
- B) **PRIZE RESTRICTIONS:** A boat may only win one (1) prize.
- C) **TEAM BRIEFING:** All teams must attend TEAM BRIEFING at Drop Off Bar & Grill on Thursday, **January 11, 2018, Time is 5:00 p.m.**
- D) **ENTRY FEE:** Registration is \$50 ending at the end of Team Briefing on January 11, 2018. Late registration thereafter, is \$75. Maximum number of people on a team's boat is 3 (three). Additional member thereafter is \$10 each. Please make check payable to PSFA (Palau Sport Fishing Association).
- E) **RELEASE OF LIABILITY: To be eligible, the boat captain must sign the registration/liability form, provided by PSFA, to represent and be responsible for all members on the team boat in case of emergencies.**
- F) **TOURNAMENT DAY & FISHING HOURS:** Sunday, January 14, 2018 - 5:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- G) **FLAGS:** All boats must check-in at Drop-Off Bar & Grill for inspection and obtain a flag before departure that morning. At the end of the day, all boats are required to check-out and return flags. A \$5 deposit is required at the time of registration for lost or unreturned flags. Any unreturned flag (i.e. failure to check in) at the end of the day of the tournament before 6pm will be **disqualified** from the tournament and/or disqualified from participating in future PSFA tournaments. The \$5 deposit will be reimbursed upon the return of the flag by 6pm on Sunday, January 14, 2018.
- H) **BOAT SAFETY REGULATIONS:** All participants must observe all boat safety regulations.
- I) **PROHIBITED GEARS for all Participants:**
- Electric Reels,
 - Wire Lines,
 - Leaders exceeding 40 ft
 - Gaffs exceeding 8 feet of flying gaffs which rope exceeds 30 feet and
 - Firearms
- J) **PROHIBITED FISH HANDLING:** Shooting, Harpooning, or lancing fish being played during any stage is prohibited.
- K) **CONSERVATION PRACTICES:** Participants are encouraged to release small fish (if they are not heavily injured) as a conservation measure.
- L) **OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL, STATE AND TRADITIONAL LAWS** All participants must observe all national and state conservation laws, and must stay away from “no fishing zones” which include the following closed areas:
- Ngemelis –Half mile from reef in observance of the traditional bul
 - Ngerukeuid Islands Wildlife Preserve
 - Ngerumekaol
 - Ebiil Channel Conservation Area, and other channels between Ngerchelung and Kayangel states
 - One mile radius around Ngaruangel Atoll reef edge.
- M) **FISH QUALITY/PROHIBITIONS:** All fish must be properly handled, iced and be of good quality.
- N) **CATCH INSPECTION** Stomach contents of all fish entered for a prize may be checked and removed by tournament officials. Fish mutilated by sharks, other fish, or propellers that remove or penetrate the flesh will be disqualified. Injuries or scratches caused by leaders or lines, healed scars, or regenerated deformities are exempted. Any mutilation of fish must be explained to the satisfaction of the tournament officials.
- O) **OFFICIAL WEIGHT:** To be official, fish weight must be certified by the authorized PSFA Tournament Weight Master. Any and all fish weighed in the scale becomes the property of PSFA. Certified fish become the property of the PSFA.
- P) **MATCHING OPPOSED WEIGHT:** In the event that two opposing fish weigh the same, the first fish weighed and recorded will be declared the winner. The second fish weighed and recorded will take next place automatically.
- Q) **FINAL DECISIONS: All decisions of the tournament director will be final. The Tournament Director for the Wahoo Classic is Siegfried Nakamura.**
- R) **AWARDING OF PRIZES:** Awards Ceremony to be held 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 15, 2018 at Drop Off Bar & Grill. Recipients are encouraged to bring families, friends, and ready their cameras to record the event. **All prize monies will be provided in check form to the captain of the boat.**
- S) **SPONSORSHIP:** The five featured sponsors are Palau Pacific Resort, IP&E, Neco Yamaha, and Budweiser. Their generous donations and contributions make this sport fishing tournament possible.