

FUNDRAISING

Fishing for the Mission 22, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, employs a therapeutic approach to support veterans in their recovery through fishing. Our programs offer veterans meaningful fishing adventures while introducing them to our licensed behavioral services and marine vocational training opportunities. We are also committed to raising awareness and implementing preventive strategies to address the tragic loss of over 22 veterans to suicide every day in the United States. Since the onset of the Global War on Terror in 2001, there have been over 7,000 combat-related deaths and, shockingly, over 120,000 veteran suicides. This public health crisis is unacceptable. With only one percent of our nation serving in the armed forces, it is vital for the remaining 99 percent to support veterans in crisis. Every dollar raised goes directly towards our mission of assisting veterans in need.

TOURNAMENT DATES

The tournament will commence on June 14, 2025, at 6:00 a.m. and conclude on Sunday, June 15, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. An up-to-date leaderboard will be actively maintained throughout the event.

ENTRY FEE

The entry fee is \$350.00 per boat (up to four anglers). Please ensure that all participating anglers' names are included when registering on our website. There will be spaces provided for up to four full names at checkout.

Tournament t-shirts are available for purchase on the event page for \$25.00. To receive a t-shirt, purchases must be made by May 22, 2025.

The entry fee is non-transferable and non-refundable. The primary eligible species is Cobia, with a minimum legal size of 36 inches for weighing. In the event of a tie, the first registered fish will be declared the winner. Each angler is allowed to weigh their heaviest fish of the day; only one fish may be weighed per day. The overall heaviest Cobias of the weekend will determine the winners. Please ensure you have your fishing licenses on hand and adhere to all regulations set forth by the South Carolina Marine Fisheries Division.

PRIZE CATEGORIES / PAYOUT SCHEDULE

* Prizes for the heaviest overall Cobias will be awarded as follows:

- \$5,000.00
- \$1,000.00
- \$250.00

The total prize pool for the two-day event is \$6,250.00. Prize payouts are contingent upon a minimum of 40 boat entries, which we fully expect to meet. If our fundraising target is not met, prizes may be adjusted accordingly to maintain fairness for the nonprofit organization and participants. Conversely, prizes may increase if we exceed our attendance goals and receive additional sponsorship donations. All prizes will be presented at the awards party on Sunday, June 15, 2025. If winners are not present to collect their prizes, checks may be collected at the Murrells Inlet Outpost or mailed directly to you at our earliest convenience. If mailed, a \$50.00 convenience fee will apply. In the event of a tie, the earliest registered fish will be deemed the winner. All participants are responsible for any taxes and fees incurred from winning prizes.

Spanish Mackerel & King Mackerel Calcutta Rules (OPTIONAL)

Entry Fee: \$100 per species

Anglers are invited to participate in the Spanish Mackerel and King Mackerel Calcutta, with an optional entry fee of \$100 for each species. All entry fees will create a cash prize pool for each species, with 100% of the funds awarded to anglers who catch the heaviest fish in each category. Registration and cash-only payment for the Calcutta will be conducted & collected during the Captain's Meeting on Friday, June 13, 2025, at Murrells Inlet Marina. Further details about the Captain's Meeting are provided below. The cash prizes for each category will go to the anglers who weigh in the heaviest fish. We encourage all anglers to participate in this exciting Calcutta to enhance their tournament experience!

Additional tournament t-shirts can be purchased on the event page for \$25.00. Must purchase by May 28, 2025, to receive a t-shirt (open to the public).

REGISTRATION

Participants must register at www.fishingforthemission22.org under our events page. For those with limited internet access, checks can be mailed to the address below with the full name, shirt size, and phone number included. Online sign-up is highly encouraged.

Fishing for the Mission 22
47 Main Street
Buzzards Bay, MA 02532
Phone: 774-810-2223

CAPTAINS MEETING

A mandatory meeting for all anglers in the Cobia Tournament will begin at 6:00 p.m. at our tournament headquarters, Murrells Inlet Outpost, located at 3525 Hwy 17 Business, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576. We will review all rules, regulations, and essential tournament details, as well as distribute important materials and tournament placards. This is an opportunity for anglers to ask any questions. It is highly encouraged for all anglers to attend this meeting; however, each boat may send one representative to collect tournament materials and obtain all pertinent information on behalf of their boat team.

Cobia and Calcutta Tournament Rules: Bait, Lines in Water, and Documentation

- **Live Bait Regulations:** The collection of live bait is not permitted before 6:00 a.m. on both tournament days.
- **Lines in the Water:** Anglers may not have lines in the water targeting species until 7:00 a.m.
- **Tournament Placard:** Each angler will receive an assigned tournament placard during the Captain's Meeting. It is mandatory to photograph your catch with your assigned placard as proof of the fish caught during tournament hours. Fish will not be eligible for weigh-in if the placard is not clearly visible in the photograph. A thorough overview of the placard rules will be provided during the Captain's Meeting, and we will address any questions to ensure all participants fully understand the regulations. Please keep your placard with you at all times throughout the tournament.

WEIGH-IN INFORMATION

Saturday, June 14, 2025: Weigh-ins will take place at the Murrells Inlet Outpost from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All fish must be weighed during these hours, so please plan accordingly.

Sunday, June 15, 2025: Weigh-in hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All anglers must be in line with their fish by 5:00 p.m. to qualify for weigh-in. Any angler in line after this time will not be permitted to weigh their fish. An awards ceremony will follow the weigh-ins, taking place from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with prizes awarded and winners announced at 6:30 p.m. Food and drink will be available for purchase, along with live entertainment. Family members are welcome to join us in celebrating and participating in our mission to raise awareness about our programs and veteran suicide prevention. A leaderboard will be updated periodically throughout the tournament. We will review all weigh-in procedures and related information during the Captain's Meeting, where we will also address any questions or concerns.

****Note:**** Please ensure that you carefully review and understand the tournament rules. During the Captain's Meeting, our team will thoroughly explain the tournament's rules and regulations, as well as address any concerns, provide updates, and discuss any changes to the tournament structure. The Captain's Meeting is designed to resolve any inquiries and concerns before the tournament begins. If you have any detailed questions during the tournament, please direct them to the following email address: fftm22tournamentcommittee@gmail.com. Our committee will review them and provide a timely response via email or phone call if necessary. It's crucial to recognize that this is a charity tournament run by volunteers, so we kindly request that all volunteers be treated with the utmost respect. A polygraph may be administered to any participant suspected of cheating.

WEATHER

Participants enter the tournament at their own risk and discretion.

PROTESTS / COMPLIANCE

A registered angler may protest another angler's catch by submitting a written protest to the tournament committee. Such protests must be filed by 5:00 p.m. EST on Sunday, June 15, 2025. The Tournament Committee will address and resolve any protest, with their decision being final. Noncompliance with any tournament rule, regulation, or applicable South Carolina State Fishing guidelines may result in the disqualification of an angler or their catch. Disqualified anglers will not be entitled to any prizes, awards, or refunds.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All participants and guests assume full responsibility for their personal safety and property, expressly acknowledging the risks associated with tournament participation. As a condition of entry, participants agree to release and hold harmless the tournament's affiliates from any claims related to injuries, death, or property damage incurred during the event. By participating in the Cobia Tournament, entrants agree to this liability release and cannot retract it.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend rules and regulations to maintain the integrity of the tournament. The Committee also reserves the right to cancel the event due to safety concerns, including inclement weather, acts of God, or other uncontrollable factors. In the event of cancellation, prizes will be distributed via a lottery among all registered participants, with the number of prizes proportionate to signups and sponsorships. No refunds will be issued; participation is at one's own risk.

This charity fundraising tournament supports our therapeutic fishing and marine vocational programs, behavioral services, and resource center. It aims to raise awareness about the more than 22 veterans lost to suicide daily in the U.S. This family-oriented event will host veterans, active-duty members, and military supporters. We expect all attendees to demonstrate the utmost respect and courtesy. Unsportsmanlike conduct will lead to immediate disqualification and potential exclusion from future FFTM22 events.

It is your responsibility to read and understand the rules and regulations.

Have fun, and good luck!

Fishing for Mission 22 is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, EIN: 88-3576789.