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Stuart Sailfish Club to Host 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual KDW Fishing Tournament in Conjunction with St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fishing Frenzy & Festival Presented by GEICO Treasure Coast

**FEBRUARY 2019/STUART, FL.** - The Stuart Sailfish Club, the area's oldest fishing club, will host the KDW Fishing Tournament May 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> and has partnered with the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fishing Frenzy & Festival presented by GEICO Treasure Coast, making competitors eligible to win double the prizes.

Cash prizes for the KDW Tournament are up to \$10,000, (based on the number of registered boats). The Tournament includes 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Cash Prizes, Dealer Shoot-Out, KDW Slam Aggregate and Largest Blackfin Catch. \$16,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded at the Fishing Frenzy & Festival, with a \$10,000 Grand Prize for the heaviest Dolphin.

For the first time, participants of either tournament will be able to fish out of the Fort Pierce, Stuart, and Jupiter inlets.

"We're very excited to work in conjunction with the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce to make the process easier and faster by offering participants the choice of where they can check out," said Charlie Conigliaro, Stuart Sailfish Club President. "We had a great turn-out last year but expect an even bigger roster of boats this year with the increase in payout and being able to fish out of all three area inlets."

All captains are required to attend a Captain's Briefing based on which tournament they've entered. Those participating in the KDW Tournament are required to attend the Captain's Briefing & Check-In on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. at Sailfish Marina. Those participating in the Fishing Frenzy & Festival are required to attend the Festival Kick-Off/Captain's Briefing on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Causeway Cove Marina. However, those participating in both tournaments will only need to attend the Chamber's Captain's Briefing held at Causeway Cove Marina at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> will be a day of fishing for Kingfish, Dolphin and Wahoo for the KDW, and strictly Dolphin for the Fishing Frenzy.

The Festival portion of the Fishing Frenzy will be Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from noon to 6 p.m. The Festival will have food, music, trivia contests, prizes, and a kid zone is sure to entertain everyone. Festival admission is free and open to the public.

Competitors of the KDW Tournament can weigh in at the Fishing Frenzy & Festival or at KDW's tournament taking place at Marina, 3565 SE St Lucie Blvd, Stuart, 34997. Competitors of BOTH tournaments will only be able to weigh in at the Fishing Frenzy & Festival at Causeway Cove Marina, 601 Seaway Drive, Fort Pierce, 34949.

KDW Tournament registration prior to May 4<sup>th</sup> is \$275 for four anglers and includes a free raffle ticket for a chance to win a Suzuki 4hp motor. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, the registration fee increases to \$325. Additional anglers are \$75 each. Membership in the club is not required to participate.

Sponsorship and vendor table opportunities are available for both tournaments. For KDW Tournament registration, sponsorship or be a vendor, call 772-286-9373 / Fax 772-286-0415 or email Cheryl Bragg at [sailfish@stUARTsailfishclub.com](mailto:sailfish@stUARTsailfishclub.com). Visit them online at [www.StuartSailfishClub.com](http://www.StuartSailfishClub.com). Find them on Facebook: Facebook/Stuart Sailfish Club.

Vendor and food truck space is available for \$100 (\$75 for Chamber members) for both days of the Fishing Frenzy & Festival. Tournament boat entry fee is \$250.00 before May 1st and \$275.00 after May 1st. Contact Causeway Cove Marina at 772-242-3552 for information on trailer parking, dock space, and RV sites for the tournament and festival. To register for the Fishing Frenzy & Festival tournament or for vendor, food truck or sponsorship information, call the Chamber at 772-595-9999 or visit [www.StLucieChamber.org](http://www.StLucieChamber.org).

### **About the Stuart Sailfish Club**

The STUART SAILFISH CLUB is located in Stuart, Florida, the "Sailfish Capital of the World". They were formed over 78 years ago and incorporated in January of 1941. They are one of the oldest sport fishing clubs in the United States, formed for the purpose of promoting the conservation of game fish and encouraging visitors to fish in Martin County waters. The Stuart Sailfish club is chartered as a 501©3 organization. They currently have over 350 members with over 200 boats in the member fleet. Membership is open to the public and all boaters, as well as those who do not own boats or do not fish, are welcome to join. For more information, call 772-286-9373 or email them at [sailfish@stUARTsailfishclub.com](mailto:sailfish@stUARTsailfishclub.com) or visit them at 3867 SE Evans Terrace, Port Salerno, FL 34997. Visit them online at [www.StuartSailfishClub.com](http://www.StuartSailfishClub.com). # # #