

Treasure Coast Builders Association
RULES for the Inshore Division
One Day Catch and Release Fishing Tournament
Saturday, May 29, 2010

This tournament is intended for the enjoyment of everyone involved. It is expected that all participants will compete in this spirit. All decisions by the Tournament Committee will be final.

ENTRY FEE: \$150 per vessel by 5/24/10. After 5/24/10 \$175 per vessel for up to 4 anglers. If the captain of the vessel wants to weigh in fish he must be listed as a registered Angler. \$75 per additional angler. Entries will be accepted until 6:00 pm. Friday, May 28th at Pirates Cove Resort & Marina. This entry fee is for the Inshore Division of the tournament only. If captains/anglers would like to also participate in offshore division a separate entry must be purchased.

ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE: Rainy or inclement weather constitutes a fishing day. In case of unsafe weather, at the discretion of the tournament committee, fishing may be cancelled or postponed to Sunday May 30th or our Monday May 31, 2010 rain date. If cancelled, purse will be added to 2011 Tournament.

REGISTRATION AND CAPTAINS MEETING: MANDATORY FOR ALL CAPTAINS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES to attend. Captains' check-in will be on Friday, May 28th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Pirates Cove Resort & Marina to receive vessel identification numbers and complimentary gifts. The Captains Meeting will follow at 6:30 pm for official rules, review, questions and answers.

INELIGIBLE VESSELS: Vessels that are rigged or equipped for BULK HARVESTING of fish as a product are prohibited. All vessels must be in compliance with all state and federal laws as they apply to safety equipment, licenses, registration, etc. All vessels should be equipped with an operative VHF radio or arrange for a "buddy" boat.

ELIGIBLE VESSELS: All Anglers must fish from a vessel, no wading or fishing from the shore. No minimum or maximum size restrictions. Vessels that are engaged in the PROMOTING THE SPORT of fishing or the catching of fish in a sportsman like manner are eligible.

CHECK - OUT: All vessels must check out on Saturday with committee boat both by VHF radio and visually by displaying their designated tournament number. Check out time will be between 6:15 am and 10:00 am. If out of Ft. Pierce Inlet, check out is at Marker 16. Look for the T.C.B.A. banner. Failure to check out or check in will result in a disqualification for that day.

COMMITTEE BOAT: Shall be anchored inside the Stuart Inlet and Jetty. It shall be identified by a flag or banner and will monitor a VHF radio channel and mobile phone with phone number published at Captains Meeting.

CHECK - IN: Is by radio or mobile phone. Check in time is by 5:00 pm on Saturday. Failure to check in will necessitate calling the Coast Guard and you will be billed accordingly.

FISHING LICENSE: Proof of all fishing licenses is required.

CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITIES: Captains assume full responsibilities for their crew and boat. Fishing a partial day constitutes a tournament.

JUNIOR ANGLER: applies to anyone 14 years or younger.

T.C.B.A. RULES: (Applicable for regular tournament entries only). Wire line, live bait, downriggers and planers may be used. Electric reels, shooting, harpooning or dynamiting fish is prohibited.

ELIGIBLE FISH: **SNOOK, TROUT, REDFISH. Photographs of only one fish, per category, per angler may be turned in. Fish shall be released in good health.** All fish must adhere to all State & Federal regulations.

PROTECTED SPECIES: It is unlawful to harvest, possess, land, purchase, sell, or exchange the following species: Nassau Grouper, Goliath Grouper (Jewfish), Sawfish, Basking Shark, Whale Shark, Spotted Eagle Ray, Sturgeon, White Shark, Sand Tiger Shark, Bigeye Sand Tiger Shark, Manta Ray.

IN CASE OF TIE: First angler in line to upload photographs will be awarded the higher prize.

CATCH LIMITS: All local, State and Federal laws apply. Injured or mutilated fish are not eligible.

DIGITAL IMAGING PHOTO STATION: Is at Pirates Cove Resort & Marina ONLY. Each Vessel shall supply a digital camera and USB cable or memory card, CD/downloadable digital image for proof of the catch measured on official 2010 TCBA measuring device. It is the angler's responsibility to make sure the camera / image is compatible with a standard Windows based computer and the digital image can be enhanced by judges. All anglers must have their digital images in line ready for download into TCBA computer by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

*** MEASURING DEVICES:** Official 2010 TCBA measuring devices will be distributed at the captains meeting on May 28, 2010. Each fish shall be measured from the most forward part of the head with the mouth closed to the farthest tip of the tail with the tail compressed or squeezed together while the fish is lying on its side. Please have your boat number in the photo also. The photograph must clearly illustrate the entire un-mutilated fish and measuring device. Only the digital image may be turned in as proof of the catch. If multiple anglers from same boat are submitting photos please mark photos accordingly. All rulings made by the TCBA committee are final.

TOTAL OVERALL LENGTH: Digital image of only one fish, per category, per angler may be turned in. The fish will be measured to the nearest half inch (rounding up). The combination of *up to* the 3 measurements will be added to determine winners. In case of a tie, first entry to be uploaded in the computer is the winner.

PROTESTS: Any protest must be submitted to the Weigh master in writing prior to the closing of the weigh-in station on the day it occurs by a Captain registered in the

Tournament. Each protest must be accompanied by a one-hundred dollar (\$100) deposit. In the event the protest is upheld the \$100 deposit will be refunded. If the protest is not upheld, the \$100 deposit will be forfeited. The decision of the Rules Committee is final and binding regarding any protest.

POLYGRAPH: All entrants agree to submit to a polygraph at the request of the Tournament. The results of the polygraph will be considered by the Rules Committee, along with any relevant information, which in their sole discretion will determine whether the entrant will be disqualified. Failure to submit to such an examination will result in disqualification of the entrant at the sole discretion of the Rules Committee.

TOURNAMENT WITHIN A TOURNAMENT: Winnings under this Tournament are in addition to General Tournament winnings. All General Tournament rules apply. Only registered Captains and Anglers in the General Tournament may enter. Separate fee of \$50 per angler registers their name in the drawing for a cash prize of up to \$10,000. A minimum of 240 entries in the VIP tournament must be received for a full payout. Less than 240 entries in the VIP tournament and the prize money will be based on 80% of all monies collected. The winner will be announced at the Awards banquet on Sunday evening by withdrawing a single anglers name in a separate drawing. **Registered Angler must be present to win.**