

TAKE A WARRIOR FISHING – REDFISH & SNOOK CHALLENGE

TOURNAMENT RULES

Main entry fee Inshore Division - \$250

Main entry fee - \$100 for Kayak division

Main entry fee for Offshore Division - \$350

- Winner will be determined by the most accumulated points based on 2 species of fish. (Snook & Redfish)
- Each team can submit their 3 best slot fish for each species.
- Points will be awarded for up to 3 over slot fish for each species, and up to 5 under slot fish for points, see scoring sheet for point system.
- Must have a photo of fish, with tail pinched, and boat number, take continuous video of fish as far forward as possible, using the bump stick ruler given out at captains meeting, video entire fish and hold over end of tail for best determination of measurement.
- For **Offshore Division** Winner will be determined by the heaviest Red Grouper and Mangrove Snapper Aggregate
- Tournament Prize payouts will be 80% of entry fees collected.
- Kayak Division can be land based fishing or combination of Kayak & land based or any vessel that require paddle, peddle, or electric powered motor, no combustibile engines.
- **Boundaries from Crystal River to Naples.**

Payout structure based on 30 boat entries for **Inshore Division** – 1st place \$5,000 –

2nd place \$1,000

Payout structure based on 50 entries for **Kayak Division**– 1st place \$4,200 – 2nd place \$800

Payout structure based on 30 boat entries for **Offshore Division**– 1st place \$7,000 –

2nd place \$1,400

- You must pay main entry fee to fish optional categories.
- Optional categories payout to 1st place only
- **THIS IS A CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY TOURNAMENT FOR INSHORE SPECIES**

Optional Categories

- Outboard Division First Snook 36" or more tagged & posted to IG **\$100** (30 boat payout) **\$2,400**
- Outboard Division First Redfish 30" or more tagged & posted to IG **\$100** (30 boat payout) **\$2,400**
- Outboard Division First Slot Redfish or Snook posted & tagged to IG **\$100** (30 boat payout) **\$2,400**
- Outboard Division Longest Trout **\$100** (30 boat payout) **\$2,400**
- Outboard Division Longest Slot Redfish **\$150** (30 boat payout) **\$3,600**
- Outboard Division Longest Slot Snook **\$150** (30 boat payout) **\$3,600**
- Outboard Division Redfish with the most spots **\$100** (30 boat payout) **\$2,400**
- Outboard Division First angler to achieve all release points for either Snook or Redfish **\$100** (30 boat payout) **\$2,400**
(Should be 11 total releases – 3 slot- 3 over – 5 under slot)
- Outboard Division Win with a Warrior **\$150** (30 boat payout) **\$3,600**

- Kayak Division First Snook 36" or more tagged & posted to IG **\$50** (50 kayak payout) **\$2,000**
- Kayak Division Longest Trout **\$50** (50 kayak payout) **\$2,000**
- Outboard Division Redfish with the most spots **\$50** (50 kayak payout) **\$2,000**

- Offshore Division Win with a Warrior **\$250**(15 boat payout) **\$3,000**
 - Offshore Division Heaviest Yellowtail Snapper **\$100** (30 boat payout) **\$2,400**
 - Offshore Division Heaviest Mangrove Snapper **\$200** (30 boat payout) **\$4,800**
 - Offshore Division Heaviest Hogfish **\$150** (30 boat payout) **\$3,600**
 - Offshore Division Heaviest 2 Red Grouper Aggregate **\$250** (30 boat payout) **\$6,000**
 - Offshore Division Heaviest Hogfish **\$100** (30 boat payout) **\$2,400**
 - Offshore Division Heaviest Scamp Grouper **\$150** (30 boat payout) **\$3,600**
 - Offshore Division Heaviest 3 Snapper Aggregate **\$200** (30 boat payout) **\$4,800**
 - Offshore Division Wildcard **\$300** (30 boat payout) **\$7,200**
 - Offshore Division Heaviest Red Grouper **\$250** (30 boat payout) **\$6,000**
- ***If an additional category has only one entry, being the only entry in that category by the start of the tournament, that team will be refunded their additional entry fee.**
 - ***If an additional category has more than one entry and doesn't have a team that wins the category, that money will not be refunded and will be donated to charity to benefit the Veteran Community.**
 - ***If there are more than 30 entry fees the payouts will be higher, if there are less than 30 boat entries the payouts will be less, payouts are based upon total boat entries.**

#1 RULES ACCEPTANCE

- It is the sole responsibility of the captain, crew and anglers to read, understand and abide by the Tournament rules; including all special instructions and/or modifications announced during Captain's meeting.
- At least one designated representative from each team must attend the captains meeting.

- Warriors on the Water expects the highest level of integrity and sportsmanship from its participants.

#2 ENTRY DEADLINE

- 9:00 PM , Thursday, July 27th, 2023

#3 ENTRY FEES

- The entry fee shall be \$250 per boat competing in the Outboard Division - \$100 Entry for the Kayak Division

#4 CAPTAINS MEETING & TOURNAMENT START

- Onsite registration will be available at 6:00pm Thursday, May 9th, 2024.
- There will be mandatory captain's meeting Thursday, May 9th, 2024, 6:00pm at Hooters in Bradenton
- At least one member of each team MUST be present. All anglers are encouraged to attend the captain's meeting.
- LINES IN AT 7 am lines out – Check in Station opens at 3pm & closes at 6pm (must be checked in before 6pm for a fish to qualify)
- In the event of any hardship that will impact your days declared to fish contact the tournament director
- Official time will be kept by Weigh Master and will correspond with time displayed on Weigh-Master's Cell Phone.
- Fish caught daily from 7am-6pm will qualify to be submitted for the check-in, any fish outside this time frame will not qualify for check-in.

#5 BOAT NUMBERS

- Boat numbers will be assigned in order of registrations received and paid in full.
- There will be no deviation from the numbering system. Each tournament vessel will receive their Boat number at registration and shall be required to display that number in a manner easily visible to tournament officials at check-in.

#6 Submitting fish for points

- Check-in begins at 3:00 pm on May 11th, 2024 and closes precisely at 6:00pm
- A fish can be submitted into multiple categories even if it wins a category.
- Fish caught between 7am – 6pm will qualify for points.

- The Tournament Official reserves the right to refuse to accept any fish that does not meet the tournament requirements.
- Must have photo with angler, fish, and boat number in the same photo
- Must use Warriors measuring stick given out at captains meeting, for tarpon include video of boat number with the video continuously rolling and angler making release.

#7 PRIZE PAYMENTS

- All prize payments will be mailed directly to the captain of the boat. All checks will be issued to the Captain of the team and will require a W-9.
- The tournament will only submit the 1099's of the winners of any prize money that exceeds the amount of the entry fee of that category by \$600. If less than a \$600 difference, no W-9 is needed.
- Captains may then distribute winnings to the anglers on their boats as appropriate.
- **First Place BIG CHECKS** will be awarded at the Awards Ceremony immediately following the tournament. Stay around for your photo op.

#8 BOAT SUBSTITUTION & PROCEDURES

- Boat substitutions are permitted for mechanical failure only.
- Any substitutions must be reported to tournament officials PRIOR to the start of fishing.
- Boats are not permitted to have any physical contact with other boats during the fishing hours of the tournament except for emergency or safety reasons and must be reported to a tournament official as soon as possible.

#9 PROTEST

- All protests concerning the determination of the tournament winners shall be made in writing to the tournament rules committee and shall be accompanied by \$1000 cash.
- All protests shall be made prior to closing of the scales May 11th, 2024.
- In the event, that a protest is made and upheld by the rules committee, the \$1000 cash deposit shall be returned. Otherwise, the \$1000 cash deposit becomes the property of the tournament.
- Any protest resolutions are based on committee decisions, which are final.

#10 INSPECTION OF BOATS

- The rules committee reserves the right to inspect all boats entered in the competition.

#11 PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF TIES

- If two or more entries in any category are the exact lengths, the winner shall be determined by earliest check in time.

#12 RAIN DATE

- To be determined only under Small Craft Advisory.
- There shall be no refunds.

#13 RULES VIOLATION

- The penalty for any violation of any of the rules is disqualification, with tournament fees not refundable.

#14 LIABILITY RELEASE

- It is expressly understood that all registered participants and their companions, crew members and observers (the Participants) participate in the TAWF Redfish & Snook Challenge Tournament at their own risk.
- The participants hereby indemnify and agree to save harmless the Tournament, (Venue), Warriors on the Water, and all Directors, Volunteers, agents, partners, members, sponsors, attorneys or any other person associated with this tournament from and against all claims that arise from or in connection with any negligent act or omission of the Tournament Indemnified Parties.
- All persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the Warriors on the Water tournament and Harts Landing, whether individual or corporation, shall have no liability whatsoever for any special, incidental, consequential, punitive, exemplary and/or any other damage including without limitation, any damages arising from libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury and death.
- Participants specifically consent to the use of any photography in which they appear, or audio recording by the tournament for any reason whatsoever including, but not limited to resale, advertising and promotional material without compensation or restriction of any kind.
- This Liability Release shall be binding upon the participants and their heirs, representatives, successors and assigns. By entering the above stated tournament and paying entry fee, participants acknowledge that they have read and are bound by same.

Any Tournament related questions ? Call Evan Fernandez (941) 225-3256 Or email

Snook Points - submit up to 3 slot fish – 3 overslot & up to 5 underslot

*Less than 28" = 10 points

28"+ = 30 points

29"+ = 60 points

30"- 31.4" = 80 points

31.5"- 32.4" = 100 points

32.5"- 33" = 125 points

*More than 33" = 25 points

Redfish Points – submit up to 3 slot fish – 3 overslot & up to 5 underslot

*Less than 18" = 10 points

18"+ = 20 points

19"+ = 30 points

20"+ = 40 points

21"+ = 50 points

22"+ = 60 points

23"+ = 70 points

24"+ = 80 points

25"- 26.4" = 100 points

26.5"- 27" = 125 points

*More than 27" = 25 points

