

# Grand Snapper Slam

## TOURNAMENT RULES

Limited Entry Fee will be **\$300**

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- Winner will be determined by the heaviest 3 snapper aggregate (eligible species include Mangrove Snapper, Mutton Snapper, and Yellowtail Snapper)
- Prize payouts will be 80% of entry fees collected.
- Limited Division Payout structure is based upon 30 boats – 1<sup>st</sup> place **\$6,000** – 2<sup>nd</sup> place **\$1,200**
- Unlimited Division Payout structure is based upon 30 boats – 1<sup>st</sup> place **\$12,000** – 2<sup>nd</sup> place **\$2,400**
- You must pay main entry fee to fish optional entries
- Optional Entries payouts to 1<sup>st</sup> place only

### LIMITED OPTIONAL CATEGORIES

- Get Money Grover - **\$250** entry fee (payout with 30 boat entries) **\$6,000**
- Heaviest 3 Yellowtails - **\$150** entry fee (payout with 30 boat entries) **\$3,600**
- Heaviest 3 Vermilions - **\$150** entry fee (payout with 30 boat entries) **\$3,600**
- Big Verm - **\$100** entry fee (payout to 1<sup>st</sup> place with 30 boat entries) **\$2,400**
- Salute the Flag - **\$100** entry fee (payout to 1<sup>st</sup> place with 30 boat entries) **\$2,400**
- Heaviest Lane Snapper - **\$100** entry fee (payout to 1<sup>st</sup> place with 30 boat entries) **\$2,400**
- Wildcard- **\$150** entry fee (payout to 1<sup>st</sup> place with 30 boat entries) **\$8,400**  
(Excludes Rays, Sharks, Tarpon, Barracuda, Snapper)

### UNLIMITED OPTIONAL CATEGORIES

- Big Money Mango - **\$1,000** entry fee (payout with 30 boat entries) **\$24,000**
- Yellowtail Fever - **\$500** entry fee (payout with 30 boat entries) **\$12,000**
- Vermilionaire - **\$500** entry fee (payout with 30 boat entries) **\$12,000**
- Heaviest Mangrove Snapper - **\$250** entry fee (payout to 1<sup>st</sup> place with 30 boat entries) **\$6,000**
- Heaviest Yellowtail Snapper - **\$250** entry fee (payout to 1<sup>st</sup> place with 30 boat entries) **\$6,000**
- Heaviest Mutton Snapper - **\$300** entry fee (payout with 30 boat entries) **\$7,200**
- Heaviest Cubera Snapper - **\$300** entry fee (payout with 30 boat entries) **\$7,200**
- Heaviest Lane Snapper - **\$150** entry fee (payout to 1<sup>st</sup> place with 30 boat entries) **\$3,600**
- Wildcard- **\$350** entry fee (payout to 1<sup>st</sup> place with 30 boat entries) **\$8,400**  
(Excludes Rays, Sharks, Tarpon, Barracuda, any Snapper)

\*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 any and 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.

#### **#3 ENTRY FEES**

- The entry fee shall be \$300 per boat competing in the Grand Snapper Slam – Winner determined by the heaviest 3 snapper aggregate (eligible species include Mangrove Snapper, Mutton Snapper, and Yellowtail Snapper).

#### **#4 CAPTAINS MEETING & TOURNAMENT START**

- Onsite registration will be available the day of the Captains Meeting
- There will be mandatory captain's meeting at **Pops Sunset Grill 112 Circuit Rd, Nokomis, FL 34275**
- At least one member of each team MUST be present. All anglers are encouraged to attend the captain's meeting.
- Weigh in at **Gulf Harbor Marina 100 Circuit Rd, Nokomis, FL**
- LINES IN AT 6 am – weigh in closes at 6pm

#### **#6 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.

#### **#7 HOURS OF COMPETITION**

- Lines in 6am.
- Scales will close and the competition will end at 6:00pm.
- Official time will be kept by Weigh Master and will correspond with time displayed on Weigh-Master's Cell Phone.
- Fish caught from 6am-6pm will qualify to be submitted for the weigh-in, any fish outside this time frame will not qualify for weigh-in.

#### **#8 FISHING RULES & BOUNDRIES**

- Angling gear and methods should comply with the spirit of the International Game Fish Association (IGFA).
- During competition hours, there shall be no more than 6 anglers per vessel.
- All fish must be caught on rod and reel. No electric reel use allowed during the tournament.
- Live baiting is allowed.

- Limited Division (**Western Boundaries to the 832000 line – Southern & Northern Limitations from Naples – Cedar Key**)
- Unlimited Division – No Boundaries

## **#9 PERMITS AND LICENSES**

- Registered boats and anglers must comply with all Federal and Florida State Laws regarding fishing licenses, size limits, bag limits and any other applicable regulations.
- For information regarding Florida Saltwater Fishing Licenses refer to
- [www.FloridaConservation.org](http://www.FloridaConservation.org) or call 850-487-0554. For information regarding NMFS permits refer to [www.NMFSpermits.com](http://www.NMFSpermits.com) or call 888-872-8862.
- A citation or written warning of any local, state or federal regulation during the tournament will result in disqualification.

## **#10 OFF-LOADING CATCH**

- All fish must be weighed-in off the boat from which they were caught. After checking in with Weigh-Master, anglers will be permitted to use personal vehicle to transport catch to the weigh in
- Fish must be off-loaded only at the designated dock

## **#11 WEIGHING IN FISH**

- Weigh-in begins at 3:00 pm and closes precisely at 6:00pm. Once a fish is entered, it may not be substituted for a larger fish that day. (Entrants will be allowed one trip to the scales, you may not resume fishing after weigh-in.) WEIGH IN STATION at **Gulf Harbor Marina**
- A fish can be submitted into multiple categories even if it wins a category, except for the Big Money Mango & \$250 heaviest mangrove snapper, if a team is entered into both and wins Big Money Mango, that fish can not be used for the \$250 heaviest mangrove, they could submit their second heaviest mangrove snapper.
- Failure to be recognized and checked in by appropriate Weigh-Master will disqualify fish.
- All fish are weighed to the hundredth of a pound.
- Fish must be in edible condition, and not marred or mauled in any way.
- No fish should leave the boat until they are in line to be weighed.
- All fish to be weighed must be listed on the Weigh-In Form. Before leaving the scale area, the presenting angler must sign the Official Tournament Weigh-in form.
- The Weigh Master and the Tournament Official reserve the right to refuse to weigh any fish that does not meet the tournament requirements.

## **#12 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.

### **#13 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.

### **#14 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.
- 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.

### **#15 INSPECTION OF BOATS**

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

### **#16 PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF TIES**

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

### **#17 RAIN DATE**

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

### **#18 CONDITION OF FISH**

- Fish shall not be mutilated in any way other than hook/gaff marks and must be in edible condition.

### **#19 RULES VIOLATION**

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

### **#20 DISCARDING FISH**

- The captain will be responsible for properly disposing of fish.
- ***NO DEAD FISH OR FISH PARTS WILL BE TOSSED INTO THE WATER AT VENUE!***

### **#21 LIABILITY RELEASE**

- It is expressly understood that all registered participants and their companions, crew members and observers (the Participants) participate in the Grand Snapper Slam Tournament at their own risk.
- The participants hereby indemnify and agree to save harmless the Grand Snapper Slam Tournament, 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 Gulf Harbor Marina or Pops Sunset Grill, 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 [evan@warriorsfish.org](mailto:evan@warriorsfish.org)