

TAKE A WARRIOR FISHING – OPERATION REDFISH

TOURNAMENT RULES

Main entry fee - **\$300**

- Winner will be determined by the most accumulated points based on a team's 3 best slot Redfish Submitted.
- Each team can submit their 3 best slot fish.
- Must have a photo of fish, with tail pinched, and boat number, take continuous video of fish as far forward as possible on the ruler, video entire fish and hold over end of tail for best determination of measurement.
- Tournament Prize payouts will be 80% of entry fees collected.
- **Boundaries from Ceder Key to Naples.**

Payout structure based on 30 boat entries for **Inshore Division** – 1st place **\$5,000** –
2nd place **\$2,200**

- 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

- Most Redfish Releases **\$200** (30 boat payout) **\$4,800**
- Longest Slot Redfish **\$200** (30 boat payout) **\$4,800**
- First Redfish of the day **\$150** (30 boat payout) **\$3,600**
- Last Redfish of the day **\$150** (30 boat payout) **\$3,600**
- Sneak Attack (artificial lure) **\$200** (30 boat payout) **\$4,800**
- Longest Trout **\$100** (30 boat payout) **\$3,600**
- Longest Slot Snook **\$150** (30 boat payout) **\$3,600**
- Win with a Warrior **\$200** (30 boat payout) **\$2,400**
- *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 FEES

- The entry fee shall be \$300 per boat competing with no Veteran or Military Member on their team - \$250 Entry for teams that have a Service Member or Veteran on their team

#3 CAPTAINS MEETING & TOURNAMENT START

- Onsite registration will be available at 6:00pm at the Captains meeting.
- There will be mandatory captain's meeting.
- 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 from 3pm-6pm
- 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.

#4 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.

#5 Submitting fish for points

- Check-in begins at 3:00 pm 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 in addition to ruler and boat number

#6 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.

#7 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.

#8 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.

#9 INSPECTION OF BOATS

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

#10 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.

#11 RAIN DATE

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

#12 RULES VIOLATION

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

#13 LIABILITY RELEASE

- It is expressly understood that all registered participants and their companions, crew members and observers (the Participants) participate in the Take a Warrior Fishing – Operation Redfish Tournament at their own risk.
- The participants hereby indemnify and agree to save harmless the 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 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

Winner determined by team with most points accumulated from up to 3 Redfish submitted for a possible 9 points per slot fish. (4 people per team)

18" or more – 1 point

19" or more – 2 points

20" or more – 3 points

21" or more – 4 points

22" or more – 5 points

23" or more – 6 points

24" or more – 7 points

25" or more – 8 points

26" or more & less than 27" – 9 points