

OFFSHORE INVASION

TOURNAMENT RULES

Inshore Division entry fee will be **\$350**

Limited Division entry Fee will be **\$350**

Unlimited Division entry Fee will be **\$750**

- Winner of Inshore Division will be determined by the longest 3 Snook. Catch & Release only
- Winners of the Limited Division will be determined by the heaviest 7 fish aggregate (consisting of Heaviest 2 Grouper, Heaviest 3 Snapper, Heaviest 2 Pelagic Species.)
- Winners of the Unlimited Division will be determined by the heaviest 10 fish aggregate (consisting of Heaviest 2 Grouper, Heaviest 3 Snapper, Heaviest 2 Pelagic Species, & 3 heaviest Deepwater Species.)
- Prize payouts will be 80% of entry fees collected.
- Payout structure is based upon 25 boats – 1st place **\$5,000** 2nd place **\$1,500** 3rd place **\$500**
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- Payout structure is based upon 20 boats – 1st place **\$9,000** 2nd place **\$2,000** 3rd place **\$1,000**
- You must pay main entry fee to fish optional entries
- Optional Entries payouts to 1st place only

INSHORE DIVISION OPTIONAL CATEGORIES

- Double Snooker- **\$150** entry fee (payout to 1st place with 25 boat entries) **\$3,000**
- Snookzilla - **\$150** entry fee (payout to 1st place with 25 boat entries) **\$3,000**
- Slotty - **\$150** entry fee (payout with 25 boat entries) **\$3,000**
- Snook Candy - **\$200** entry fee (payout to 1st place with 25 boat entries) **\$4,000**

LIMITED DIVISION OPTIONAL CATEGORIES

- Heaviest 2 Grouper Aggregate- **\$150** entry fee (payout to 1st place with 25 boat entries) **\$3,000**
- Heaviest 2 Pelagics - **\$150** entry fee (payout to 1st place with 25 boat entries) **\$3,000**
- Heaviest 3 Snapper Aggregate - **\$150** entry fee (payout with 25 boat entries) **\$3,000**
- Heaviest Red Grouper - **\$200** entry fee (payout to 1st place with 25 boat entries) **\$4,000**
- Heaviest Red Snapper - **\$200** entry fee (payout to 1st place with 25 boat entries) **\$4,000**
- Heaviest Pelagic - **\$200** entry fee (payout to 1st place with 25 boat entries) **\$4,000**
- Heaviest Mangrove Snapper - **\$100** entry fee (payout to 1st place with 25 boat entries) **\$2,000**
- Heaviest Yellowtail Snapper - **\$100** entry fee (payout to 1st place with 25 boat entries) **\$2,000**
- Heaviest Hogfish - **\$100** entry fee (payout to 1st place with 25 boat entries) **\$2,000**
- Heaviest Porgy - **\$100** entry fee (payout to 1st place with 25 boat entries) **\$2,000**
- Heaviest Grouper on a Jig- **\$200** entry fee (payout to 1st place with 25 boat entries) **\$4,000**
- Top Jr Angler- **\$150** entry fee (payout to 1st place with 25 boat entries) **\$3,000**
- Top Lady Angler **\$200** entry fee (payout to 1st place with 25 boat entries) **\$4,000**

UNLIMITED DIVISION OPTIONAL CATEGORIES

- Heaviest 2 Grouper Aggregate- \$200 entry fee (payout to 1st place with 20 boat entries) \$6,000
- Heaviest 2 Pelagics - \$200 entry fee (payout to 1st place with 20 boat entries) \$6,000
- Heaviest 3 Snapper Aggregate - \$200 entry fee (payout to 1st place with 20 boat entries) \$6,000
- Heaviest 3 Deep Fish Aggregate - \$200 entry fee (payout to 1st place with 20 boat entries) \$6,000
- Heaviest Red Grouper - \$250 entry fee (payout to 1st place with 20 boat entries) \$4,200
- Heaviest Red Snapper - \$250 entry fee (payout to 1st place with 20 boat entries) \$4,200
- Heaviest Snowy - \$250 entry fee (payout to 1st place with 20 boat entries) \$4,200
- Heaviest Pelagic - \$250 entry fee (payout to 1st place with 20 boat entries) \$4,200
- Heaviest Mangrove Snapper - \$150 entry fee (payout to 1st place with 20 boat entries) \$3,000
- Heaviest Yellowtail Snapper - \$150 entry fee (payout to 1st place with 20 boat entries) \$3,000
- Heaviest Grouper on a Jig- \$250 entry fee (payout to 1st place with 15 boat entries) \$3,000
- Top Jr Angler- \$200 entry fee (payout to 1st place with 15 boat entries) \$2,400
- Top Lady Angler \$250 entry fee (payout to 1st place with 15 boat entries) \$3,000
- Heaviest Warsaw \$500 entry fee (payout to 1st place with 5 boat entries) \$2,000
- Heaviest Sword \$500 entry fee (payout to 1st place with 5 boat entries) \$2,000

*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 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 & Qualifying Species

Limited Division (within 60 miles) \$350 -Winner will be determined by the heaviest 7 fish aggregate weight, consisting of Heaviest 2 Grouper, Heaviest 3 Snapper, Heaviest 2 Pelagic Species. Eligible Species

Grouper: Red & Scamp

Snapper: Mangrove, Red, Yellowtail, & Mutton

Pelagic: Kingfish, Cobia, African Pompano, Tuna, Bonita, Mahi, & Wahoo

Unlimited Division \$750

Winner will be determined by the heaviest 10 fish aggregate weight, consisting of Heaviest 2 Grouper, Heaviest 3 Snapper, Heaviest 2 Pelagic Species, 3 Deep Water Fish Aggregate

Eligible Species

Grouper: Red , Scamp, & Black

Snapper: Mangrove, Red, Yellowtail, Mutton, & Cubera

Pelagic: Kingfish, Cobia, African Pompano, Tuna, Mahi, & Wahoo

Deep Water: Snowy Grouper, Kitty Mitchel, Yellow Edge Grouper, Yellow Eye Snapper, Queen Snapper, Golden Tile, Blue Tile, Pomfret, Escolar, Oilfish, Barrelfish, Toro Snapper, Alfonsino

#4 CAPTAINS MEETING & TOURNAMENT START

- Onsite registration will be available on Wednesday
- There will be mandatory captain's meeting Wednesday at **Hooters Sarasota at 7pm**
- At least one member of each team **MUST** be present. All anglers are encouraged to attend the captain's meeting.
- Weigh in from 4pm-7pm at Tarpon Bay Tiki Bar located at the Ramada in Sarasota
- **LINES IN AT 6 am – weigh in closes at 7pm**

#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 7:00pm on Saturday.
- Official time will be kept by Weigh Master and will correspond with time displayed on Weigh-Master's Cell Phone.
- Fish caught daily will qualify to be submitted for the weigh-in, any fish prior to initial 6am lines in for start day will not qualify for weigh-in.
- Unlimited Division lines in on Thursday 6am – Limited Division Lines in on Friday at 6am

#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.
- Electric reels are allowed during the tournament.
- Live baiting is allowed.
- Western boundary to the 835000 line for the limited division

#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 or call 850-487-0554. For information regarding NMFS permits refer to 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 4pm on Saturday and closes precisely at 7:00pm. 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 **Tarpon Bay Grill &Tiki Bar**
- A fish can be submitted into multiple categories even if it wins a category.
- 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 June 15th, 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.

#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 Offshore Invasion at their own risk.
- The participants hereby indemnify and agree to save harmless The Offshore Invasion, 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, 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