

SUNRISE SPORTSMAN'S CHALLENGE

TOURNAMENT RULES

Entry Fee will be **\$400** per boat.

Winner determined by the team with the most cumulative points from 1 day of fishing & 1 day of Clay Shooting. Each team must have 4 people.

Catch & Release Division – 1 point will be awarded for each Snook, Redfish, and Trout, regardless of size. Each release must have video with teams boat number & team. Take a photo with angler, boat number, and fish.

Clay Shooting Division – Each team member will be allowed to claim points for up to fifty clay's, max possible points per team is 200 points, at 1 point per clay that is shot.

- Prize payouts will be 80% of entry fees collected.
- Payout structure is based upon 30 boats – 1st place **\$6,600** – 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

OPTIONAL CATCH & RELEASE CATEGORIES

- Most Overall Releases - **\$200** entry fee (payout with 30 boat entries) **\$4,800**
- Most Snook Releases - **\$150** entry fee (payout with 20 boat entries) **\$2,400**
- Most Redfish Releases - **\$150** entry fee (payout with 20 boat entries) **\$2,400**
- Most Trout Releases - **\$150** entry fee (payout with 20 boat entries) **\$2,400**
- Longest Slot Snook - **\$150** entry fee (payout with 20 boat entries) **\$2,400**
- Longest Slot Redfish - **\$150** entry fee (payout with 20 boat entries) **\$2,400**
- Longest Slot Trout - **\$150** entry fee (payout with 20 boat entries) **\$2,400**
- Most Clays Shot - **\$200** entry fee (payout with 30 boat entries) **\$4,800**
- 1 Team Member Shoots All Clays - **\$150** entry fee (payout with 20 boat entries) **\$2,400**
- 1 Team Member Misses 5 or Less Clays - **\$150** entry fee (payout with 20 boat entries) **\$2,400**
- 1 Team Member Misses 9 or Less Clays - **\$150** entry fee (payout with 20 boat entries) **\$2,400**
- Team Shoots 150 pts or more - **\$150** entry fee (payout with 20 boat entries) **\$2,400**
- Team Shoots 175 pts or more - **\$150** entry fee (payout with 20 boat entries) **\$2,400**
- Team Shoots 190 pts or more - **\$150** entry fee (payout with 20 boat entries) **\$2,400**

*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.

#2 ENTRY FEES

Entry Fee will be **\$400** per boat.

#3 CAPTAINS MEETING & TOURNAMENT START

- Onsite registration will be available at 6:00pm Thursday,
- There will be mandatory captain's meeting Thursday, 6:00pm at least one member of each team MUST be present. All anglers are encouraged to attend the captain's meeting.
- Weigh in
- LINES IN AT 7am – Lines out 4pm – check-in closes at 6pm

#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 HOURS OF COMPETITION

- Lines in 7am
- Scales will close and the competition will end at 6:00pm on Saturday,
- Official time will be kept by Weigh Master and will correspond with time displayed on Weigh-Master's Cell Phone.

#6 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 4 anglers per vessel.
- Electric reels are permitted during the tournament.
- Live baiting is allowed.

#7 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.

#8 Checking In

- Check-in begins at 3:00pm and closes precisely at 6:00pm.
- Failure to be recognized and checked in by tournament director will disqualify fish.
- Only fish that have video proof of release will qualify for points

#9 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.

#10 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.

#11 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.

#12 INSPECTION OF BOATS

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

#13 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.

#14 RAIN DATE

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

#15 RULES VIOLATION

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

#16 LIABILITY RELEASE

- It is expressly understood that all registered participants and their companions, crew members and observers (the Participants) participate in the Big Bull Rodeo Tournament at their own risk.
- The participants hereby indemnify and agree to save harmless Sunrise Sportsman's Challenge. 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, 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