



Captain Tommy's Smoke'n Reels Fishing Tournament 2024

Rules & Regulations

1. Federal, state, and tournament rules will be followed, including a valid fishing license with saltwater endorsement. Violations will result in disqualification of the entire team.
2. This is a weigh-in tournament. An outside certified weigh-master will be weighing all fish
3. \$300 entry fee per team.
4. Team Categories: Teams are eligible to win in both categories. Each category will pay 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.
 - a) Team Redfish Stringer - Total combined weight. Three fish. No fish over 28".
 - b) Team Trout Stringer - Total combined weight. Three fish. No fish over 20".
5. Individual Categories:
 - a) **Open Division** –
 - i. Fish from a pier, kayak, boat, bank, wade fish, or whatever you choose. Redfish, Speckled Trout, Flounder, Black Drum, Sheepshead, Sand trout, and Gaftopsail catfish are the only species allowed to be entered.
 - ii. The single heaviest fish wins the pot. If there is a tie, we will go by length and then weigh-in time until the tie is broken. The third party, Weigh Master, has the final say.
 - iii. \$25 per person. The payout will be a 70/30 split. The winner gets 70%, and the charity gets 30% of the total collected for the open division.
 - b) **Calcutta** –
 - i. We will auction off the teams at the captain's meeting. Feel free to bid on your team or other teams.
 - ii. The starting bid will be \$25. The highest bid wins that team.
 - iii. The payout will be a 70/30 split. The winner gets 70%, and the Charity gets only 30% of the total collected for Calcutta.
 - iv. If you bid on your own team and win the bid, you will receive both the Calcutta payout and the Stringer payout.
 - v. Redfish, Speckled Trout, and Flounder are the only fish allowed to be weighed in this category. The single heaviest fish wins the pot. If there is a tie, we will go by length and then weigh-in time until the tie is broken. The 3rd party, Weigh Master, has the final say. Fish entered in this category cannot be used in any other category except the open division.
6. Optional Side Pots –
 - a) **Flounder Pot** - \$25 per person. All in. If one team member enters the pot all team members must enter the pot. The pot goes to the heaviest flounder. In the case of a tie, the length will determine the winner. (70/30 split on pot) The winner gets 70% of the pot, and 30% goes to charity.
 - b) **Most Spots on a Redfish** - \$25 per person. The pot goes to Redfish with the most spots. In case of a tie, the length will determine the winner. (70/30 split on pot) The winner gets 70% of the pot, and 30% goes to charity.
7. Weigh-in opens at **2:00 pm**. At least one member must be in line with all fish being entered by **3:00 p.m.** Only fish that is in line at 3:00 p.m. will be weighed.



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8. The Captain's Meeting is not mandatory but highly encouraged.
Friday, October 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at:
The West End Marina & Restaurant (Sea Isle Subdivision)
in the SANDBAR room
21706 Burnet Dr.
Galveston, TX 77554
9. Weigh-in will be at:
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in the OASIS area
21706 Burnet Dr.
Galveston, TX 77554
10. No swapping of fish once in line or at the weigh table. The team must pick the fish they are entering before they are weighed. All fish entered must be identified and separated prior to getting in line to weigh in. Each team may only bring 3 trout and 3 redfish to weigh in.
11. All fish must be caught by pole or rod and reel. Each person may have multiple rods in the boat or on their person while wading but may only fish with one rod at a time. Live or artificial bait may be used.
12. Fish cannot be altered in any way. No tail modifications. All fish must be fresh, edible, and caught on tournament day. Frozen, thawed, spoiled, pale-gilled, or altered fish will be disqualified.
13. In the event of a tie, the length of the longest fish in that category will determine the winner. Fish will be measured in 1/8" increments. Fish must touch or pass the 1/8" increment. 2nd tiebreaker is the team that weighed in first.
14. All fish weighed in must be within the regulations of TPWD. Any undersized or oversized fish that is turned in for weighing that is not within regulations will disqualify the team from that category.
Example - If you weigh in a redfish and the weigh master determines it is over 28", your team will be disqualified from the redfish category.
15. All persons in the boat must be entered in the tournament. **LIMIT 4 PERSONS PER TEAM.**
16. Wade fishing is permitted, but anglers must fish no farther than 300 yards from each other.
17. Guides are allowed as a team member.
18. Boundaries - Fishing is limited to the inshore waters of the bays and to one nautical mile offshore of the beach and jetties. The western boundary will be TX-332 in Surfside. The eastern boundary will be the TX-124 in High Island. All bayous, rivers, marshes, and ponds not on private property in between these areas are permitted.
19. You may launch anywhere within the stated boundaries. The First Cast is at **6:00 a.m.**
20. No team is permitted to approach nearer than 50 yards to any other boat or wader unless permission has been granted.



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21. No fish may be accepted from nor given to another team.
22. Sponsors and organizers are not responsible for any accident, injury, loss, damage, or theft to any property.
23. All weigh-masters or tournament directors' rulings are FINAL. No Appeals.