

Marco Sportfishing Club

Redfish VI Tournament Rules

October 20-21, 2011

Marco Sportfishing Club (MSC) welcomes all participants of Redfish VI. Our goal is for everyone to have a safe and fun-filled tournament experience.

- Redfish VI is a **Team Event** and is open to all MSC members and their guests.
- Every effort has been made to accommodate owners of large, medium and small vessels in as fair and equitable manner as possible. This year, small vessel owners have the opportunity to participate in all of the Redfish VI activities and to compete in their own division, complete with individual awards. Please see Rules 1 and 2h for specific information on the Small Vessel Division.
- All anglers (Open Division and Small Vessel Division) will be evenly matched and placed on either the Blue Team or Red Team to compete against one another for two days of fishing. The team with the highest number of total inches of Redfish caught over the two days will be declared the winners of Redfish VI. The Redfish committee will do everything possible to have the same number of anglers on each team. If this is not possible, the average number of inches of Redfish per angler will be used to determine a team winner.
- If you are the Captain of your vessel entry, please be sure to read the Captain's Corner at the end of the Tournament Rules for your responsibilities.
- Redfish VI will also have individual awards as outlined in Rules 2g and 2h.
- MSC thanks you and wishes good fishing to all.

1. Divisions for Individual and Vessel Awards

- **Open Division:** Motorized vessels with 9.9 HP or greater engines
 - All vessels participating in the Open Division must have a minimum of 2 anglers onboard.
- **Small Vessel Division:** Motorless vessels and/or those with less than 9.9 HP engines
 - All vessels participating in the Small Vessel division may have 1 angler or more onboard

2. Tournament Fast Facts:

- Fishing Hours:** Tournament hours are 7 AM (lines in) until 2:00 PM (lines out). A fish hooked before 2 PM can be fought and landed after 2 PM.
- Tournament Fishing Waters:** Fishing activities must take place in waters south of Latitude N26° 05.500 (Gordon's Pass), north of Latitude N25° 47.900 (Jack Daniel's Key), and west of Longitude W81° 25.700 (Jack Daniel's Key).
- Tackle, equipment and fishing methods:** The selection of baits used is up to the discretion of each participant. All fish must be caught by hook and line. Spearing or netting is not allowed. Catch and release is strongly encouraged.

- d. Eligibility:** One angler on each vessel must be a member in good standing of the Marco Sportfishing Club.

Captains or guides who have run six or more charters during the past 12 months may not compete in this Tournament.

The Redfish Tournament Director/Committee reserve the right to not accept an entry to the tournament (MSC member or non-member) if they have reason to believe the entry will be detrimental to the tournament.

- e. Cancellations:** If, for any reason, a vessel is unable to compete in Redfish VI, the Captain must notify the Tournament Director ASAP. Vessel cancellations will not be accepted after 12:00 noon on Wednesday, October 19th.

Vessels that do not compete in the tournament and do not cancel will result in their vessel being charged with 0 inches of Redfish for both days in their Team totals.

In the event of unforeseen circumstances, if a vessel is not able to operate during Tournament days, the Tournament Director must be contacted immediately. The situation will be handled in a manner that is fair and equitable to both teams. If an alternate vessel is available, the alternate vessel may be used by the Captain, only if the Tournament Director is notified and approves of the replacement.

Note: Each vessel will be charged with the number of anglers listed on the entry form for both days of the Tournament...whether or not the anglers fish each day. If a Crew member or Captain is a last minute cancellation or needs to be replaced, they may be added only if approved by the Tournament Director. In addition, the new Crew member or Captain will be responsible for paying the appropriate entry fee (\$40 for members; \$50 for non-members).

- f. Measuring fish:** Redfish and "Wildcard" fish should be measured using the "pinched tail" method.

For calculating "total inches of Redfish per vessel," measurements are to be in full inches. If the measurement is less than ½ inch, round down. If it is ½ inch or more, round up. For example...14 ¼" = 14"; 14 ½" = 15"

To lessen the possibility of ties, measurements for Redfish smaller than 12" and larger than 20" should be recorded on the Daily Catch Form to the nearest ¼ inch. There will be space on the form to record the largest and smallest Redfish each day. However, for "total inches" calculations, the measurement should still be rounded up or down as discussed above.

Catfish are to be counted only: no measurements required

g. Individual and Vessel award categories - Open Division

1. "Two angler vessel" with the highest total inches of Redfish caught for both days combined
2. "Three or more angler vessel" with the highest total of inches of Redfish caught for both days combined
3. Individual with the largest Redfish: Day 1
4. Individual with the second largest Redfish: Day 1
5. Individual with the largest Redfish: Day 2

6. Individual with the second largest Redfish: Day 2
7. Individual with the smallest Redfish: Days 1 and 2 combined
8. Individual with the Redfish with the most spots: Days 1 and 2 combined
9. Individual with the largest "Wild card" fish Day 1
10. Individual with the largest "Wild card" fish Day 2
11. Individual with the most catfish: Days 1 and 2 combined

The maximum number of awards an individual can win is 3

- Team award
- Vessel award
- Individual award
 - If an angler has already won an individual award, they are not eligible to win another one. That award will go to the next eligible person in the Open Division.

h. Individual award categories - Small Vessel Division:

Awards in this category are based on a minimum of 4 entries. If there are less than 4 entries in this division, no individual prizes will be distributed. Anglers in the Small Vessel Division are not eligible to win prizes in the Open Division.

1. Individual with largest Redfish: Days 1 and 2 combined
2. Individual with largest "Wild Card" fish: Days 1 and 2 combined

The maximum number of awards an individual can win is 2

- Team award
- Individual award
 - If an angler has already won an individual award, they are not eligible to win another one. That award will go to the next eligible person in the Small Vessel Division.

In the event that there are more than 10 entries in this division, additional individual prizes/awards will be provided.

3. **Safety.** Safe boating must be observed at all times. During the tournament all Captains and anglers are required to comply with US Coast Guard, FWC, and local regulations and laws. Violation of such rules may result in disqualification from the tournament.

Tournament days may be shortened or canceled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. The decision to shorten or to cancel will be left totally to the discretion of the Tournament Director and Redfish Committee. A 4-hour period shall constitute a day of fishing. Cancellations, shortening or any other important announcements will be communicated via VHF radio on channel 68 and/or cell phone. If conditions are not safe on one or both of the tournament days, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to make this a one day event or postpone the event until the weather improves.

4. **Rule changes and final decisions:** Interpretation of the rules is left exclusively to the Redfish Tournament Director and Committee. The decisions of the Tournament Director/Committee are final. The Tournament Director and/or the Tournament Committee can make a change to the rules when safety is in question or by a unanimous decision of the Tournament Committee. If there are any changes to the rules as printed, they will be communicated to participants at the Kickoff meeting. If a change occurs after the Kickoff meeting, it will be sent by email to each Captain. Each Captain will be responsible for communicating the rule change to his/her Crew.

5. Captain's Corner

Final registration and the tournament team selection meeting will take place on or before Monday, October 17th. Location/address will be communicated to all MSC members.

At least one member of each vessel entered in the tournament is required to attend the team selection meeting to pick up materials and handouts for each vessel's Captain and Crew.

- If Captain or Crew members are unable to attend the selection meeting, they must advise the Tournament Director ahead of time. They may designate an alternate to pick up the necessary materials.
- Participants who are unable to attend the selection meeting agree that it is their responsibility to find out what was discussed at the meeting.
- After the selection of teams has been made, it is important that each team select an Admiral to represent their team. It is the responsibility of the Admiral to coordinate team strategy and be the liaison between the members of his team and the Tournament Director.
- There will be two Captain's meetings during the Tournament. These will be held at 4 PM on Thursday, Oct. 20th and 4 PM on Friday, Oct. 21st. Location TBA.
- The results of each day must be submitted on the Redfish VI Daily Catch form by 5 PM each day.
 - It is the responsibility of the Captain to complete the Daily Catch form for their vessel and turn it in at the meeting. If the Captain cannot attend, it is the responsibility of one of the Crew members to ensure that the Daily Catch form is completed correctly and submitted on time. You can give your completed Daily Catch form to your Admiral.
 - Multiple copies of this form will be distributed to each Captain at the selection meeting.
 - Results written on anything other than the Redfish VI "Daily Catch" forms will not be accepted

Good luck and good fishing.

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