

# 2019 Fall Classic Fishing Tournament Rules



**Fishing Times/Date:** The tournament will start at sunrise on Friday, October 25, 2019. Fishing will end at no later than 1:00 pm on October 25, 2019. **You may launch from any public boat ramp on the boundary waters.**

**TEAMS will consist of up to 4 TEAM MEMBERS.** You may fish 1, 2, 3 or 4 people to your team. All members must fish in the same boat or must be within eye sight of each other at all times if not in or using a boat. Please note that if you hire a guide, they are included as a fisher on your team. **Two different teams may not fish out of the same boat.**

**Entry Fee:** All fees (**\$100.00 per person or \$400 per team**) and registration forms need to be submitted no later than October 5, 2018.

- There will be NO entrants accepted after the **October 5, 2019** deadline. **All entry fee money will be put towards tournament prizes, awards and Today's Harbor for Children.**

**Fish Categories:** The format for this year will be a "heavy stringer" format (Including 1 trout, 1 redfish and 1 flounder) *per team* rather than per individual entrants. All fish must abide by applicable federal & state regulations. Any fish brought to the weigh station that are found not to comply with federal and state regulations, frozen or mutilated will result in automatic disqualification. Redfish must be between 20" and 28". Only fish caught during fishing hours of the tournament (sunrise to 1:00 pm) will be accepted. **Weigh Master will have final decision.**

**Teams Awards:** The First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Place Teams (up to 4 members per team) will receive prizes or awards. **A team member must be present at the award ceremony to be eligible for prizes and door prizes. Only one fish can be entered for any award. No Red Fish over 28" (tagged red fish) can qualify for any award.**

**Individual Awards:** For heaviest slot Red Fish (20" to 28"), heaviest Speckle Trout and heaviest Flounder.

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There will also be an award for largest non-game fish (anything but a speckled trout, red fish or flounder). This will include, but not limited to shark, stingray, jackfish, sheepshead, black drum, etc.

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**Weigh-In:** Weigh in will take place at Top Water Grill in San Leon/Baycliff in the parking lot area from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Times of weigh-in are strictly enforced and no exceptions will be made to the times due to delays incurred on or off the water. **You must be in line at weigh in no later than 1:00pm.** Weigh Master will have official weigh clock based on National Central Time. Most smart phones are synchronized with this time.

**Legal Waters:** Fisherman may fish from public waters either by boat, wade fishing, piers or banks. Boundaries are from the mouth of Rollover Pass to the Freeport Jetties including the beach front. All waters fished must be accessible to the public and connected to the bay system. **Every person must have an Today's Harbor for Children/Intergulf Corporation issued wristband to enter weigh-in/food area at Top Water Grill. Fishing or gaining entry from private property is NOT allowed.** **Legal Baits:** Artificial baits or natural baits are allowed provided all federal and state rules are followed.

**Safety Requirements:** Today's Harbor for Children or Intergulf Corporation will not be liable to any of the participants in this tournament. All entrants must use their best judgment and follow all applicable laws pertaining to outdoor water craft activities. Consumption of alcohol is prohibited while operating water craft. Life jackets are required to be worn at all times while operating water craft. Boat Engine kill switches are required to be worn.

**Mother Nature Clause:** Today's Harbor for Children and Intergulf Corporation reserve the right to cancel/reschedule fishing tournament at any time due to natural disasters or inclement weather. In the case of a tournament rescheduling, Today's Harbor for Children and Intergulf Corporation will determine the rescheduled date and there will be no refund of entry money. **In the case of rain or thunderstorms, please check Today's Harbor for Children Facebook page or contact Mary Baumann at 281-701-6962 for updates between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on the day of the tournament. Please check local radar and weather forecast as well.**

**Entrant Clause:** Professional tournament anglers, boat captains or fishing guides who are employed full-time in those roles will be allowed to participate. Today's Harbor for Children reserves the right to decline any entrant at any time.