



# Marco Sportfishing Club

## Redfish Tuesday Rules

### October 23, 2012



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

- *Redfish Tuesday* is a **Team Event** and is limited to teams of 2 anglers.

#### 1. Tournament Fast Facts:

- Location:** All boats will start and finish at Walker's Coon Key Marina, Goodland, FL. All anglers need to be at the Marina for check-in with the "Redfish Tuesday Starter" no later than 7:30 AM. **Any team that fails to check-in at the Marina on Tuesday morning by 8 AM will be disqualified from the competition.**
  - If you need to make arrangements to leave your boat at Walker's marina on Monday, please contact Amanda Walker (239-394-2797) to make arrangements for complimentary boat dockage.
- Fishing Hours:** All boats/teams will leave the marina at the same time via a staggered "shotgun start." (approximately 8:00 AM). All boats/teams must return to the marina for "Official Redfish Tuesday Weigh-in" between 2:00 PM and 2:30 PM.
  - As each boat arrives back at the marina, the Captain must check-in with the "Redfish Tuesday Starter." The Team's check-in time will be noted, and the Captain will be given a weigh-in number.
  - If a boat/team is late in checking in (after 2:30 PM), a 4-ounce penalty will be assessed for every 10 minutes (or portion thereof) that the boat/team is late. The penalty will be assessed against the team's largest Redfish.
  - **The weigh-in scales will open for check-in at 2:00 PM.** Fish will be weighed for each team in sequence, by weigh-in number.
- Tournament Fishing Waters:** There are no limitations on where fishing can take place, as long as the boat/team returns to the dock by 2:30 PM. **Boats cannot be trailered to a different location after the start of the tournament**
- Tackle, equipment and fishing methods:** The selection of baits used is up to the discretion of each team. All fish must be caught by hook and line. Sparring or netting is not allowed.
- Eligibility:** The captain of 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, and may not be on-board any vessel competing in this tournament.

Redfish may be submitted for weigh-in only by registered participants in this tournament. To be considered "registered" for this tournament, entry fees must be paid prior to the start of the tournament. Both anglers on each vessel must be registered in order for their Team to be eligible to submit Redfish at the weigh-in.

The Redfish Tuesday 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.

**f. Redfish Weigh-in:**

- Redfish will be weighed when they are brought back to the dock.
- Weigh-in will begin at 2:00 PM
- Only “slot-sized” Redfish (18” – 27”) caught on the day of the tournament may be submitted for weigh-in.
- If a Redfish outside of the “slot” is submitted for weigh-in, the team that submits it will be disqualified from the competition.
- Each team may bring only 2 Redfish to the scales for weigh-in.
- Every effort should be made to keep Redfish alive. Once weighed, it is recommended that live fish be released.
- The “Official Redfish Tuesday Weighmaster” reserves the right to examine (externally, and internally, if necessary) any Redfish presented for weigh-in that appears to be mutilated, altered or tampered with. If the “Weighmaster” determines that alteration/tampering is present, that Redfish will not be weighed and the team that presented it for weigh-in will be disqualified.
- The decision of the “Official Redfish Tuesday Weighmaster” is final

**g. Team/boat awards**

1. Team with the highest total weight (less penalties) for 2 “slot” Redfish: **\$350**
2. Team with the second highest total weight (less penalties) for 2 “slot” Redfish: **\$250**
3. Team with the third highest total weight (less penalties) for 2 “slot” Redfish: **\$200**
4. Team with the fourth highest total weight (less penalties) for 2 “slot” Redfish: **\$150**
5. Team with the fifth highest total weight (less penalties) for 2 “slot” Redfish: **\$100**

**Note: \$25 per Redfish will be deducted from Team winnings if Redfish are not alive when they are weighed.**

***In the event of a tie in total weight (less penalties) for any of the awards, the weight of the heaviest Redfish submitted by each team will be used to break the tie.***

**h. Cancellations:** If, for any reason, a vessel is unable to compete in Redfish Tuesday, the Captain must notify the Tournament Director/Committee. Vessel cancellations **will not** be accepted after 10 AM on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- a. If a Crew member or Captain is a last minute cancellation, the Tournament Director/Committee needs to be notified prior to the start of the tournament. The new Crew member or Captain will be responsible for paying the appropriate entry fee (\$40 for members; \$65 for non-members) prior to the start of the tournament.

Entry fees paid due to angler cancellation entitle the angler to:

1. enter the tournament and compete for prizes, and...
2. food and 2 drinks at the weigh-in activities following the tournament

Entry fees for both team members must be paid in order for each team to compete for prizes

- 2. Rule changes and final decisions:** Interpretation of the rules is left exclusively to the *Redfish Tuesday* Tournament Director/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.
- 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.

The time of the tournament may be shortened or it may be 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/Redfish Tuesday 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 the day of the tournament, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to postpone the event until the weather improves.

**Good luck and good fishing!**

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