



Marco Sportfishing Club

Ride the Bull/Redfish VII Tournament Rules

October 25-26, 2012



Marco Sportfishing Club (MSC) welcomes all participants to Ride the Bull/Redfish VII. Our goal is for everyone to have a safe and fun-filled tournament experience.

- Redfish VII is a **Team and Individual Event** and is open to eligible MSC members and their guests.
- By random draw, anglers will be placed on either the Blue Team or Red Team to compete against one another for two days of competitive fishing. The team with the highest number of total inches of Redfish caught over the two days will be declared the winners of Redfish VII. 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 VII will also have individual awards as outlined in Rule 2g.

1. Eligibility for Individual, Team and Vessel Awards

- All vessels competing in this tournament must have 9.9 HP or greater engines
- All vessels must have a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 anglers onboard

2. Tournament Fast Facts:

- Fishing Hours:** Tournament hours are 7:30 AM (lines in) until 2:30 PM (lines out). A fish hooked before 2:30 PM can be fought and landed after 2:30 PM.
- Tournament Fishing Waters:** Fishing activities must take place within Marco Sportfishing Club boundaries.(see website for further information)
- 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.
- 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.

Only registered participants are eligible to compete in this tournament. To be considered "registered", entry fees must be paid on or before the day of the 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 VII, the Captain must notify the Tournament Director ASAP. Vessel cancellations **will not** be accepted after 5 PM on Tuesday, October 23rd.

Vessels that do not compete in the tournament and do not cancel will result in their vessel (and Team) 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/Committee 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/Committee is notified and approves of the replacement.

Each vessel will be charged with the number of anglers listed on the entry form for both days of the Tournament...whether or not all anglers fish each day. If a Crew member or Captain needs to be replaced by another angler due to a last minute cancellation, they may do so only if:

1. The Tournament Committee is notified of the change and
2. The new Crew member or Captain pays the appropriate entry fee (\$40 for members; \$65 for non-members).

Entry fees paid due to last-minute cancellation will entitle the angler to:

1. enter the tournament and compete for prizes, and...
2. one admission to the Awards picnic on Saturday, October 27th

Entry fees for anglers who are cancellation replacements must be paid on or before the day of the tournament. If not paid, that angler will receive "0" inches of Redfish for the day, and they will not be entitled to any team, vessel or individual awards.

- 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, round down. If it is $\frac{1}{2}$ inch or more, round up. For example... $14 \frac{1}{4}$ " = 14"; $14 \frac{1}{2}$ " = 15"

To lessen the possibility of ties, measurements for Redfish larger than 20" should be recorded on the Daily Catch Form to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. There will be space on the form to record the largest Redfish each day. However, for "total inches" calculations, the measurement should still be rounded up or down as discussed above.

Digital photographs of Redfish and "Wildcard" fish larger than 25" (showing actual measurement) must be presented to the Redfish Committee by 5:30 PM each fishing day in order to be considered for an award.

g. Individual and Vessel award categories

1. "Two angler vessel" with the highest total inches of Redfish caught --- both days combined
2. "Three or more angler vessel" with the highest total inches of Redfish caught --- both days combined
3. Individual with the largest Redfish: Day 1 (see rule 2f)
4. Individual with the second largest Redfish: Day 1 (see rule 2f)
5. Individual with the largest Redfish: Day 2 (see rule 2f)
6. Individual with the second largest Redfish: Day 2 (see rule 2f)
7. Individual with the largest "Wild card" fish Day 1 (see rule 2f)
8. Individual with the largest "Wild card" fish Day 2 (see rule 2f)
9. Individual with the Redfish with the most spots – Day 1
10. Individual with the Redfish with the most spots – Day 2

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. In this case, the award will go to the next eligible person in the Tournament.

In the event of a tie in any individual category, the award will go to the individual whose Daily Catch Form was submitted to their Admiral at the earliest time.

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 times of the tournament may be shortened or it may be cancelled 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 may 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

Team Selection Meeting

Team selection will take place on Thursday, October 4th, prior to the regular MSC monthly meeting

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.**
- Prior to the meeting, the Tournament Committee will select an Admiral for each team. The Admirals will select the vessels for their team by random draw. It is the responsibility of the Admiral to coordinate team strategy and to be the liaison between the members of their team and the Tournament Committee.

Captain's Meetings

- There will be two Captain's meetings during the Tournament. These will be held at 4:30 PM on Thursday, Oct. 25th and 4:30 PM on Friday, Oct. 26th. Location TBA.
- It is the responsibility of each Captain to complete the Daily Catch form for their vessel and submit it to their Admiral at each Captain's Meeting.
 - Multiple copies of this form will be distributed to each Captain at the selection meeting.
 - If the Captain cannot attend the Captain's meeting, it is the responsibility of one of the Crew members to ensure that the Daily Catch form is completed correctly and submitted on time.
- **The results of each day must be submitted on the Redfish VII Daily Catch form by 5:30 PM each day.**
 - Vessels that do not submit their Daily Catch Form by 5:30 PM will receive "0" inches for the day
 - Results written on anything other than the Redfish VII "Daily Catch" forms will not be accepted

Good luck and good fishing!

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