

# 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Cobia "Big Fish" Tournament

## June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

### RULES

- (1) I.G.F.A RULES WILL GOVERN. You will get a copy of these rules in your Captain's Bucket, and we will answer any questions regarding rules at the Captain's Meeting on May 31st from 4:00 - 7:00PM at Crump's Landing of Homosassa. The Captain (or a crew member) of each boat will sign an acknowledgement of receipt and acceptance of the rules governing the Cobia "Big Fish" Tournament at the time of application or registration. Registration will be held Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:00PM. **NOTE: Attendance is MANDATORY for at least ONE crew member from each boat at the Captain's Meeting.**
- (2) Maximum Line Test 80#. Maximum of 6 lines in the water at any one time.
- (3) Boats may leave by the Homosassa River or Crystal River but must return by boat directly to the Crump's Landing Kiwanis Weigh Station on the Homosassa River to weigh in for that day's catch only. Fish brought in by vehicle will be disqualified. Check-out is Safe Light as determined by the Tournament Committee from Crump's Landing or Twin Rivers Marina for both days. Weigh-in is 12:00pm-4:00pm both days of the tournament.
- (4) If either Saturday's or Sunday's fishing is cancelled due to severe weather and only one day is fished, the tournament will be over, and the results will be determined from the one day of fishing. If both days are lost to weather, the Tournament will be rescheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 or dates to be determined by the Tournament Committee. There will be no refund of the entry fee once paid.
- (5) All fish must be of legal size. Any fish which has been altered, as judged by the weightmaster, will be disqualified. We encourage the release of small or unwanted fish.
- (6) All tournament boats must display their tournament Boat Number from check-out to check-in.
- (7) In case of a tie, the monies will be added together and divided.
- (8) All fish must be hooked, fought, and caught on a rod and manual reel by an unassisted angler. An assisting angler may touch the leader if no other part of the rod, reel or line is touched. (IGFA Rule #1 under Angling Regulations)
- (9) FISHING HOURS - Both days Check Out Safe Light (**as determined by tournament committee**). Check In 4:00PM (latest).

FAILURE TO CHECK OUT OR CHECK IN BY 4:00PM DEADLINE WILL DISQUALIFY  
THAT DAY'S CATCH!

The Committee shall keep the time. Anyone arriving after the 4:00pm deadline will be disqualified. CLARIFICATION: The 4:00pm deadline means that at 4:00pm or earlier, you are at the dock for weigh-in or Already in Line! In sight of the dock is not in line!

- (10) Entry Fees & Registration - All Entry fees must be in by 7:00PM Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> unless specifically approved by the tournament committee. *Registrations by Mail must be received no later than Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Registrations can also be dropped off at MacRae's of Homosassa or Bluewater Bait & Tackle before Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Registrations after May 24<sup>th</sup> 2024 can be dropped off at the Captain's Meeting. (Maximum 200 Boats).*
- (11) Decisions by the Cobia/Kiwanis Tournament Committee, in all matters, are final and binding.
- (12) No boat can win more than one "Cobia" award but can win a Cobia award and still be eligible for the Grouper, Speckled Trout and Redfish awards. One Prize per Species per Boat.
- (13) Check out location: Crump's Landing (Homosassa River) or down the canal, at Twin Rivers Marina (Crystal River).
- (14) WEIGH-IN FOR ALL ANGLERS: CRUMP'S LANDING KIWANIS WEIGH STATION! FISH MUST BE BROUGHT TO WEIGH-IN BY BOAT ONLY! LEAVE ALL FISH IN BOAT UNTIL YOU PULL UP TO THE SCALES. THERE WILL BE NO WEIGH-IN'S AT CRYSTAL RIVER.

**WEIGHTMASTER: Clint Smith**  
**ASST WEIGHMASTER: Cobia Tournament Committee**

**TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:**

**Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Captain's Meeting: 4:00PM - 7:00PM**

**Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Raffle: 4:30PM**

**Youth Tournament Awards: 5:00PM**

**Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Raffle: 4:30PM**

**Cobia Tournament Awards: 5:00PM**

**QUESTIONS:**

**Clint Smith (352) 464-1160**



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