42nd Annual Cobia "Big Fish" Tournament
May 30th & 31st, 2026
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 29th 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 29th 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 fish between **Chassahowitzka** and **Inglis** but must be weighted at Crump's Landing Kiwanis Weigh Station on the Homosassa River for that day's catch only. **Lines in** is Safe Light. Weigh-in is 12:00pm-4:00pm both days of the tournament. Fish may be brought by Boat or Vehicle to weight in.

(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 6th & 7th, 2026 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 - Safe Light. Check In 12:00 PM till 4:00PM (latest). No morning check out will be required.

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 in line for weigh-in. In sight of the dock is not in line!

(10) Entry Fees & Registration - All Entry fees must be in by 7:00PM Friday, May 29th unless specifically approved by the tournament committee. *Registrations by Mail must be received no later than Sunday, May 23rd, 2026. Registrations can also be dropped off at MacRae's of Homosassa, Crumps Landing or*

Sodium Fishing Gear before Friday May 23rd ,2026. Registrations after May 23rd 2026 must 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 Speckled Trout and Redfish awards. One Prize per Species per Boat.

(13) All prize winners are subject to a LIE DETECTOR if deemed necessary by the tournament committee.

WEIGHTMASTER: Clint Smith
ASST WEIGHMASTER: Cobia Tournament Committee

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

Friday, May 29th
Captain's Meeting: 4:00PM - 7:00PM

Saturday, May 30th
Raffle: 4:30PM

Sunday, May 31st
Raffle: 4:30PM
Cobia Tournament Awards: 5:00PM

QUESTIONS:
Clint Smith (352) 464-1160

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