

## OFFSHORE DIVISION

All anglers and boats participating in the Offshore Division must observe and obey current Federal fishing regulations . All vessels fishing for or capturing Tuna (except Blackfin ) Billfish, Shark, and Swordfish must have a NMFS federal HMS Recreational or Charterboat Angling Permit. As a reminder, beginning in 2008, anglers fishing for Reef Fish such as Red Snapper must use circle hooks and have a venting tool and de-hooking device as well. Also beginning in 2008 , ALL anglers , even those fishing in Federal Waters (outside 9 nautical miles from the nearest land) MUST have a Texas Fishing License !

All boats in the Offshore Division must leave and return through either the Port Aransas or Packery Channel Jetties .

Departure may not be prior to 4:00 AM . Fishing hours are 7:00 AM until 4:00 PM . Catches must be at the weigh station by 7:00PM the same day they are caught to be scored. Boats carrying contestants must clear the outside breakwater of Turtle Cove by 7:00 PM to have their catches considered at the weigh station. The decision by the weighmaster as to whether or not a catch is at the weigh station within the prescribed time limit shall be final.

During the course of the Deep Sea Roundup, all fish caught in the offshore division shall be caught from a boat . It being the intent of these rules that no fish may be caught and no fishing shall be allowed while a contestant is in the water.

During the Deep Sea Roundup, no contestant fishing in the offshore division, or any other person on a boat carrying such contestant shall enter the water for any purpose except to accomplish emergency repairs to the underbody of the boat. In a case such as this, an attempt to communicate with a committee boat must be made prior to entering the water.

Eligible fish in the Offshore Division are as follows : Amberjack, Barracuda, Bonito, Cobia (Ling) , Dolphin (Dorado or Mahi) , Jack Crevalle, King Mackerel, Spanish Mackerel, Shark, Red Snapper, Blackfin Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna, and Wahoo.

Shark must be 54 inches in Fork Length to retain.

REMINDER : Blue Marlin, White Marlin and Sailfish are not eligible species in the Offshore Division.

### NOTICE TO CONTESTANTS FISHING THE BILLFISH RELEASE DIVISION

The Billfish Release Division is a BOAT competition rather than an individual angler contest

The eligible fish in the Billfish Release Division are as follows :  
Blue Marlin, White Marlin, and Sailfish

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Division trophies will be awarded for the first and second place fish by weight for all species. Tie-breaker for all species will be length and then girth. Points will be awarded as : Two (2) points for each first place trophy and One (one) point for each second place trophy. The Offshore Division Champion will be the contestant who acquires the most points . The contestant with the second most points will be the Offshore Division Runner Up.

Billfish Release Division trophies will be awarded on the basis of a point system. Tie-breaker for Billfish will be time of release reported to a committee boat.

In the Billfish Release Division, contestants will receive 400 points for each Blue Marlin 100 points for each White Marlin and 70 points for each Sailfish release. The boat with the highest point total for each species will win the first place trophy. The boat with the second highest point total for each species will be the runner-up.

The Billfish Release Division Champion boat will be determined by the total number of points . The vessel with the second highest point total will be the runner-up.

#### IMPORTANT !!

To qualify as a release, the mate must have the leader in hand and a clear video showing the last 30 seconds (minimum) of the fight and release. The object of the day shall be visible . Objects of the Day will be available in the Civic Center on Thursday and Friday night. NOTE : It is the responsibility of the contestants to furnish the necessary machine and cable to attach to the monitor at the Weigh Station. The Weighmaster will have a TV Monitor with the following interface, RCA video jack (the Yellow port on the back of most video and dvd players ), as well as a laptop with standard USB Port .

Contestants must furnish everything else needed to view the video !

All videos not claimed immediately after the Awards Ceremony become property of the Deep Sea Roundup. For tie-breaker purposes, time of release is critical . If no committee boat can be raised, then try to notify another contestant boat of your release time.

Committee boats and radio frequencies will be announced at registration .

**TIE BREAKING IN OFFSHORE DIVISION : FORMULA USED : Mean of Actual Weight / DSR Record = wt. %**

**EXAMPLE OF A THREE WAY TIE (each contestant has four points )**

Contestant A

1 <sup>st</sup> Place Blackfin Tuna	(2pt.) 32.5/39.9=82.29
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Kingfish	(1pt.) 25.6/51.4=49.81
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Ling	(1pt) 39.7/74.2 =53.48
Total	185.58

Contestant B

1 <sup>st</sup> Place Dolphin	(2pt.) 49.7/65.6=66.1
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Yellowfin Tuna	(2pt.) 112.5/137.6=81.76

Total 147.86

Contestant C

1<sup>st</sup> place Ling (exceeds DSR record) (2pt.) 78.4/74.2=105.63

2<sup>nd</sup> place Blackfin Tuna (1pt.) 30.5/39.5=52.9

2<sup>nd</sup> place Red Snapper (1pt.) 12.2/25.9=47.10

Total 205.63

Contestant A  $185.58 / 3 = 61.86 \%$

Contestant B  $147.86 / 2 = 73.93 \%$

Contestant C  $205.63 / 3 = 68.54 \%$

In our example , CONTESTANT B is the Offshore Division Champion and CONTESTANT C is the Offshore Division Runner Up.

### JUNIOR DIVISION

Junior Division contestants are to be 16 yrs. of age or younger as of the Deep Sea Roundup registration date. Junior contestants are governed by DSR rules . Junior Division Contestants may fish in any of the DSR categories as dictated by DSR rules. They are eligible for Junior Division awards plus the regular Deep Sea Roundup trophies. REMINDER : Please make certain that the registration card shows the contestant is entered in the Junior Division !

#### TOP JUNIOR ANGLER.

Top Junior Angler will be determined by the junior angler that acquires the most first and / or second place finishes in the general junior division weigh-in.

#### TARPON RELEASE DIVISION :

Anglers participating in this division of the Deep Sea Roundup must follow the same video, object of the day and release criteria as the BILLFISH RELEASE DIVISION contestants . Be sure to look through those requirements . In the case of a tie , time of release will determine the first and second place finishers. Call a committee boat with release times.

#### SHARKS

There is a 54 inch minimum (fork length) size limit for Shark. The Deep Sea Roundup is being conducted under federal regulations which means there is a limit of one (1) shark per boat . NMFS Highly Migratory Recreational Permits are required for boats fishing for Shark. Anglers must also be aware of the list of prohibited sharks and avoid boating any of the prohibited species. This is the responsibility of the contestants ! Remember, no NMFS prohibited sharks may be landed !

## BAY – SURF DIVISION

Bay-Surf fishing will begin at 6:00 am and end at 2:00 pm. Catches must be at the weigh station by 4:00 pm on the same day they are caught in order to be scored. The eligible fish in the Bay-Surf category are as follows : Speckled Trout, Redfish, Flounder, Gafftop, Black Drum, Spanish Mackerel, and Pompano.. All fish must be within size limits dictated by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Redfish with Red Drum tags will not be allowed to weigh in. Redfish of 28 inch total length will not be allowed to weigh in. Bay-Surf Division trophies will be awarded for first and second place fish, by weight, for the above seven species. Length and then girth will be the tie-breaker. Weigh Station opens at 1:00 pm

### BAY-SURF CHAMPION AND RUNNER-UP

The contestant in this division who wins a first place trophy for at least one of the seven eligible species and has the highest total weight of at least four and up to seven of the eligible species will be the Bay-Surf Division Champion . The runner-up will be the contestant, excluding the Champion, registering the highest total weight of at least four and up to seven of the eligible species in the Bay-Surf Division.

## PIGGY PERCH DIVISION

All boys and girls, 12 years of age or younger, are eligible to participate in the Piggy Perch Division. Fishing days are the same as the tournament. Ages 5 and younger will fish at 9:00 am and ages 6 to 12 will fish at 9:45 am. Children should meet at the Robert's Point Park Pavilion at least 15 minutes before fishing time. No registration is necessary as the judges will register the children when they weigh in. Each child should bring a towel and a five gallon bucket. Bait and tackle will be provided and each child must fish with the gear provided. Contestants 6 and older are encouraged to fish without assistance except in the case of special needs children. The boy and girl in each age group with the smallest, largest, and most fish will receive an award. The judges will also be looking for a child who demonstrates good sportsmanship to receive a special award. Awards will be presented at the Deep Sea Roundup awards ceremony. **ALL CONTESTANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TRY AND KEEP THEIR FISH ALIVE TO BE RELEASED AFTER WEIGH IN.**

## FLY FISHING DIVISION

The Fly Fishing Division will feature Speckled Trout and Redfish only. Fishing begins at 6:00 am and ends at 2:00 pm . Catches must be at the weigh station by 4:00 pm on the same day that they are caught to be scored. IGFA fly fishing rules are in effect. Contestants in this division will compete for 1<sup>st</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Place awards for each species. All fish must comply with size limits established by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Redfish over 28" (inches) will not be weighed. Fish will be scored by

weight. Length and then girth will be the tie-breaker. A contestant entering this division will not be eligible for the Bay-Surf Division trophy/championship.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

(revised 3/28/08)

Weigh station will open at 1:00 pm each day.

All fish must be in edible condition.

A Deep Sea Roundup Judge must weigh and measure all tournament fish entries and the contestant or their guide must approve the figures with his/her initials on the scorecard. Fish that have been mutilated will be disqualified. Gaff hook marks are not to be considered mutilation.

Firearms, Bangsticks, Spear Guns, or Harpoons may not be used on any fish.

Contestants may fish aboard any vessel as long as all tournament rules are followed. This includes private boats, charter boats, and party (head) boats. NOTE : In the Billfish Release Division , everyone on the vessel must be a registered contestant. This includes deckhands, mates and non-fishing spectators, no exceptions !!!

Fish which have a minimum or maximum size limit will be disqualified if, in the judges opinion, the head or tail has been altered or damaged.

All fish must be caught on a single rod and reel using bait and hooks or lures and hooks. The maximum allowable line and tackle size is 130 pound test line.

Deep Sea Roundup encourages all contestants to practice catch and release with fish that are not in contention for a trophy.

Judges decisions will be final in all cases and all contestants are subject to a polygraph test if deemed necessary by Deep Sea Roundup Officials.

Each contestant agrees to submit to a polygraph examination at the sole discretion of the Deep Sea Roundup Chairman. Any contestant who fails to take the polygraph examination shall be automatically disqualified.

Any contestant who wishes to report a violation of Deep Sea Roundup rules shall notify the Deep Sea Roundup Chairman or the head weigh-in judge of the violation at the time the contestant arrives at the weigh station on the day of the alleged violation. The contestant reporting the violation shall put the incident in writing, detailing the specific Deep Sea Roundup rule which has been violated. The written protest shall be hand delivered to the Deep Sea Roundup Chairman or the head weigh-in judge no later than Ten ( 10:00 ) PM on Saturday.. Any reported violation not made in conformity with these requirements will not be considered. The decision of the Deep Sea Roundup Chairman will be final in all cases.

Required Polygraph examinations will be given at 8:00 am Sunday Morning.

All First and Second Place winners shall make themselves available for a possible Polygraph Exam. In 2007 there were Two winners disqualified because of failing the Polygraph Exam. Failed Polygraph and Disqualification may lead to a lifetime ban from the Deep Sea Roundup at the discretion of the Deep Sea Roundup Polygraph Committee.