

28th Annual Cobia "Big Fish" Tournament

June 2nd & 3rd, 2012

RULES

- (1) **I.G.F.A RULES WILL GOVERN.** We will go over them at the Captains Meeting on Friday June 1st at 5:00pm & 7:00pm at **MacRae's of Homosassa**, plus you will get a copy of them in your ditty bag. **NOTE: Attendance is not required at both meetings. Two meeting times have been scheduled to accommodate a large turnout.**
- (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 the Homosassa River, directly to **MacRae's Bait & Tackle weigh station** or that days catch will be disqualified.
- (4) If either Saturday's or Sunday's fishing is cancelled by the Weather Committee due to bad weather, and 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 due to weather, the Tournament will be rescheduled for June 9th & 10th, 2012. There will be no refunds of entry fees once paid.
- (5) All fish must be of legal size. We encourage quick release of small or unwanted fish.
- (6) All tournament boats must fly their tournament flag from checkout to check-in. Tournament boats must stay clear of all other boats unless cleared by a committee boat.
- (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 fisherman may touch the leader as long as no other part of the rod, reel or line is touched. (IGFA Rule #1 under Angling Regulations).
- (9) **FISHING HOURS-** Both Days Check Out-7:00AM (earliest). Check-in by 4:00pm (latest).

***FAILURE TO CHECKOUT OR CHECK-IN BY 4:00PM DEADLINE WILL
DISQUALIFY THAT DAYS CATCH!***

- (10) Entry Fees & Registration – All entry fees must be in by 7:00 AM-Saturday, June 2nd, unless specifically approved by tournament committee in writing. ***Registrations by mail must be received no later than May 24th, 2012. Registrations can also be dropped off at Twin Rivers Marina, Blue Water Bait & Tackle, Ed's Bait & Tackle or MacRae's of Homosassa before Fri – May 25th. Registrations after May 25th, can be dropped off at MacRae's or at the Captain's Meeting. (Maximum 200 Boats)***
- (11) Any protest must be in writing and in the hands of the tournament committee by 4:30PM on each day of the tournament. Decisions by the tournament committee are final and binding. If a cheating complaint is filed, the participants will be given a lie detector test. We will also have a torrymeter available (freshness tester). The results of these tests will be final.

- (12) Any boats aiding or in a rescue situation that has been asked to do so by the committee will be allowed to weigh-in late. The aided or rescued boat will not be allowed to weigh-in late.
- (13) No angler can win more than one "Cobia" award but can win a Cobia Award and still be eligible for the grouper and trout awards.
- (14) Checkout location: MacRae's Bait & Tackle (Homosassa River) or down the canal from Twin Rivers Marina (Crystal River).

(15) WEIGH-IN FOR ALL ANGLERS: MAC RAE'S BAIT & TACKLE! FISH MUST BE BROUGHT TO WEIGH-IN BY BOAT ONLY! LEAVE ALL FISH IN BOAT UNTIL YOU PULL UP TO SCALES. THERE WILL BE NO WEIGH-IN'S AT CRYSTAL RIVER.

WEIGHMASTER: Capt. Gator MacRae

ASST WEIGHMASTER: Trudy Cooper

PROTESTS: Jeff Garvin

WEATHER COMMITTEE: Jeff Beeler & Gator MacRae

- (16) **TOURNAMENT RADIO CHANNEL-VHF Channel 72.** It is recommended that all boats have a VHF radio. If not make arrangements to "Buddy Boat" with someone who does. Alternate Channel is 68.
- (17) **COMMITTEE BOATS-** There will be committee boats north and south of the Homosassa River. All potential winning fish should be reported to a committee boat as soon as possible after landing a fish.

COMMITTEE BOATS: To be announced at Captain's Meeting.

- (18) **Raffle Tickets to be given out for donated eligible species: Cobia, Grouper, Trout, Snapper, Redfish, Flounder & Sea Bass.**

LAND FUNCTIONS:

CAPTAIN'S MEETING – MacRae's of Homosassa

Friday June 1st – Start at 5:00 PM / 2nd Meeting – 7:00 PM

Saturday June 2nd – BAR-B-QUE DINNER – 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM at MacRae's

Sunday June 3rd – FISH FRY- 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM

Sunday June 3rd - RAFFLE will be held at 4:15

AWARDS: MacRae's – 5:00 PM on Sunday

If you have any questions, please call:

MACRAE'S BAIT & TACKLE (352) 628-2602

Or

BARRAMUNDI CORPORATION (352) 628-0200

Assigned Boat Number: _____

ENTRY FORM
28th ANNUAL COBIA BIG FISH TOURNAMENT
JUNE 2nd & 3rd, 2012

Mail complete Entry Form with check to:

Homosassa Game Fish Club Inc.
P.O. Box 469
Homosassa, FL 34487

******PLEASE NOTE****The tournament is limited to a maximum of 200 boats. Entries will be based on the date and time that they are received. If the tournament reaches the maximum of 200 boats there will be 10 alternate entries accepted in case of any cancellations. The first 10 alternate entries will also be based on the date and time that they are received. Entries received after the cut off will be returned with a full refund.******

Or turn form in at: Blue Water Bait & Tackle, MacRae's of Homosassa, Ed's Bait & Tackle, Twin Rivers Marina (Crystal River), or at the Captain's Meeting at MacRae's of Homosassa if openings are still available. Captain's Meeting to be held at 5:00pm & 7:00pm Friday, June 1st.

ENTRY FEE: \$125.00 PER BOAT.

Boat Name: _____
Boat Size: _____ Mfg: _____ FL Number _____
VHF Radio: _____ CB Radio: _____ Cell Phone # _____

Captains Name: _____
Complete Address: _____

Zip: _____
Home Telephone: _____ Date of Entry: _____

Persons on Board: (1) _____ (2) _____
**Captain and all (3) _____ (4) _____
Anglers** (5) _____ (6) _____
(7) _____ (8) _____

Buddy Boat: _____

With the submission of this application, all participants agree to hold harmless and release from any liability all organizers, sponsors, officials and others connected with this tournament.

Paid _____ Cash/Check Accepted By: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE

How did you hear about the tournament? Please check one:

____ Fished it before ____ Friend ____ Radio ____ Tournament Poster

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