



04/24/2024 Revision

## 14th ANNUAL ROCK THE DOCK FISHING TOURNAMENT 2024 TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

**4/24/24 IMPORTANT UPDATE** –Due to the offshore forecast on Saturday and Sunday and for the safety of our offshore anglers, we have made the decision to include Friday, April 26th for the OFFSHORE DIVISION only. Late registration online will end on Thursday at midnight for OFFSHORE only. The mandatory Captains Meeting will be waived for offshore only. This decision does not affect any other divisions or schedules for Rock the Dock and all scheduled activities will go forward as planned.

### SAFETY AND CONDUCT

1. All entrants participate in the tournament at their own risk. Participants are expected to follow all applicable laws and rules for safe boating, including those regarding USCG equipment requirements.
2. Participants are expected to follow all applicable laws pertaining to the taking of marine fish.
3. Participants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship and courtesy. Any participant who exhibits threatening behavior or who otherwise engages in disorderly, illegal or improper conduct of any kind is subject to immediate disqualification from the Tournament.
4. All fish must adhere to recreational size and bag limits of the State of Florida.
5. Willful violations of marine laws or other violations of safe and proper conduct may lead to disqualification.

### 2024 OFFICIAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Friday, APRIL 26, 2024

Captains Meeting Woolley Park, Panacea, FL  
Late Registration 5 –7 PM for Inshore, Kayak, and Youth / Captains Mtg. 7:00  
Live Music on the Stage by HOT MESS DUO 7-9PM  
APRIL 26-28, 2024 – Fishing Tournament

#### Official Weigh-In Station Location and Hours

Woolley Park, Panacea, Florida  
**Saturday, April 27, 2024 2 – 6 PM**  
You must be in line with your fish by 6 PM  
**Sunday, April 28, 2024 - Noon – 4 PM**  
You must be in line with your fish by 4 PM

### REGISTRATION

Registration may be completed in advance by mail, **online** ([www.visitpanacea.org](http://www.visitpanacea.org)), or in person at Mike's Marine Supply, Panacea, FL.

Entrants may also register and pay for jackpot entries online. For more information email [panacearockthedock@gmail.com](mailto:panacearockthedock@gmail.com)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Entry into the tournament will register by **BOAT** for Inshore and Offshore Divisions and by **individual** for the Kayak and Youth Divisions. No refunds will be given..

### LATE REGISTRATION and CAPTAINS MEETING

Friday, APRIL 26, 2024 Woolley Park Panacea, Florida  
Late Registration 5 -7 PM for Inshore, Kayak and Youth Short Captains Meeting 7:00 PM

Online registration closes at 7pm on Friday, April 26, 2024 (closes at Midnight on Thurs April 25<sup>th</sup> for Offshore only). You may also register in person at the Captains Meeting from 5-7 PM. No entries will be accepted after 7:00 PM.

The rules of this tournament may be amended verbally or in writing at the Captains Meeting. Target weights will be announced during this meeting. Anglers are responsible for knowing all the rules. It is mandatory that one person per boat in the Inshore, Offshore and Kayak Divisions attend the Captains Meeting.

## FISHING DIVISIONS, CATEGORIES, PRIZES, AND ENTRANCE FEES

### INSHORE

**\$150 per BOAT (Late registration after Friday, April 19, 2024 will be \$200)**

**Flounder - Red Fish - Spanish Mackerel - Trout**

1st place - \$750

2nd place - \$500

3rd place - \$300

### OFFSHORE

**\$300 per BOAT (Late registration after Friday, April 19, 2024 will be \$350)**

**Mangrove Snapper - Cobia - Red Grouper - Kingfish**

1st place - \$1,500

2nd place - \$1,000

3rd place - \$750

### CRUMS'S MINI MALL SATURDAY PAYOUT

Must be in weigh-in line with your fish by 6:00 PM on Saturday, April 27, 2024

**Red Grouper & Mangrove Snapper Only**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$500      2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$250**

(Fish weighed in on Saturday are not eligible to be weighed in again on Sunday)

WILL BE AWARDED IMMEDIATELY AFTER WEIGH IN CLOSES ON SATURDAY

**YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!**

### KAYAK DIVISION

**\$50 per PERSON (Late registration after Friday, April 19, 2024 will be \$60 per person)**

**Flounder - Red Fish - Trout - Spanish Mackerel**

1st place - \$400      2nd place - \$200      3rd place - \$100

### WALT WIDENER KAYAK SPORTSMAN AWARD

Weigh in a fish for a chance at winning \$2000!

Each registered Kayak angler who weighs in an eligible fish will be entered into a drawing for \$2000.

\*\*\*\*\*Kayak Angler must be Present on Sunday to Win\*\*\*\*\*

### YOUTH DIVISION

(age 15 and under)

**\$25 per PERSON or Youth Registered with an inshore or offshore boat.**

**Red Fish - Flounder - Trout - Spanish Mackerel - Triple Tail - Red Grouper - Kingfish**

1st place - Trophy & Prize      2nd place - Trophy & Prize      3rd place - Trophy & Prize

Each Youth who is registered in the Youth Division and weighs in an eligible fish will be entered into a drawing for

12-foot G-3 Jon Boat, 4-HP Yamaha Outboard and 12-foot Galvanized Trailer  
\*\*\*\*\*Youth Angler Must Be Present To Win these Prizes\*\*\*\*\*

**Sea Tow Member**

Weigh A Fish Win \$1000

Sea Tow member must sign in at the Sea Tow tent at the tournament before weighing in or checking in a fish.

All Sea Tow members who are registered in the Inshore, Offshore or Kayak Division and weighs in an eligible fish will be eligible for the drawing to win \$1000 cash.

\*\*\*\*\*Sea Tow Angler Must Be Present To Win\*\*\*\*\*

**Lady Anglers**

Weigh in a fish for a chance at winning!

Each lady angler who weighs in an eligible fish, will be entered into a drawing to win one of two prize packages. 1<sup>st</sup> \$500 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Loaded Tote Bag from Crum's Mini Mall! Youth Division female anglers are not eligible.

\*\*\*Lady Angler must be present to win these prizes\*\*\*

Changes due to State and Federal Regulations may be made to any categories

Scoring of all fish will be by weight. In case of tie, fish weighed in first will win.

**Drawings will be at the tournament awards on Sunday, April 28, 2024, for all divisions and fish categories.**

Youth awards will be held first. (Sat. Payouts will be held immediately after weigh-in closes at 6:00 PM on Saturday)

Cancellation: In the event of only a single entry in a division, competition in that division will be considered terminated and we will refund the entrant's registration fee in full.

**JACKPOTS**

**KINGFISH JACKPOT** - \$100 (per boat) – Payout will be \$6,000 for the largest Kingfish.

Open to Offshore Division

**TROUT JACKPOT** - \$75 (per boat) – Payout will be \$4,000 for the largest Trout.

Open to Inshore and Kayak Divisions

**REDFISH JACKPOT**

\$50 per boat - Payout will be \$1,000

Redfish with Most Spots Wins

SPONSORED by SEINEYARD ROCK LANDING

Open to Inshore and Kayak Divisions

**GROUPEL JACKPOT** - \$100 per boat – 100% payout

Open to offshore Division – Includes all species of legal grouper open in Federal Waters.

**SATURDAY TROUT BAG JACKPOT** - \$25 (per boat) – Payout will be \$750 and will be held on Saturday only. 5

Slot Fish – Heaviest bag wins.

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**(Fish Weighed in on Saturday are not eligible to weighed in again on Sunday)**

Open to Inshore and Kayak Divisions

**You are not required to be present to win any of these jackpots.**

**KAYAK ONLY TROUT JACKPOT** - \$25 (per boat) – Payout will be a Kayak

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**YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN THIS JACKPOT**

**TARGET WEIGHTS**  
**\$500 each / Weights will be announced at the Captains Meeting**

**Kingfish / Red Grouper / Trout / Redfish**

**RULINGS AND RULES COMPLIANCE**

The rules of this tournament may be amended verbally or in writing at the Captains Meeting. Anglers are responsible for knowing all the rules.

This is a recreational tournament. You may only hold one place in each fish category in your division. A boat can only enter one fish per category. Tournament begins (First Lines in the Water) at 5:30AM on Saturday, April 27, 2024 (5:30 am on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> for OFFSHORE only). All fish must be weighed at Woolley Park in Panacea.

**FISHING AREAS Departure points: Tournament entrants must depart from and return to a port within the boundaries of Steinhatchee to Mexico Beach.**

All fish presented for weigh-in must be fresh, in edible condition, and must not have been frozen, and must be caught during tournament fishing hours. Acceptability of fish will be determined by the Tournament Judge. All fish must adhere to recreational size and bag limits of the State of Florida.

Any angler that wins a prize may be subject to a polygraph test (lie-detector). The Tournament reserves the right to amend the lengths and/or remove any fish from competition, without notice, at any time in order to comply with federal and/or state requirements.

Electric reels are allowed but deck mounted winch devices ("one-armed bandits") are prohibited. No drone fishing is allowed.

It is the responsibility of the angler to ensure that all foreign objects are removed from the fish. Such objects shall include, but are not limited to: hooks, leaders, ice, and weights. Hooks or bait that have passed through the mouth and into the gullet may be left in place.

Handling: Fish qualifying for places on any of the tournament competition leader boards will be documented with the official weight and Boat / Angler Name, gut checked and released to the angler. We will not keep any fish, however there will be someone on site who will take the fish if you do not wish to keep them.

**Lie Detector (polygraph) tests will be administered to randomly selected anglers at the tournament board's discretion. Individuals selected for the polygraph test must pass all portions of the test to be eligible to receive any prize. Failure to do so for any reason will result in immediate disqualification.**

Rule violations, the eligibility of entrants or entered fish, disqualifications, and any other matters not specifically covered by these rules will be decided by the Tournament Judge in consultation with the Tournament Chairman. The Tournament Judge may disqualify any person who commits any violation of tournament rules. Decisions of the Tournament Judge are final and non-negotiable for all entrants.

Protests of any nature must be submitted to the Tournament Chairman in writing at the time the fish is being weighed. No protests will be accepted once a fish has been weighed and left the stage. Protests must be accompanied by a cash deposit of \$100.00 to be binding on the outcome of this tournament. An unsuccessful protest will forfeit the \$100.00 deposit.

Tournament winners will be awarded their prizes during the ceremonies held immediately after final weigh-in at center stage. In the event of a tie in weight, the winner shall be determined by the earliest weigh-in time.

**SWAG TABLE**

Sea Tow bags and other items will be available as at the Captains Meeting while supplies last.

**WEATHER CONTINGENCY**

The tournament will not be canceled or postponed due to weather or sea conditions. All anglers participate at their own risk.

**PHOTO and VIDEO RELEASE**

The participants specifically agree and consent to the use of any photograph, motion picture, video or audio recording in which they appear or are heard by the Rock the Dock Fishing Tournament for any purpose whatsoever including, but not limited to resale, advertising, and promotional material without compensation or restriction of any kind.

**TOURNAMENT ORGANIZATION**

Tournament Officials, Panacea Waterfronts Florida Partnership Members, Tournament Committee Members, Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners, Wakulla County Parks & Recreation Department, and all other persons directly or indirectly connected with the operation of the tournament are exempt from any liability for loss, damage, injury, negligence, or harm to any entrant or equipment which may occur during the tournament.

The Panacea Waterfronts Florida Partnership is a community based organization designated by the State of Florida, Department of Community Affairs, and Waterfronts Florida Program for the purpose of planning, design, beautification, and revitalization of the coastal community of Panacea. Funds raised from this Tournament will benefit the revitalization of projects of the Panacea Area and further the goals of the Partnership for assuring public access to the waterfront. The Panacea Waterfronts Florida Partnership, Inc. is a 501c(3) non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Florida. Our EIN is 14-1922802.

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