

# **SALTY GATORS INSHORE CLASSIC**

## **Fishing Tournament Rules:**

**INDIVIDUAL ANGLER FISHING:** This is an INDIVIDUAL ANGLER TOURNAMENT. Federal, State & County Fishing laws apply to each angler that chooses to compete in this tournament. All Anglers on the boat must have paid for an entry prior to fishing. All types of boats are allowed. (bay boat, airboat, kayak, etc.) The tournament begins at safelight, which means that you can leave the dock at safelight. Safe light is 30 minutes before the posted sunrise time. The Weigh Master has final say on the official time and he/she will announce it at the captains meeting. If there is no captains meeting, then it will be posted prior to tournament day.

**ENTRY FEE:** Entry fee is \$35.00 per angler, and \$30 for UF/ Santa Fe students.

**SAFETY:** SAFETY IS ALWAYS FIRST. Safety is paramount. Captains are responsible for the safe and legal operation of their boats at all times.

**QUALIFYING FISH:** Fish must be caught on hook and line and landed in whole condition. Fish must be of legal length and possession limits. Weighing in a fish that is not of legal limits will result in disqualification from the tournament. Mutilated fish will not be accepted. Each angler is able to weigh-in one slot redfish (within 18-27" in length) and one slot trout (within 15"-19" in length) for their accumulative combo weight category. No trout over 19 inches will be accepted. There will be a wild card category for the single largest legal flounder weighed in.

**CALCUTTA:** The Calcutta for this tournament is a side pot buy-in of \$25 per angler. The Calcutta is for the largest redfish brought in. You **DO NOT** have to place in the main division to win the Calcutta.

**RADIO:** Captains are reminded that they should have an operational VHF radio on board their boat for safety. VHF radio Channels 9 & 10 is monitored by the local marinas.

**CHECK OUT / IN:** There is no boat check the morning of the tournament.

**CAPTAIN'S MEETING:** The captains meeting will be held at **SEA HAG MARINA** 322 Riverside Dr. Steinatchee, FL, 32359. Friday night April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at **7pm**. This meeting is not mandatory, but highly recommended.

**WEIGH-IN:** Weigh-in opens Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at **SEA HAG MARINA**, 322 Riverside Drive, Steinatchee at 2pm. Weigh-in will close for all anglers at **3pm**. **You must be in line with your fish and ticket by 3pm.**

**TIES:** In case of a tie, the winner will be the individual that weighed in the earliest.

**PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:** You can start anywhere you like, and you are permitted to travel as far as you would like.

**TACKLE & EQUIPMENT:** Artificial lures or live bait may be used. Spearfishing or gigging will not be allowed. All fish must be caught on rod and reel.

**PROTESTS:** The Tournament Committee will settle any Protest. The Tournament Committee's decision is FINAL.

**By purchasing a ticket, you here by affirm that you have read and understand all tournament rules and that you will abide by all decisions made by the tournament rules committee. The tournament committee is not responsible for accidents or injuries received as a result of participating in this tournament.**