

#1 RULES ACCEPTANCE

It is the sole responsibility of the Captain, crew and anglers to read, understand and abide by the Tournament rules; including any and all special instructions and/or modifications announced during Captain's meeting. At least one designated representative from each team must attend the captains meeting.

The Venice Touchdown Club along with the Suncoast Snapper Slapper expects the highest level of integrity and sportsmanship from its participants.

#2 ENTRY DEADLINE Offshore-6:00pm Wednesday, June 21st, 2023/ Inshore-6:00 pm, Thursday, June 22nd, 2023.

#3 ENTRY FEE

The entry fee shall be \$600 per boat competing in the Offshore Tournament - American Red Snapper and Snapper.

The entry fee shall be \$125 per angler competing in the Inshore Tournament - Snook, Redfish, Trout.

The Optional Offshore Entry Fee into the Calcutta division will be \$250 per species (Dolphin, Grouper, Tuna, Wahoo, Warsaw and Wildcard) .

The Optional Inshore Entry Fee into the Calcutta division will be \$100 per species (Trash Can Slam and True Slam)

#4 Mystery Fish Division

There will be a mystery fish division in the Offshore and Inshore Category. The closest species in weight for the Offshore to the mystery fish will receive \$1000, the closest fish in length in Inshore will receive \$250. Time weighed in will break the tie.

#5 CAPTAIN'S MEETING & TOURNAMENT START

Offshore registration will be available at Integrate Tec (121 Corporation Way. Unit B Venice, FL 34285) or Online on our website. In person registration will take place on Wednesday, June 21st from 4-6pm at Hooters Sarasota (6507 S Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL. 34231). Offshore must register by Wednesday, June 21st at 6pm. Offshore Captain's meeting will be held in person at Hooters Sarasota Wednesday June 21st at 6pm. One representative per group must attend. A code word will be released at the Captain's meeting known only by the tournament director. Anglers will be released to fish Thursday, June 23rd at 5:00am. A video of your GPS showing you're still on land, correct time and date and stating the code word must be sent to the Tournament Director to guarantee there is no cheating.

Inshore Registration will occur at Hooters Sarasota on Thursday from 4:00pm-6:00pm. There will be mandatory Inshore captain's meeting at 6:00pm immediately following Registration, Inshore Anglers will be released to fish on Friday, June 23rd at 4pm.

#6 ENTRY NUMBERS

Entry numbers will be assigned in order of registrations received and paid in full.

There will be no deviation from the numbering system. Each tournament vessel will receive their entry number at registration and shall be required to display that number in a manner easily visible to tournament officials at Weigh-in.

#7 HOURS OF COMPETITION

Tournament participants may begin fishing at 5:00am Thursday, June 22nd for Offshore and 4:00pm Friday, June 23rd for Inshore. All Anglers must be checked in by the Weighmaster at the check in station or have photos submitted to the iAngler inshore app by 4:00pm Saturday, June 24th. You must be seen at the dock by 4pm, scales will stay open till the last boat in line weighs in. **All species will be weighed on Saturday, June 24th, 2023 between 1:00pm and 4:00pm (subject to change)**

Official time will be kept by Weighmaster and will correspond with time displayed on Weighmaster's Cell Phone.

#8 FISHING RULES

Angling gear and methods should comply with the spirit of the International Game Fish Association (IGFA), with the exception of bent butts. Bent Butts with manual hand crank reels are permitted for the entire duration of the fight with the fish.

All fish must be caught on rod and reel. No electric reel use allowed during the tournament.

If you are fishing for Warsaw, you can only catch one species. No floaters allowed, due to Warsaw not being able to be vented.

Goliath Grouper, Shark and Tarpon are excluded from the Suncoast Snapper Slapper Wading permitted. Vessel must remain moored at all times any angler is not in the boat. Chumming is prohibited in the **inshore division only**. Live baiting is allowed.

#9 PERMITS & LICENSES

Registered boats and anglers must comply with all Federal and Florida State Laws regarding fishing licenses, size limits, bag limits and any other applicable regulations.

For information regarding Florida Saltwater Fishing Licenses refer to www.FloridaConservation.org or call 850-487-0554. For information regarding NMFS permits refer to www.nmfs.noaa.gov or call 888-872-8862.

A citation or written warning of any local, state or federal regulation during the tournament will result in disqualification.

#10 OFF-LOADING CATCH

All fish must be weighed-in off the boat from which they were caught. No trucking, trailering, or over land transportation of fish.

Fish must be off-loaded only at the designated dock at Marina Jack in order as called by Weighmaster.

#11 RULER TOURNAMENT SCORING FOR INSHORE DIVISION

A point system based upon the type and size of fish will be used to determine the winning boat. Each boat will be allowed to enter 5 fish for the judging. The 5 fish entered by the Captain may not include more than 2 red, 2 trout and 1 snook.

Please use the given tournament ruler and tournament Photos without the RULER will not qualify. Photos can be submitted to the tournament app. Please download the iAngler App on your phone. In the event the app does not work, please time stamp your photo and bring to Weigh-In.

***Length will be rounded to the nearest whole inch. Measurements 1/2 inch will be rounded up. Please see attached score card for Snook, Trout and Redfish.**

#12 ELIGIBLE SPECIES, POINTS AND LIMITS FUNFISH DIVISION

Species	Weight Points	Minimums	Bag Limit
Dolphin	1 per pound	10 pounds	2/Team
Tuna	1 per pound	27" CFL	2/Team
Wahoo	1 per pound	10 pounds	2/Team

*Ties between the weights of two or more fun fish are broken by the time of weigh in.

#12 WEIGHING IN FISH

Weigh-in begins at 1:00pm on June 24th, 2023 and closes precisely at 4:00pm.

Once a fish is entered, it may not be substituted for a larger fish that day. (Entrants will be allowed one trip to the scales, you may not resume fishing after weigh-in.)

The deadline to be in the weigh-in line and to check in with tournament official is 4:00pm at Marina Jack for Offshore Division and via iAngler app for Inshore Division. The weigh-in line will form in the mouth of the basin.

Failure to be recognized and checked in by appropriate Weighmaster will disqualify fish. All fish are weighed to the hundredth of a pound. Fish must be in edible condition, and not marred or mauled in any way.

No fish should leave the boat until they are in line to be weighed.

Boats may weigh two fish in each species per division, (excluding the snook division). All fish to be weighed must be listed on the Weigh-In Form. Before leaving the scale area, the presenting angler must sign the Official Tournament Weigh-in form.

Trash Can Slam fish (ladyfish, catfish, and yellow-tail jack) will be weighed all together with the total weight being your entry for the Trash Can Slam part of the competition.

The Weighmaster and the Tournament Official reserve the right to refuse to weigh any fish that does not meet the tournament requirements.

#13 PRIZE PAYMENTS

Please see the attached for prize breakdowns.

All prize payments will be made directly to the captain of the boat on the Wednesday following the tournament. All checks will be issued to the Captain of the team and will require a W-9 if over \$600. You can pick up your check at the Integrate Tec or we can mail to you.

The tournament will only submit the W-9's of the winners of any prize money that exceeds the amount of the entry fee of that category by \$600. If less than a \$600 difference, no W-9 is needed.

Captains may then distribute winnings to the anglers on their boats as appropriate.

Each boat/team per division is eligible for a maximum of one prize in each division per species.

BIG CHECKS will be awarded at the Awards Ceremony immediately following the tournament. Stay around for your photo op.

#14 BOAT SUBSTITUTION & PROCEDURES

Boat substitutions are permitted for mechanical failure only. Any substitutions must be reported to tournament officials PRIOR to the start of fishing.

Boats are not permitted to have any physical contact with other boats during the fishing hours of the tournament with the exception of emergency or safety reasons and must be reported to a tournament official as soon as possible.

#15 PROTEST

All protests concerning the determination of the tournament winners shall be made in writing to the tournament rules committee, and shall be accompanied by \$1000 cash.

All protests shall be made prior to closing of the scales June 24, 2023.

In the event, that a protest is made and upheld by the rules committee, the \$1000 cash deposit shall be returned. Otherwise, the \$1000 cash deposit becomes the property of the tournament. Any protest resolutions are based on committee decisions, which are final.

#16 INSPECTION OF BOATS

The rules committee reserves the right to inspect any and all boats entered in the competition.

#17 PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF TIES

If two or more entries in any category are the exact weight or weights, the winner shall be determined by earliest check in time for Inshore or Offshore divisions.

#18 RAIN DATE

To be determined only under Small Craft Advisory. There shall be no refunds.

#19 CONDITION OF FISH

Fish shall not be mutilated in any way other than hook/gaff marks and must be in edible condition.

#20 RULES VIOLATION

The penalty for any violation of any of the rules is disqualification, with tournament fees not refundable.

#21 WILD CARD FISH

Must be legal to have in possession.

No sharks will be entered into the tournament.

No Grouper or Snapper can be weighed as a wildcard fish.

Please use your best judgment and stewardship regarding your selection of Wild Card Fish.

#22 DISCARDING FISH

The captain will be responsible for properly disposing of fish.

NO DEAD FISH OR FISH PARTS WILL BE TOSSED INTO THE WATER AT MARINA JACK!

Unwanted fish will be collected by charity at the top of the fuel dock.

#23 LIABILITY RELEASE

It is expressly understood that all registered participants and their companions, crew members and observers (the Participants) participate in the Suncoast Snapper Slapper (the Tournament) at their own risk.

The participants hereby indemnify and agree to be held harmless the Tournament, Marina Jack, The Venice Touchdown Club, and all Directors, Volunteers, agents, partners, members, sponsors, attorneys or any other person associated with this tournament from and against any and all claims that arise from or in connection with any negligent act or omission of the Tournament Indemnified Parties.

All persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the Suncoast Snapper Slapper @ Marina Jack, whether individual or corporation, shall have no liability whatsoever for any special, incidental, consequential, punitive, exemplary and/or any other damage including without limitation, any damages arising from libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury and death.

Participants specifically consent to the use of any photography in which they appear, or audio recording by the tournament for any reason whatsoever including, but not limited to: resale, advertising and promotional material without compensation or restriction of any kind.

This Liability Release shall be binding upon the participants and their heirs, representatives, successors and assigns. By entering the above stated tournament and paying entry fee, participants acknowledge that they have read and are bound by same.

Questions? Call 941-232-8282
Or email snapperslapper21@gmail.com



Inshore/Offshore Tournament Rules

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Tournament Rules are subject to change up until the Captain's Meeting on 6/21/23

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