



12th ANNUAL ROCK THE DOCK FISHING TOURNAMENT 2022 TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

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A. 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.

B. 2022 OFFICIAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, APRIL 22, 2022
Captains Meeting
Woolley Park, Panacea, FL
Late Registration 5 –7 PM / Captains Mtg. 6:30 /
Dinner 6 – 7:30 PM Music by Tom & the Cats 7 – 10 PM

APRIL 23-24, 2022 – Fishing Tournament

Official Weigh-In Station Location and Hours

Woolley Park, Panacea, Florida

Saturday, April 23, 2022 2 – 6 PM

You must be in line with your fish by 6 PM

Sunday, April 24, 2022 - Noon – 4 PM

You must be in line with your fish by 4 PM

C. REGISTRATION

Registration may be completed in advance **online** (www.panacearockthedock.com), in person at selected locations (Mike's Marine Supply, Panacea, FL)

Entrants may also register and pay for jackpot entries online. For more information and other methods of payment, call 850-508-3379 or email 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 Division.

No refunds will be given.

D. CAPTAINS MEETING

Friday, APRIL 22, 2022

Woolley Park

Panacea, Florida

Registration 5 -7 PM

Captains Meeting 6:30 PM

Dinner 6 – 7:30 PM

Entertainment by Tom & the Cats 7 - 10 PM

Online registration closes at 7pm on Friday, April 22. 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. Dinner and entertainment will be provided.

E. FISHING DIVISIONS, CATEGORIES, PRIZES, AND ENTRANCE FEES

INSHORE

\$150 per BOAT (Late registration at Captains Meeting will be \$200)

Includes 2 tickets to the Captains Meeting Dinner (Additional meal tickets may be purchased)

Flounder - Red Fish - Spanish Mackerel - Trout

- 1st place - \$750
- 2nd place - \$500
- 3rd place - \$300

OFFSHORE

\$300 per BOAT (Late registration at Captains Meeting will be \$350)

Includes 4 tickets to the Captains Meeting Dinner (Additional meal tickets may be purchased)

Mangrove Snapper - Cobia – Red Grouper - Kingfish

- 1st place - \$1,500
- 2nd place - \$1,000
- 3rd place - \$750

INSHORE/OFFSHORE COMBO

\$400 per BOAT (Late registration at Captains Meeting will be \$550)

Includes 4 tickets to the Captains Meeting Dinner (Additional meal tickets may be purchases)

CRUMS'S MINI MALL SATURDAY PAYOUT

Must be in weigh-in line with your fish by 6:00 PM on Saturday, April 23, 2022

Grouper & Mangrove Snapper Only

- 1st Place - \$500
- 2nd Place \$250

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

Lady Anglers

Registered Lady Anglers have a chance at winning \$500

Each registered lady angler who weighs in a fish will have her name entered once in a drawing to win one of two prize packages. 1st \$500 / 2nd Basket full of goodies! Female anglers registered in the Youth Division are not eligible.

Lady Angler must be present to win these prizes

KAYAK DIVISION

\$50 per PERSON (Late registration at Captains Meeting will be \$60 per person)
Includes one (1) ticket to the Captains Meeting Dinner

Flounder - Red Fish – Trout - Spanish Mackerel

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

Walt Widener Memorial Sportsman’s Award - \$5,000

- Open to all registered Kayakers only! (NO catch or Weigh-in required.)
- Drawing to be held Sunday, April 24, 2022, immediately following final weigh-ins
- Winner must be present to win!
- Once name is announced, winner has 5 minutes to claim prize of \$5,000!!! (Sorry, NO EXCEPTIONS)
- If winner is not present at drawing, a second drawing will be held immediately.
- If second name drawn is not present, a 3rd and final drawing will be held.

A NAME DRAWN HAS 5 MINUTES TO CLAIM PRIZE WITH PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION!

If no winners present, the \$5,000 will carry over to the next Rock the Dock Panacea Tournament in 2023.

YOUTH ANGLERS

(age15 and under)

**Mangrove Snapper - Flounder - Grouper - Kingfish
Red Fish - Rock Bass - Spanish Mackerel - Trout**

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

Each Youth who is registered and weighs in a fish will have his/her name entered once in a drawing and will be eligible to win this boat!

14-foot G-3 Jon Boat, 4-HP Yamaha Outboard and 14-foot Galvanized Trailer

*******Youth Angler Must Be Present To Win these Prizes*******

SeaTow Member

Weigh A Fish Win \$1000

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

All SeaTow 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.

*******SeaTow Angler Must Be Present To Win*******

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 24, 2022, for all divisions and fish categories. Youth awards will be held first. Boat and Individual anglers may hold only one place at a time in a single category. (Saturday Payouts will be held immediately after weigh-in closes at 6:00 PM Sat., April 23, 2022).

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.

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

F. 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 w/Most Spots JACKPOT

SPONSORED BY SEINEYARD @ ROCK LANDING

- \$50 per boat - Payout will be \$1,000
- Redfish with Most Spots Wins
- Open to Inshore and Kayak Divisions

SATURDAY TROUT BAG JACKPOT

SPONSORED by MIKE'S MARINE SUPPLY

- \$25 (per boat)
- Payout will be \$750 and will be held on Saturday only
- 5 Slot Fish – Heaviest bag wins (**Fish Weighed in on Saturday are not eligible to weighed in again on Sunday**)
- Open to Inshore and Kayak Divisions

KAYAK ONLY TROUT JACKPOT

SPONSORED by Florida Watersports of Panama City

- \$25 (per boat)
- Payout will be a Feel Free Dorado Kayak donated by Florida Watersports for the largest Trout - valued at \$4,320. It is equipped with running lights, pedal drive and electric motor.
- Open to Kayak Division
- Largest trout and must be present to win this Jackpot.

Other than for Kayak Only Trout Jackpot, you are not required to be present to win.

TARGET WEIGHTS

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

Kingfish / Red Grouper / Trout / Redfish

G. WEIGH-IN

Official Weigh-In Station Location and Hours

Woolley Park, Panacea, Florida

Saturday, April 23, 2022 - 2 - 6 PM

Sunday, April 24, 2022 - Noon - 4 PM

FISH DROP OFF – Clark Drive from Division St. to Woolley Park entrance will be one-way traffic coming from Rock Landing. You may drop your fish at the park entrance and then go park. Signs will be posted and traffic/parking assistance will be onsite. Fish dropped off are not considered in line.

Saturday payouts - you must be in line with your fish by 6:00 PM EDT on Saturday, April, 23, 2022

Final Weigh-In -You must be in line with your fish by 4:00PM EDT on Sunday, April 24, 2022.

H. 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.

Tournament begins (First Lines in the Water) at 5:30AM EDT on Saturday, April 23, 2022. All fish must be weighed at Woolley Park in Panacea.

FISHING AREAS Departure points: Tournament entrants must depart from 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.

Anglers must hook and fight their fish on a single rod and reel. Electric reels are allowed. Deck mounted

winch devices ("one-armed bandits") are prohibited. Live bait is permitted.

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.

I. TOURNAMENT SOUVENIRS

Rock the Dock shirts along with other souvenirs can be purchased during the event weekend.

J. CAPTAIN / ANGLER BAGS

Bags will be given out on a "first come" basis and *will be given out to the first 500 boats or anglers going through registration (either paying or checking in) at the Captains Meeting.*

K. WEATHER CONTINGENCY

The tournament will not be canceled or postponed due to weather or sea conditions. Entry fees are non-refundable. All anglers participate at their own risk.

L. 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.

M. 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.

N. CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION

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