

Marco Sportfishing Club

Redfish XII - “Red vs. Blue” Team Competition

Tournament Rules

October 18, 2017



Marco Sportfishing Club (MSC) welcomes all participants to the “Red vs. Blue” Competition. Our goal is for everyone to have a safe and fun-filled tournament experience.

- “Red vs. Blue” Competition is open to eligible MSC members and their guests. Entry forms must be submitted and fees paid by the due dates listed below and on the entry form in order to participate in this tournament.
- Boats comprising the Blue Team and the Red Team will be selected by the respective team Admirals by drawing the team/boat names out of a hat at the Captain’s Meeting (October 13th).
- If you are the captain of your boat entry, please be sure to read the Captain’s Corner at the end of the Tournament Rules for your responsibilities.

A. Boat and Angler Requirements

- All boats competing in this tournament must have 9.9 HP or greater engines.
- All boats must have a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 anglers on board.
- The captain of each vessel must be a current (2017) member in good standing of the Marco Sportfishing Club. Crew members must be current MSC members, otherwise they are regarded as “guest” and will be required to pay the guest fee in addition to the entry fee.
- Only registered participants are eligible to participate in this tournament. To be considered “registered”, entry forms must be submitted and entry fees paid by **October 2nd (guarantee T-Shirt size)** or October 6th (no guarantee T-Shirt size).
- The designated captain’s boat must be used in this tournament, except as noted in paragraph D below. All persons on the boat must be entered in the tournament (no riders/observers).
- No team may hire a charter captain or guide to operate, ride along, or give instruction during the tournament.
- **Per MSC rules: “Any MSC member or member guest who has guided/chartered six or more trips in the past twelve months or has ever guided full time (12 or more trips per year) in southwest Florida (past or present) is ineligible to compete or participate in any MSC tournament/event that awards prizes.”**

B. Fishing Hours - “Lines In” at 9:00 AM, “Lines Out” at 3:00 PM. A fish hooked before the “Lines Out” time may be landed and included on the “Boat Tally Sheet”.

C. Tournament Fishing Waters - North to Gordon’s Pass and south to West Pass.
Important: Do not enter Everglades National Park.

D. Boat Cancellations - If the captain's boat is unable to compete for any reason, another boat may be used after notifying and obtaining permission from the Tournament Director.

E. Crew Cancellations - (Note: Each boat will be charged with the number of anglers listed on the official entry form regardless of whether or not all anglers fish.)

If, for any reason, a crew member needs to be replaced, **the captain is responsible for securing the replacement angler** and ensuring that one of the following procedures is followed, depending on when the cancellation occurs:

(1) Replacement angler added prior to the Captain's Meeting:

(a) The captain must advise the Tournament Director of the change ASAP so that the official tournament roster can be updated. The replacement angler will pay the \$40 tournament entry fee, and the \$25 non-member fee if applicable, to the captain, who will, in turn, reimburse the crew member who dropped out of the tournament. If the angler being replaced is a MSC member, but the replacement angler is not a MSC member, the captain will submit the \$25 non-member fee to the Tournament Committee by October 13th.

(b) The replacement angler will be entitled to attend the Captain's Meeting and the awards dinner, will receive a T-shirt (size guaranteed only if notification of angler substitution is done by October 1st), and will be eligible to compete for awards.

(c) The crew member who dropped out of the competition will have his/her name removed from the tournament roster and will not be entitled to any awards or benefits associated with the tournament.

(2) Replacement angler added after the Captain's Meeting, and prior to the start of the tournament:

(a) The captain must advise the Tournament Director of the change so that the official tournament roster can be updated. The Tournament Committee, captain, original angler, and the replacement angler will work out an equitable monetary solution.

(b) The replacement angler will not receive a T-shirt (unless the original angler does not want his/hers), but will be entitled to compete for awards and attend the awards dinner.

(c) .If the replacement angler is not a member of the Marco Sportfishing Club, the replacement angler must also pay the non-member fee of \$25 to the Marco Sportfishing Club, unless already paid by the original angler. This payment is to be given to the captain who will, in turn, submit it to the Tournament Committee. Payment must be received by the Tournament Committee by October 17th.

(d) Captains and/or Crew members who register for the tournament and attend the Captain's Meeting, but do not fish in the tournament will not be entitled to any additional benefits, awards, or attendance at the awards dinner.

Note: No refunds of tournament entry fees or awards dinner guest fees after October 13, 2017.

F. Measuring and Recording Fish Caught - Redfish and "Wildcard" fish should be measured, preferably with a ruler having a 90 degree angle, using the "closed mouth/pinched tail" method.

Redfish up to 24" are to be recorded on the Catch Form in full inches (if less than ½" round down, if more than ½" round up) and Redfish greater than 24" are to be recorded to the nearest ¼". Total "average inches per boat" is calculated by dividing the total inches per boat by the number of anglers. For example, if four fish measuring 14 ¼", 20½", 19¾", and 27 ½" are caught by two anglers, the four fish recorded as 14", 21", 20", and 27 ½" divided by two anglers equals 41.25".

NOTE:

1. "Boat Tally Sheets" must be submitted to the Admirals in person, on Thursday, October 19th from 4:00- 6:00 pm at The Crazy Flamingo, or via e-mail no later than 6:00 pm on the 19th.

2. Digital or print photographs of Redfish and "Wildcard" fish larger than 25" (showing actual measurement and the entire fish with mouth closed and tail pinched) must accompany the "Boat Tally Sheet" presented to the team's Admiral.

3. Digital or print photographs of "most spots" entries (both sides of the fish) must accompany the "Boat Tally Sheet" presented to the team's Admiral.

G. Awards - "Red vs. Blue" Team Competition – The team, Red or Blue, with the highest number of total "average inches" (total inches divided by the number of anglers) will be declared the winner of the "Red vs. Blue" Team Competition. Each of the anglers on the winning team will receive \$20* in prize money.

Boat and Individual Awards - In addition to the "Red vs. Blue" Team Competition award, there will also be boat and individual awards totaling more than \$700*. Prize money will be awarded for winners of the following categories:

- 1 – 1st Place Boat (average inches of Redfish)
- 2 – 2nd Place Boat " " " "
- 3 – 3rd Place Boat " " " "
- 4 – 1st Place Individual (inches one Redfish)
- 5 – 2nd Place Individual " " "
- 6 – 3rd Place Individual " " "
- 7 – Redfish with most spots
- 8 – Longest Snook

* The tournament committee reserves the right to increase or decrease these amounts depending on event participation and the amount of tournament revenues and expenses.

In the event of a tie where there are three prize levels (Boat and Individual), a tie in 1st or 2nd will result in the prize money from the next highest inches being combined and divided equally between the two winners. A tie in 3rd place will be split between the two winners. In the event of a tie where there is only one prize level (most spots and longest Redfish), the "Boat Tally Sheet" submitted to the Admiral earliest will decide the winner.

Note: The maximum number of awards an individual can win is 3

- "Red vs. Blue" Team award
- Boat award
- Individual award (including Redfish with most spots and longest Snook)

If an angler "qualifies" for more than one individual award, including Redfish with most spots and longest Snook, he/she will win the award with the highest dollar value.

H. Safety - Safe boating practices are to be followed at all times. The Tournament Director, in consultation with the Tournament Committee, has the authority to cancel/postpone the tournament or any part thereof due to inclement weather conditions. If prior to the start of the fishing segment of the tournament, it becomes necessary to cancel/postpone that segment, captains will be notified by phone and/or e-mail. After the fishing segment has started, should it be necessary to suspend fishing activity, captains will be notified via VHF radio on channel 78. In such circumstances, four (4) hours will be considered "a day of fishing".

I. Rule Changes and Final Decisions - Interpretation of the tournament rules is the exclusive responsibility of the Tournament Committee. The decisions of the Tournament Committee are final. The Tournament Committee has the authority to change or modify tournament rules if necessary and appropriate in the opinion of a majority of the Tournament Committee members.

Captain's Corner:

- There will be a Captain's Meeting on Friday, October 13th. Location and time to be announced.
- Red and Blue teams will be randomly selected by drawing team/boat names from a hat at the Captain's Meeting.
- At least one member of each vessel entered in the tournament is required to attend the Captain's Meeting to pick up materials and handouts for each boat's captain and crew.
- Participants who are unable to attend the Captain's Meeting are responsible for finding out what was discussed at the meeting.
- **It is the responsibility of each captain to complete the "Boat Tally Sheet" for his/her boat and to submit the completed forms and photos when required to their Admiral in person from 4:00-6:00 PM at The Crazy Flamingo on Thursday, October 19th, or via e-mail not later than 6:00 PM on the 19th. Failure to submit the forms by the aforementioned time and date will result in forfeiture of any prize money and exclusion of the forms from the total of the Red team's or Blue team's catch.**
- A copy of the Tournament Rules will be distributed to each captain at the Captain's Meeting.
- Results reported on anything other than the official "Boat Tally Sheet" will not be accepted.

Admirals' Responsibilities:

- The Red team and Blue team Admirals will select their teams at the Captain's Meeting.
- Each Admiral is responsible for verifying the accuracy of the "Boat Tally Sheets".
- Each Admiral is responsible for verifying that measurements per the "Boat Tally Sheets" correspond to and agree with the associated pictures when required.
- The Admirals must submit the "Boat Tally Sheets" to the Tournament Director no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, October 20th.