

Marco Sportfishing Club

“Redfish Monday”

Tournament Rules

October 16, 2017



The Marco Sportfishing Club (MSC) welcomes all participants of “Redfish Monday”. Our goal is that everyone have a safe and fun-filled tournament experience.

1. Eligibility: “Redfish Monday” is a team event and is **limited to teams of 2 anglers only**. Captains of all participating boats must be MSC members. Crew members, whether MSC members or guests, and captains must have paid tournament entry fees by Friday, October 6th. Note: Per MSC rules, any MSC member or guest who has guided/chartered 6 or more trips in the past 12 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.

2. Location: All boats will start and finish at Walker’s Coon Key Marina, Goodland, FL. All anglers need to be at the Marina for check-in with the “Redfish Monday” Starter no later than 7:30 AM on Monday, October 16th. **Any team that fails to check-in with their vessel, at the marina, on Monday morning by 8:00 AM will be disqualified from the competition.**

If you need to make arrangements to leave your boat overnight at Walker’s Coon Key Marina on Sunday, please contact Walker’s at (239-394-2797) to make arrangements for complimentary boat dockage.

3. Fishing Hours: All boats/teams will leave the marina at approximately 8:00 AM via a staggered “shotgun start.” The starting order of each boat will be determined by a drawing held at the captain’s meeting on Friday, October 13th. The official end to fishing is 3:00 PM.

4. Weigh-in: All boats/teams with fish to be weighed must return to Walker’s Coon Key Marina for the “Official Redfish Monday Weigh-in” between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM on Monday afternoon. However, it is requested that boats/teams without fish to weigh also return to the marina and check in to confirm that all boats/teams have returned safely and have an opportunity to be on hand for the awards presentation and the chance to win a rod/reel combo.

Captains **must** check-in with the “Starter” who will be on the dock at Walker’s Coon Key Marina. Please call the “Starter” on VHF channel 78 when you are several minutes away from the marina, so we know you are coming.

- Up to two (2) slot-size (18” – 27”) Redfish caught the day of the tournament may be submitted for weighing. Submission of out-of-slot Redfish will result in disqualification of the team submitting the fish.
- Fish will be weighed by the official “Weighmaster” and the weight confirmed by the team submitting the fish. The official weights will be posted on the Leaderboard for all to see.
- If a boat/team is late checking in (after 3:00 PM), a 4-ounce penalty will be assessed for every 5 minutes (or portion thereof) that the boat/team is late. The penalty will be assessed against the team’s total weight of two slot-sized Redfish. Boats that do not check-in at the Marina by 3:30 PM will be disqualified.

- Participants are encouraged to keep fish alive and return them to the water once they are weighed. There will be a 4-ounce penalty for any dead fish submitted for weighing.

5. Tournament Fishing Waters: North to Gordon's Pass and south to West Pass.

Important: do not enter Everglades National Park.

6. Prize Money: There will be cash prizes for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th place teams based on the weight of fish submitted for weighing (less any weight penalties). Should there be a tie, prize money from the next highest weight will be combined and divided equally between the two tying boats. The amounts of prize money will be determined by the entry fees collected less tournament expenses. The dollar amounts of the 6 prizes will be announced at the captains' meeting on Friday, October 13th. However, first place is guaranteed \$400.

7. Cancellations and Substitutions:

- 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.
- If a captain or a crew member is unable to compete for any reason, they may be replaced with a substitute after notifying and obtaining permission from the Tournament Director. The original captain will be responsible for refunds/collection of entry fees among captains and crew.
- If the captain and crew cannot participate in the tournament for any reason, the captain must notify the Tournament Director by 10:00 AM on Monday, October 16th to request a refund of entry fees.

8. 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.

9. 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".

Please note that "Redfish Monday" and "Red vs. Blue" are two separate and distinct tournaments within Redfish XII and, as such, have separate and distinct benefits. Those anglers who enter only "Redfish Monday, are eligible to attend the Captain's Meeting on Friday, October 13th and are eligible for only "Redfish Monday" monetary or other prizes.