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Amelia Island Guides Association (AIGA) Redfish Spot Tournament 2019 Rules

Open to all anglers fishing from powered boat, kayak, canoe, shore, bridge, pier, etc.
All Entry Fee Money Paid Out In Prizes

Date: Saturday September 7, 2019

Location: Amelia Island Marina (formerly Amelia Island Yacht Basin)

Entry Fee: \$40 per adult angler early entry fee. \$50 per adult angler at the Captains Meeting.
\$20 per youth angler early entry fee. \$25 per youth angler at the Captains Meeting (Youth angler is any boy or girl under 16)

THERE WILL BE A PRIZE DRAWING FOR EARLY ENTRIES

Final Registration and Captains Meeting : Friday September 6, 2019

Final registration will begin 6pm and entries will be accepted up until 7pm. Captains Meeting and prize drawings will begin at 6:45pm

Tournament Format: The most spots on a legal Red Drum (Redfish) will win the tournament with places 1-4 winning, based on the most spots. The first live "No Spot" entry brought to the check in table will be awarded the 5th prize. 100% of entry fee money will be awarded in prizes. Estimated prize money based on 100 angler entries will have adult winners receiving:

- 1st Prize \$2000.00
- 2nd Prize \$ 800.00
- 3rd Prize \$ 600.00
- 4th Prize \$ 400.00
- 5th Prize \$ 200.00 "No Spot" Winner

These prizes are based on 100 angler entries. If there are more/less than 100 entries, Tournament officials will divide up the all entry fee money based on the number of those entered and payout 100% of the entry fee money in prizes as follows: 1st Prize = 50%, 2nd Prize = 20%, 3rd Prize = 15%, 4th Prize = 10%, 5th Prize = 5%. If no "No Spot" fish are entered, the 5th Place prize will be awarded by drawing of entry number after the Tournament prizes have been awarded. Must be present to win this prize. Only one prize will be awarded per entry, including the 5th Prize No Spot/Drawing winner.

Youth Prizes and trophies will be presented to (5) places based on legal fish entered with the most spots. 100% of entry money will be awarded in prizes and/or trophies. Money donated by the Nassau Sports Fishing Association (NSFA) specifically for the Youth winners will be included in the prize payouts. Tournament officials will divide up the entry money based on the number of those entered and payout 100% of the entry money, PLUS the NSFA donation as follows: 1st Prize = 50%, 2nd Prize = 20%, 3rd Prize = 15%, 4th Prize = 10%, 5th Prize = 5%. IF there are less than five entries, Tournament officials will pay out 100% of the entry money, PLUS the NSFA donation in previously determined percentages. If there are no youth winners, prize money and NSFA money will be donated to the Folds of Honor Foundation.

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Rules:

Check Out: This is an open launch format. Participants can fish in any waters in North Florida starting at safe light on Saturday September 7, 2019. Participants can fish from powered boat, kayak, canoe, shore, pier or dock. Check Out occurs at the mandatory Captains Meeting on Friday September 6, 2019. Anglers are required to attend the Captains Meeting on Friday September 6, 2019 to receive their entry number. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER Friday 7:00pm September 6, 2019

Check In: Check in will begin at **11am** at the Spotmaster's Check In Table at the Amelia Island Marina. Anglers must be in standing in line with their fish at the Spotmaster's Check in Table no later than 4pm. The line will close at 4pm. Any one getting to the line after 4pm will be disqualified. Time will be based on the Spotmaster's cell phone clock.

Rain Date: Rain date will be Sunday September 8, 2019. Tournament Director will make the call to move the date from Saturday to Sunday in the event of bad weather. Hurricane date will be Saturday October 26, 2019. If Tournament needs to be cancelled, a full refund will be made, upon request. **Please make sure all contact information on Registration/Entry Form is complete and correct.** We must be able to reach you if a refund needs to be made.

All fish must be caught during tournament hours.

Any person disqualified from another Tournament will be disqualified from this Tournament.

All fish must be caught by hook, line, rod and reel and must be caught by the angler who entered the Tournament.

You may use live, dead or artificial baits. Every possible means should be made to ensure a live release. Use of circle hooks is encouraged for easy catch and release.

All Entries must obey State of Florida Fishing and Boating Regulations, including size and bag limits. Violation of a State of Florida Fishing law or boating regulation will result in disqualification.

Fish entered into the tournament become property of the Tournament. They will be released alive after spot count. Spots that appear on both sides of the tail fin will be counted as two (2).

All Redfish must be within the Florida FWC slot of 18"-27" in a natural lay position with a pinched tail. All natural black spots 11/64" or greater are counted and a clear and distinct line must be visible between spots. The natural lay position is one in which the fish is not manipulated so as to artificially extend or reduce its length. Fish must be whole, non-mutilated (includes rigor mortis and clouded eyes), live, free from any stringer to count.

All Redfish should be brought to the check-in alive. Live fish will be given one (1) extra spot to its count. Dead fish will receive no extra spot for its count.

In the event of a tie, the Entry checked in earliest will be declared the winner.

All anglers on a boat must have paid for Tournament Entry.

The Judging Committee (or SpotMaster) will review and verify all fish with Spots counted and determine place winners. The Tournament Director is responsible for the final call in all matters.

Prizes: Only one prize will be awarded per angler. In the event the 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. winner is disqualified, the prize will be awarded to the next ranked winner.

Protests must be filed with the Tournament Director within 15 minutes after the spot counting is completed. Protest must be accompanied with a \$100.00 fee.

Polygraph: All winning entries are subject to a polygraph for prize payout, to be determined by the SpotMaster. Refusal to take a polygraph will disqualify the winner. Prior to the distribution of any awards, any entry, at the discretion of the Tournament Director, may be required to take and pass a polygraph exam. The time and place for the polygraph testing will be determined by the Tournament Director. If any entry wishes to dispute an unfavorable polygraph result, the entry may have a second polygraph conducted within 10 days by a polygraph examiner approved by the Tournament Director at the entry's expense. This "tiebreaker" polygraph must be administered to ASTM standards. The director may decide which test result to apply when making the final decision.

All decisions regarding interpretation of these rules including decisions relating to disqualification shall be made by the Tournament Officials in their sole discretion and will be final.

Captains are encouraged to have an operational VHF radio on board their boat for safety.

Any winner receiving \$600.00 or more will be required to sign a W-9 form before receiving payment.

Tournament Rules may be amended at Captains Meeting.

Contact Capt. Brian Soucy for further information

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Amelia Island Guides Association
Redfish Open Spot Tournament Entry Form

All participants enter at their own risk. AMELIA ISLAND GUIDES ASSOCIATION hereby disclaims any and all liabilities for property damage, bodily injury, or any other claim(s) made by participants and/or any person involved in this Tournament. Participants entering this Tournament are advised to acquire adequate insurance covering vessel, crew and other liability. I have read and fully understand all the rules of the AMELIA ISLAND GUIDES ASSOCIATION'S REDFISH SPOT TOURNAMENT. As a boat Captain/owner/vessel master/angler, I am responsible for my equipment, boat and crew at all times, and hereby release AMELIA ISLAND GUIDES ASSOCIATION, its principles, and affiliates from all liability related to participation in this Tournament. In consideration of the Tournament accepting this registration, the registrant hereby authorizes the Tournament to use the registrant's name and/or likeness, as well as that of any and all crew members, fee of compensation, for promotion and advertising purposes in any media form and reproduction, including but not limited to newspaper, radio, television, internet, brochure and video. As a Captain/owner/vessel master/angler, I further understand it is my sole responsibility to decide to fish and participate in this Tournament. I hereby release the AMELIA ISLAND GUIDES ASSOCIATION and Amelia Island Marina, their principals and their affiliates from any liability.

Youth Entry requires parent signature as Participant:

Signature of Participant: _____

Print Name: _____

Youth Name _____ **Youth Age** _____

This Entry is for (circle one): **Adult** **Youth**

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

E-Mail _____

Entry Fee: _____

Cash _____ **Check** _____ **Credit Card** _____ (add 3.65%)

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