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## Amelia Island Guides Association

### AIGA Inshore Classic 2022 Rules

Open to all anglers fishing from powered boat, kayak, canoe, shore, bridge, pier, etc



Date: Saturday December 3, 2022

Location: Old Town Bait and Tackle, 1620 N 14th St, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

**NEW! Heaviest Aggregate of (1) Redfish and (1) Seatrout and the Classic Redfish Spot Category.**

**Entry Fee: Adults: \$50 PER PERSON for Redfish Spot Tournament**  
**\$100 PER TEAM for Heaviest Aggregate of (1) Redfish and (1) Seatrout**

**Youth: \$30 PER PERSON for Redfish Spot Tournament**  
(Youth angler is any boy or girl under 16)



#### \*Early Entry

Early entries are any that are paid and accepted before 6pm Friday December 2, 2022. **Special prize drawing for early entries!**

**Final Registration and Captains Meeting :** Friday December 2, 2022, Old Town Bait and Tackle, 1620 N. 14th Street, Fernandina Beach, FL. 32034

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

#### Redfish Spot Tournament Format:

Adult anglers with the most spots on a legal Red Drum (Redfish) will win the tournament with places 1-3 winning, based on the most spots. The first live "No Spot" entry brought to the check in table will be awarded a 4th prize. 100% of the Redfish Spot Tournament entry fee money will be awarded in prizes. Tournament officials will divide up the Redfish Spot Tournament entry fee money and payout 100% of the entry fee money in prizes as follows: 1st Prize = 50%, 2nd Prize = 25%, 3rd Prize = 15%, If no "No Spot" fish are entered, the 4th Place prize(10%) will be awarded by drawing of Entry. after the Tournament prizes have been awarded. Must be present to win this prize. For the Redfish Spot Tournament, only one prize will be awarded per entry, including the 4th Prize No Spot/Drawing winner. Redfish brought in alive will be awarded one spot in the count.

Youth Prizes and trophies will be presented to (3) places based on legal fish entered with the most spots. 100% of Youth Redfish Spot Tournament entry money will be awarded in prizes and/or trophies. Tournament officials will divide up the entry money based on the number of those entered and payout 100% of the entry money as follows: 1st Prize = 50%, 2nd Prize = 35%, 3rd Prize = 15%. IF there are less than three entries, Tournament officials will pay out 100% of the entry money based on previously determined percentages. If there are no youth winners entry fee money will be donated to the American Legion Post 54. Redfish brought in alive will be awarded one spot in the count.

**Heaviest Aggregate Redfish/Seatrout Team Format: The team with the heaviest aggregate of legal (1) Redfish and (1) Seatrout will win the tournament with places 1-3 being awarded prizes. All effort should be made to bring these fish in alive. There will be a 2oz penalty for each dead Redfish entered.** 100% of the Aggregate Redfish/Seatrout entry fee money will be awarded in Prizes. Tournament officials will divide up the all Aggregate Redfish/Seatrout entry fee money and payout 100% of the entry fee money in prizes as follows: 1st Prize = 50%, 2nd Prize = 35%, 3rd Prize = 15%.

**Anglers that have an entry in the Aggregate AND Spot Categories will have the opportunity to enter their fish in either Category, but not both at the same time. If their fish has no chance of winning places 1-3 in the Aggregate Category, the fish can be moved to the Spot Category. Tournament officials will make that change to give anglers their best chance of winning a prize.**

**NOTE: All Anglers should follow FWC Regulations -(1) Redfish per person 18-27" Slot and (1) Seatrout over 19" per boat**

(Rules continued on next page)

## Rules:

**Check Out:** Anglers are required to attend the Captains Meeting on Friday. Registration begins at 6pm. Check Out occurs at the mandatory Captains Meeting on Friday December 2, 2022. This is an open launch format. Participants can fish in any waters in **Florida or Georgia** starting at safe light on Saturday December 3, 2022. Participants can fish from powered boat, kayak, canoe, shore, pier or dock. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER Friday 7:00pm December 2, 2022.

**Check In:** Check in will begin at **11am** at the Spotmaster's Check In Table at the Old Town Bait and Tackle. Anglers must be 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 December 4, 2022. Tournament Director will make the call to move the date from Saturday to Sunday in the event of bad weather. A Storm date will be Saturday December 10, 2022. 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.

Anglers who have entered both the Redfish Spot Tournament AND the Heaviest Aggregate Redfish/Seatrout Tournament are eligible to enter a fish and win one prize in each tournament. Please follow FWC Regulations.

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 or weigh in. 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., closed mouth. 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. **Redfish entered in the Aggregate Category will be given a 2oz penalty if dead.** All effort should be made to bring in Seatrout alive, however **there will be no penalty for a dead Seatrout.** All live fish entered will be released. All dead fish become property of the Tournament.

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 Spot Master) 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 each Tournament. In the event the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Matt Harrelson for further information

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## AIGA Inshore Classic Fishing 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 AIGA INSHORE CLASSIC FISHING 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 Old Town Bait and Tackle, their principals and their affiliates from any liability.

**One Entry per ANGLER For Spot Category, YOUTH OR ADULT**

**One Entry Per TEAM For Aggregate Category**

**Youth Entry requires parent signature as participant:**

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Youth Age** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Participant:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Adult: Redfish Spot(\$50 per person) \_\_\_\_\_ (\$100 per team)Aggregate Redfish/Seatrout \_\_\_\_\_**

**Youth: Redfish Spot(\$30 per person) \_\_\_\_\_**

*Please Print Legibly! If we need to refund we have to be able to read your contact info!*

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Fee Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cash** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check** \_\_\_\_\_ **Credit Card** \_\_\_\_\_ (add 3.65%)

**Make checks payable to "Amelia Island Guides Association"**

**Mail to:**

**Amelia Island Guides Association, Inc.**

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