



# GREATER JACKSONVILLE KINGFISH TOURNAMENT



The Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament will follow all COVID-related regulations.

as directed by the relevant local, state, and federal government agencies

## **2024 KAYAK REDFISH TOURNAMENT RULES**

**Fishing Date – Saturday, July 20, 2024**

### **REGISTRATION**

1. Entry fee is \$75 per Angler and is non-refundable.
2. Payment of the entry fee constitutes a representation by each Angler that the Angler has read and understands these Tournament Rules and that the Angler will abide by such rules and the decisions of the Tournaments Committees and Tournament Personnel.
3. The Tournament reserves the right to disqualify any Angler who violates Tournament Rules.

### **CAPTAIN'S MEETING**

4. There will be a Captain's meeting for the Redfish Tournament on Wednesday July 17, 2024 @ 6:30 PM. Each Angler is responsible for being informed of all Tournament Rules.
5. The Tournament Rules Committee may amend the Tournament Rules at any time prior to the start of fishing.

### **PRIZES**

6. Only one prize will be awarded per registered Angler. Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> place in largest and 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> place spots.

### **BOATING SAFETY**

7. Every boat must meet all Federal, State and Local safety regulations for its size. All Anglers are responsible to ensure all applicable Federal, State and Local fishing laws and regulations are adhered to.
8. It is recommended all boats be equipped with an operating Marine VHF-FM radio.
9. Violation of any statute or Marine regulation or directive by a boat or Angler may be grounds for disqualification in the sole discretion of the Tournament Rules Committee.

### **CHECK OUT CHECK IN**

10. There will be no official checkout procedure for this Tournament. All Anglers may commence fishing as soon as there is safe light to fish.
11. The weigh in opens at 9:00 AM and all Anglers wishing to weigh a fish must be in the weigh in line established by the Tournament Committee boat by 2:00 PM.

### **FISHING**

13. Hours of fishing are from safe light until 2:00 PM Saturday, July 20, 2024, unless terminated earlier by the Tournaments Rules Committee.
14. To compete in the Kayak Division, the craft may only have human power propulsion with no electric/gas motors of any kind.

### **WEIGHING-IN FISH**

15. Only one Redfish per Angler will be eligible for the official weigh-in. The Kayak Division Angler may declare their fish for the Spot Tournament at the time of weigh-in. See Rule 18 of the Redfish Tournament.
16. All fish will be measured with a pinched tail.
17. No mutilated fish may be weighed in and the final decision will be made by the weigh master.
18. Legal methods for catching fish are rod and reel.
19. All fish weighed will be returned to the Angler.
20. Fish to be weighed must be put on the dock and carried to the scales by the Angler. Shoes are required by all participants bringing a fish to the scales and a personal floatation device is required if a Junior Angler leaves a boat. A fish may be brought to scales by vehicle. There will be no penalty for dead fish in the Kayak Tournament.
21. All information printed on the weigh-in slip, including but limited to the official weight, as accepted by the Angler, is binding.
22. In the event of a tie in fish weights, the winner shall be determined by the earliest check in time as recorded by the Weigh Master.

### **PROTEST**

23. Any protest must be submitted to the Weigh master's in writing within 30 minutes after the closing of the weigh-in station on the day of the Tournament. Only an Angler registered in the Tournament may file a protest. Each protest must be accompanied by a one hundred dollars (\$100) deposit. In the event the protest is upheld, the deposit will be refunded. If the protest is not upheld, the deposit will be forfeited. The decisions of the Rules Committee are binding regarding any protest.

### **POLYGRAPH**

24. All Anglers agree to submit to a polygraph at the request of the Tournament. Failure to submit to such an examination will result in disqualification of the Angler at the sole discretion of the Rules Committee.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

25. Any matter not specifically covered by these rules may be decided by and at the sole discretion of the Tournament's Rules Committee and the decisions of the Rules Committee shall be binding. The Tournament reserves the right to delay, cancel or reschedule the Tournament if the weather conditions are unfavorable or Tournament Rules Committee reserves the right to amend any rule due to safety concerns. If the Tournament shall be delayed, cancelled or rescheduled to any cause beyond the control of Jacksonville Marine Charities, Inc. d/b/a The Great Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament, no entry fee shall be refunded to the entrants and entrants shall have no claim against Jacksonville Marine Charities, Inc. for return of any portion of entry fee.