



DOCKSIDE CLASSIC

September 20th-22nd, 2024

I. GENERAL TOURNAMENT RULES

A. Boat Entry Guidelines

1. The Basic Entry Fee must be paid on or before September 14, 2024. There are no refunds for added entry fees (i.e., there are no refunds for Calcuttas).
2. Late registrations will be accepted through September 17, but you will pay a \$600 entry fee.
3. There is no minimum or maximum boat size.
4. No maximum number of Anglers. No more than the boat is legally allowed to have.
5. Jetty fishing & beach fishing is not permitted. Fishing is only permitted from a boat.
6. Any person listed on the Official Docksideside Classic entry form will be considered an angler. All entry forms need to be submitted online. All anglers must be registered prior to fishing. All anglers must sign the tournament waiver to fish in the tournament.
7. In the event of a boat disability, before beginning to fish, contestants may transfer to a second boat and assume the original boat's number without paying an additional entry fee.
8. Docksideside reserves the right to cancel the tournament at any time.
9. It is expressly understood that all registered anglers and their companions, crew members and observers (the "Participants") participate in the Docksideside Classic (the "Tournament") at their own risk. The Participants hereby indemnify and agree to hold harmless the Tournament, Docksideside Classic, and its respective officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, partners, members, and/or attorneys (collectively the "Tournament Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all claims that arise from or in connection with any negligent act or omission of the Tournament Indemnified Parties. All persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the Docksideside Classic whether an individual, a corporation or other type of entity, shall have no liability whatsoever for any special, incidental, consequential, punitive, exemplary and/or any other damage including, without limitation, any damages arising from libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury, or death. The Tournament Directors reserve the right to refuse entry to any

boat, team, or person. Participants specifically agree and consent to the use of any photograph or video in which they appear, and/or audio recordings of such participants, by the Tournament for any purpose whatsoever including, but not limited to, resale, advertising and promotional material without compensation or restriction of any kind. The Liability Release shall be binding upon the Participants and their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigners.

10. By registering in the Dockside Classic and paying the entry fee, Participants acknowledge that they have read these Rules and the Liability Release. As a condition for the entry into the Dockside Classic, all Participants hereby agree to be bound by all the Rules, and by the Liability Release.

B. Federal Legislation and IGFA Rules Apply

1. All-tackle I.G.F.A. rules apply unless otherwise noted. In the event of any conflict between the Dockside Classic Rules and the I.G.F.A. Rules the Dockside Classic Rules apply.

2. All Anglers are required to follow Federal Law relating to fishing.

3. Federal Law mandates that all Anglers participating in a tournament which bestows points, prizes, or awards for Atlantic billfish (blue and white marlin, sailfish, spearfish, or swordfish) must deploy only non-offset circle hooks when using natural bait and/or natural/artificial lure combinations. Anglers in these tournaments may use J-hooks only in artificial lures.

4. Participants are assumed to have all necessary permits, licenses and/or registrations required by law. However, it is not the responsibility of the tournament officials or directors to verify that all required permits, licenses and/or registrations are acquired by anglers participating in the tournament. Failure of a winning angler to have obtained any or all required permits, licenses and/or registrations shall not be the basis for a protest to be filed under the General Tournament Rules, or a fish to be disqualified.

5. With the intention of preserving sportsmanship, rewarding angling skills and billfish conservation, the intentional use of live bait and/or live bait teasers in the attempt to catch billfish is not allowed.

6. The use of Green Sticks is not permitted.

7. The use of drones in any capacity is not permitted.

8. Line class shall be limited to the manufacturer's stated rating of no greater than 130 lbs. The use of Tournament Grade Line is not required. The use of any pound test backing is permitted.

9. The use of dart gaffs, harpoons, and/or lance gaffs is prohibited.

10. Any last-minute changes will be announced at the captain's meeting on Friday September 20th, 2024.

C. Fishing Days, Fishing Times, and Distance Parameters

1. Saturday, September 21st will be the day of the tournament. We will conduct a captains meeting Friday, September 20th at 4PM (Pavilion near scale and Hook 'Em' & Cook 'Em). Sunday, September 22nd at 1PM, will be the awards ceremony (also at the pavilion). Sunday will also be reserved for a

makeup, condensed day if the weather doesn't permit on Saturday September 21st. See tournament schedule for more details.

2. Fishing hours are 8:00AM to 3:30PM. No boat can leave Inlet sea buoy before 4:00 AM. No boat may place lines or teasers in the water or deploy sonar prior to 8:00AM. All lines and teasers must be removed from the water by 3:30PM. Fun fishing before or after tournament hours is prohibited.

3. Any fish hooked prior to 3:30PM may be played until boated or released, but it must be made available for weigh-ins by 9:00PM that day, no exceptions.

4. No boat may pass the sea buoy of any Inlet prior to 4:00AM on any fishing day.

5. There is a fishing distance limit of 100 nautical miles (Offshore Calcutta) and 50 nautical miles (Inshore Calcutta) from the Indian River Inlet Sea buoy. Boats must fish within this limit regardless of the Inlet departure. Boats are not permitted to cross the 100-mile boundary line at any time for any reason.

D. Reporting and Weigh-In Procedures

1. All fish must be made available for weighing on the official scale at Indian River Marina between the hours of 4:00 PM and 9:00 PM on the day the boat leaves the inlet to go fishing. Any fish not available for weighing by 9:00 PM for any reason will be disqualified. All fish checked in at the official scorer's table by 9:00 PM will be weighed. To be eligible for prizes, all fish must be weighed on the official scale at Indian River Marina.

2. In the event of a malfunction in the primary weighing system, the tournament shall switch to a calibrated backup system.

3. All weights registered on either system will be considered official.

4. Fish minimums to bring back to scale. (Tuna- 40lbs, Mahi-15lbs, Flounder- 4lbs). Any fish that is brought back to the scale that doesn't meet these requirements will be disqualified.

5. A maximum number of (2) two fish per species, per boat is allowed to be brought back to be weighed.

6. All fish must be accompanied by a signed catch report. Signed catch and reports must be turned in to the scorer's table at Indian River Marina by 9:00 PM the day of fishing. No catch reports will be accepted after 9:00 PM. Any catch report received after the 9:00 PM deadline will be disqualified.

7. Once a fish is caught, an angler may use any means to make their fish available for weighing. This includes but is not limited to switching their fish to another boat, being towed by another boat, or trucking the fish to the scale.

8. The Tournament Directors reserve the right, in their sole and absolute discretion, to reject any fish that does not meet the requirements of the Tournament. Any decision of the Tournament Directors to reject a fish is final. Any mutilated fish will be disqualified. No exceptions.

E. Fishing Guidelines

1. A fish may be hooked by anyone on the boat. Captain's, mates, and anglers are all permitted to fish. Anyone on the boat is permitted to help or assist in fighting the fish.
2. A maximum number of (8) eight lines per boat are allowed in the water at one time.
3. Assistance in fighting, boating, or releasing any fish by any other boat or by anglers from any other boat for any reason, including boat break down or malfunction, is strictly prohibited or equipment can be given by another boat nor can anglers from another boat help in any aspect of fighting, boating, or releasing the fish.

F. Protest

1. A protest may only be filed by a registered angler, registered crew member, or Tournament Director.
2. The Dockside Classic tournament directors must be notified immediately (by calling (480) 393-6923 or speaking directly with a Tournament Director) that a protest is being filed.
3. All protests must be put in writing and include the registered angler(s) name(s), a local contact phone number and \$500 in cash or check made payable to The Dockside Classic. It must contain a detailed description of the protested matter and include any supporting evidence available. It must be signed by the protesting angler(s) or crew member(s) and be delivered to the Tournament Directors as soon as possible from the time the protest action occurs. If no Tournament Official is available at Indian River Marina, turn in the written report to a Tournament Director and call (480) 393-6923 to report the written protest has been delivered there.
4. All protests in compliance with these procedures will be given to the judges. That decision is final. If the judge's rule in favor of the person(s) that filed a protest, the \$500 protest fee will be refunded.
5. No protest will be accepted after Saturday, September 21st, 2024 at 9PM. If make-up schedule is used, no protest will be accepted after 7:00PM on Sunday, September 22nd.
6. Protests should be carefully considered by contestants as they delay or interfere with the awarding of prizes to the tournament winners. Unjustified protests in recent tournaments have caused expense, turmoil and unfavorable and unacceptable conditions with respect to the bona fide winners of prizes receiving their awards. Any person filing an unsuccessful protest shall reimburse the Dockside Classic for all costs and fees incurred by the Dockside Classic, including reasonable attorneys' fees, relating to the protest and/or any litigation involving the same subject matter as the protest. In the event of a successful protest, the person who was the subject of the protest shall pay the Dockside Classic \$500 and reimburse Dockside Classic for all costs and fees relating to the protest and/or any litigation involving the same subject matter as the protest. Reasonable attorney's fees include, but are not limited to, providing legal advice, and investigation of legal matters in conjunction with any protest as well as legal fees for any litigation which results.

G. Prize Money Payout Procedures

1. If no second place fish is weighed, that guaranteed prize money will be divided equally among all winners in that specific category.

2. If no fish qualifies for a category, the prize money for that category will be equally divided among the other winning categories.

3. Prize money will be awarded to the registered angler catching the winning fish unless a different disbursement is requested in writing (on the Prize Money Distribution Form) by the winning angler.

4. Each winning angler must complete a Prize Money Distribution Form before any award check is issued. Prize money checks will be mailed within seven (7) business days of the awards ceremony.

5. In the event of any dispute concerning prize money, Dockside Classic reserves the right to file an interpleader and/or declaratory judgment action in court, seeking the court's determination of the dispute.

6. In the event of any litigation regarding prize money, these Rules and Regulations or any other matter associated with the Dockside Classic Tournament, whether filed by Dockside Classic or by a Participant, Dockside Classic shall be entitled to its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, to be paid out of the prize money in dispute. If the prize money in dispute is insufficient to pay Dockside Classic's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, each Participant in the litigation shall be jointly and severally liable to pay Dockside Classic's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. In no event shall Dockside Classic be liable to any Participant for any attorney's fees or costs incurred by the Participant or any other person or entity involved in such litigation.

H. Tournament Directors' Decisions are Final

1. Any Participant in violation of any Tournament Rule may be disqualified. By participating in the Tournament, all Participants acknowledge that all Tournament Rules are material, and that disqualification is permitted and an appropriate sanction for any violation of any Tournament Rule(s).

2. Dockside Classic Rules have been established for the best interest of all concerned. In the event of necessity, any rule may be altered at the discretion of the Tournament Directors.

3. Decisions regarding the interpretation of the Rules, violation of the Rules, penalties, the suspension of any Rules or penalties, and the calculation of prize money will be made by the Tournament Directors in their sole and absolute discretion. All decisions by the Tournament Directors are final.

4. Tournament officials have the right to disqualify any angler and/or team from the tournament for any unsportsmanlike conduct or rule infraction with no monetary return

5. All fish must be accompanied by a signed catch report. Signed catch and release reports must be turned in to the scorer's table by 9:00 PM on the day the fish were caught. No catch report will be accepted after 9:00 PM. The scorer's table will be in the weigh-in area at Indian River Marina.