



**FISHING AREAS Departure points: Boats must depart from a port within the boundaries of Steinhatcee to Mexico Beach.**

**A boat may only win one place in their division.** In the event of a tie, the first fish weighed in will win.

All fish presented for weigh-in must be fresh, in edible condition, and must not have been frozen, and must be caught during tournament fishing hours. Acceptability of fish will be determined by the Tournament Judge. All fish must adhere to recreational size and bag limits of the State of Florida. Anglers must hook their fish on a single rod and reel. Electric reels are allowed. Deck mounted winch devices ("one-armed bandits") are prohibited. Drone fishing of any kind is prohibited.

Handling: Fish qualifying for places on any of the tournament competition leader boards will be documented with the official weight and Boat Name, gut checked and released to the angler.

**Lie Detector (polygraph) tests will be administered to randomly selected anglers at the tournament board's discretion. Individuals selected for the polygraph test must pass all portions of the test to be eligible to receive any prize. Failure to do so for any reason will result in immediate disqualification.**

Rule violations, the eligibility of entrants or entered fish, disqualifications, and any other matters not specifically covered by these rules will be decided by the Tournament Judge in consultation with the Tournament Chairman. The Tournament Judge may disqualify any person who commits any violation of tournament rules. Decisions of the Tournament Judge are final and non-negotiable for all entrants.

Protests of any nature must be submitted to the Tournament Chairman in writing at the time the fish is being weighed. No protests will be accepted once a fish has been weighed and left the stage. Protests must be accompanied by a cash deposit of \$100.00 to be binding on the outcome of this tournament. An unsuccessful protest will forfeit the \$100.00 deposit.

#### **SAFETY AND CONDUCT**

All entrants participate in the tournament at their own risk. Participants are expected to follow all applicable laws and rules for safe boating, including those regarding USCG equipment requirements. Participants are expected to follow all applicable laws pertaining to the taking of marine fish. Participants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship and courtesy. Any participant who exhibits threatening behavior or who otherwise engages in disorderly, illegal or improper conduct of any kind is subject to immediate disqualification from the Tournament. All fish must adhere to recreational size and bag limits of the State of Florida. Willful violations of marine laws or other violations of safe and proper conduct may lead to disqualification.

#### **WEATHER CONTINGENCY**

The tournament will not be canceled or postponed due to weather or sea conditions. Entry fees are non-refundable. All anglers participate at their own risk.

#### **PHOTO and VIDEO RELEASE**

The participants specifically agree and consent to the use of any photograph, motion picture, video or audio recording in which they appear or are heard by the Rock the Dock Fishing Tournament for any purpose whatsoever including, but not limited to resale, advertising, and promotional material without compensation or restriction of any kind.

#### **TOURNAMENT ORGANIZATION**

Tournament Officials, Panacea Waterfronts Florida Partnership Members, Tournament Committee Members, Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners, Wakulla County Parks & Recreation Department, and all other persons directly or indirectly connected with the operation of the tournament are exempt from any liability for loss, damage, injury, negligence, or harm to any entrant or equipment which may occur during the tournament.

The Panacea Waterfronts Florida Partnership is a community based organization designated by the State of Florida, Department of Community Affairs, and Waterfronts Florida Program for the purpose of planning, design, beautification, and revitalization of the coastal community of Panacea. A portion of the funds raised from this Tournament will be placed in the Gage Pitman Memorial Scholarship Fund that will be awarded each year to a local Panacea student. The remaining portion of the funds raised will be used for the revitalization projects of the Panacea Area and further the goals of the Partnership for assuring public access to the waterfront.

The Panacea Waterfronts Florida Partnership is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Florida. Our EIN is 14-1922802.

#### **CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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All entrants participate in the tournament at their own risk. By submitting this form, you acknowledge that you have read and accepted the rules and regulations of Panacea Waterfronts Fishing Tournament. Rules and regulations are also on our website.

Call 850/509-7585 for registration questions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_