

*1<sup>st</sup> Annual*  
**“REELING FOR RACKS”**  
**TOURNAMENT RULES**

**RULES ACCEPTANCE**

1. It is the responsibility of the Captain, crew and anglers to read, understand and abide by the tournament rules, including any and all special instructions and/or modifications announced during the Captain’s meeting.
2. It is required that a representative from each team attend the Captain’s meeting on Friday, July 24, 2009. At that time a boat number card will be handed out that will be used to check in before weigh in.
3. This tournament will expect the highest level of integrity and sportsmanship from all participants.

**ENTRY DEADLINE**

1. 5:00 p.m., Friday, July 10, 2009.
2. Late entry: 5:00 p.m. July 24, 2009 with a \$50.00 penalty (shirts and gift bags will only be given to early entries)

**ENTRY FEE**

1. Entry fee is \$600 per boat competing in the Offshore Tournament (grouper, snapper and wildcard) maximum of 6 people, including captain.
2. Entry fee is \$300 per boat competing in the Inshore Tournament (trout and redfish) maximum of 3 people, including captain.

**CAPTAIN’S MEETING**

1. There will be a **mandatory** captains meeting Friday, July 24, 2009, 6:30 p.m., being held at Gators Café – John’s Pass. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30.
2. At least one member of each team **MUST** be present.

**BOAT NUMBERS**

1. Each tournament vessel will receive their entry number card at sign-in and shall be required to visually show the card and call in the number on VHF at the designated point that will be announced at the captain’s meeting.

## **HOURS OF COMPETITION**

1. Fisherman may leave out from any location and at any time. However, lines may not enter water until 6:30 a.m. If it is determined that any angler begins fishing prior to 6:30 a.m., their whole team will be disqualified.
2. Boats must check-in to the designated area (announced at captain's meeting) for inshore by 4:30, for offshore by 5:30. Those with fish need to proceed directly to the scales.
3. Official time will be kept by the Tournament Director.

## **FISHING RULES**

1. Current Federal and State laws will apply.
2. During competition hours, there will be no more than 6 anglers on any one entered boat for offshore and 3 anglers for inshore.
3. All fish must be caught on rod and reel, no electric reels or long lines are allowed.
4. Wading is permitted, but vessel must remain moored at all times when angler is not in boat.
5. All boats **MUST** check-in to Gators Cafe with number card. If, for some reason, there is an emergency, the captain must contact the Tournament Director by 5:00 p.m. via cell phone number or VHF channel number given at captain's meeting.

## **PERMITS/LICENSES**

1. Registered boats and anglers must comply with all Federal and State laws regarding fishing licenses, size limits, bag limits and any other applicable regulation.

## **WEIGHING FISH**

1. Weigh in for inshore will begin at 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. for offshore.
2. Once a fish is entered, it may not be substituted for a larger fish. There will be only one trip to the scale allowed for each boat. Once the fish is weighed in, you may not resume fishing for this tournament.
3. Failure to check-in to the designated area by the deadline time, will result in a 5 lb. deduction for every 5 minutes. If over 15 minutes late, you will be automatically disqualified.
4. Even if there are no fish for your team to be weighed in, you must check-in your boat number. If you do not check-in, we will assume there is a boat/motor problem and call the coast guard.
5. Fish must be in edible condition and not marred or mauled in anyway. Fish may be tested for freshness.
6. Inshore, maximum number of fish to be weighed in will be 4 trout and 1 redfish per boat. Offshore, maximum number of fish to be weighed in will be 3 grouper and 2 snapper per boat, plus 1 wildcard fish. Wildcard fish must be one of the following: Amberjack, Cobia, Dolphin, Kingfish, Tuna, Wahoo. **ALL FISH MUST MEET STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS REGARDING LENGTH.** Short fish brought to the scale will result in disqualification of that fish.
7. Before leaving the scale area, the presenting angler must sign the official tournament weigh in form.

8. The weigh master and/or tournament committee reserves the right to refuse to weigh any fish that does not meet the tournament rules.

All fish being weighed in will become the property of the tournament. You may also donate any additional fish not being weighed in.

### **PRIZE PAYMENTS**

1. Guaranteed payback of 80% of entry money.
2. All prize payments will be made directly to the captain of the boat immediately following the final weigh in.
3. Captains will have the responsibility of distributing the winnings to their anglers.

### **BOAT SUBSTITUTION**

1. Substitutions are permitted for mechanical failure only.
2. Any substitutions must be reported to the tournament official prior to the start of fishing.

### **INSPECTION OF BOATS**

1. The tournament director and/or rules committee reserves the right to inspect any and all boats entered in the competition.

### **WEATHER CANCELLATION**

1. To be determined by tournament director at the captain's meeting.
2. There will be no refunds. The tournament will be rescheduled at a later date.

### **PROCEDURE IN EVENT OF TIE**

1. If two or more entries in any category are the exact weight, the winner shall be determined by the **EARLIEST DATE ENTRY FORM RECEIVED**.

### **RULES VIOLATION**

1. The penalty for any violation of any of the rules is disqualification, with tournament fees NOT refundable. Polygraph may be used for all winners.

### **LIABILITY RELEASE**

1. It is understood that all registered participants and their companions, crew members and observers participating or observing in this tournament enter at their own risk.
2. The participants, companions, crew members, observers hereby indemnify and agree to save harmless the tournament, Gators Cafe, all directors, volunteers, agents, partners, members, sponsors, attorneys or any other person associated with this tournament from and against any and all claims that arise from or in connection with any negligent act or omission of the tournament indemnified parties.
3. All persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of this tournament at Gators Cafe, whether individual or corporation, 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 and death.

4. Participants specifically consent to the use of any photography in which they appear, or audio recording, by the tournament for any reason whatsoever, including, but not limited to, resale, advertising and promotional material without compensation or restriction of any kind.

5. This Liability Release shall be binding upon the participants and their heirs, representatives, successors and assigns. By entering the above stated tournament and paying the entry fee, participants acknowledge that they have read and are bound by same.

**MUST OBEY ALL “NO WAKE” ZONES**

**RESPECT WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL OTHER PARTICIPANTS,  
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AND COMMITTEE, VOLUNTEERS, SPONSORS,  
AND GATORS CAFE AT ALL TIMES.**

Any questions, please contact Rob Davenport at 813-621-3966 or 813-917-5282

**“REELING FOR RACKS”  
Charity Offshore/Inshore Fishing Tournament**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

**Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>:**

4:00 - 6:30 – Sign-In & Late Entry

6:30 – Captain’s Meeting & Dinner (1 team member must attend)

- Raffles to Immediate follow Dinner

**Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>:**

4:00 – Scales Open

4:30 – Check-in deadline for inshore

5:30 – Check-in deadline for offshore

- Raffles, Silent Auction, and Live Auction after weigh-in
- Awards Ceremony immediately following

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**ENTRY FORM**

**Team Captain:**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name(If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ # of Anglers: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph #: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Manuf. \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Engine Size & Manuf. \_\_\_\_\_

FL # \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt sizes (S – XXL):

Offshore: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

Inshore: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

Number of Dinner tickets: \_\_\_\_

(Maximum of 6 for offshore, 3 for inshore). Additional tickets are available for \$25 ea.

**Make Checks Payable to: Reeling For Racks  
1902 Orient Rd.  
Tampa, FL 33619**

Entry Fee:

Inshore: \$300 per boat

Offshore: \$600 per boat

(Entry fee included dinner tickets, shirts, and giveaways for all fisherman)

**\*\*\*EARLY ENTRY AND PAYMENT IS RECOMMENDED AS THIS WILL  
DETERMINE THE WINNER IN THE EVENT OF A TIE-BREAKER\*\*\***