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MEGA SHARK

2009 RULES

1. **DATES: August 7-9, 2009.** One day of fishing constitutes a tournament and five hours will constitute one day.

2. **ENTRY FEE:** \$274.42 + tax = \$295.00 until August 2, 2009. After August 2nd the entry fee is \$325.58 + tax = \$350.00. All entries are per boat.

3. **CAPTAIN/ANGLERS MEETING:** Friday, August 7, 2009 located at Zelica Grotto Hall on Sanders Beach. The doors will open at 4:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 4:30 p.m. late registration will remain open through the Captain's meeting. A separate mandatory Captains' meeting will be held at approximately 5:30 p.m. for the Captain or boat representative only. **An official sign-out after the meeting will be required, to be officially registered for the tournament.** Any rule changes and pertinent information will be covered at this meeting.

4. **AWARDS PRESENTATION:** Tuesday, August 11th the location will be at Sam's Seafood Restaurant, corner of "A" and Main across from Joe Patti Seafood. The awards presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. A dinner will be served.

5. **HOURS OF FISHING:** Boats will be allowed to leave after the mandatory sign out at the Captain's meeting Friday, August 7, 2009 from one of the following passes: Panama City, Destin, Pensacola, Orange Beach, Mobile or South Pass. Lines in will be at 6:00 pm on Friday, August 7th. There will be no lines out requirements, however you must be in line and recognized by a tournament official by the closing of the scales which is 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 9th.

6. **SCALE LOCATION:** The scales will be located at Palafox Pier and Yacht Harbor at the foot of Palafox in Downtown Pensacola.

7. **SCALES:** Scales will be open from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 8th and from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 9th. All boats wanting to weigh-in must be in line and recognized by the tournament dock-master by the closing of the scales each day.

8. **WEIGH-IN STATION:** All participating boats will be required to proceed to the weigh-in location in an orderly manner. All fish to be weighed must be brought to the scales on the boat in which it was caught. You may call and reserve slips by calling Marina Management at (850) 432-9620.

9. **ELIGIBLE SPECIES:** All sharks not protected by law. We will try to have a list of protected species at the Captain's meeting. The minimum weight for all species will be 150 pounds. All participants are encouraged to release all sharks smaller than the minimum requirements. Each boat will be allowed to weigh only one shark per day.

10. **BOUNDARIES:** All boats will be required to fish outside of one mile from the beach.

11. **JUNIOR ANGLER:** A junior angler is defined as a young male or female that has not yet reached his or her 18th birthday by August 7, 2009.

12. **POLYGRAPH:** A polygraph examination may be required

and must be passed in a conclusive manner. Failure to submit to such an examination will result in disqualification of the entrant at the sole discretion of the tournament committee.

13. **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:** All boats must be equipped with an operational VHF radio and conform to all U.S. Coast Guard and Florida safety regulations. The Captain and crew must be familiar with all local, state, and federal fishing and boating regulations.

14. **WEATHER:** This is a Captain's choice tournament. However, in the event of severe inclement weather conditions, the tournament may be rescheduled for another weekend. One full day of fishing constitutes a tournament. Five hours of fishing constitutes a day of fishing. There will be no refunds if rescheduling is required.

15. **RULES COMMITTEE:** The rules committee shall be the sole judge of any violation of the rules. Their decision is final.

16. **ANGLING METHODS:** All fish must be caught by rod and reel. Fish caught by bicycle rigs, spears, traps, nets, or any other entangling device will be disqualified.

17. **FISH CONDITION:** All fish entered must be in acceptable condition. The Tournament Rules Committee will reserve the right to disqualify any fish entry because of poor condition, mutilation, or being frozen. The condition of the fish will be left up to the scrutiny of the committee. Their decision is final.

18. **PROTESTS:** Any protest must be presented to the weigh-master by the closing of the scales on the day of the weigh-in of the fish in question. A \$500 (cash only) protest fee must accompany the protest application. In the event the protest is upheld, the fee will be refunded. If the protest proves invalid the protest fee will be forfeited.

19. **WINNERS:** Winners will be determined by weight; in case of a tie, the first fish weighed will be determined the winner. All fish weighed must be brought to the scales by the boat from which it was caught.

20. **OPTIONAL CASH AWARDS:** categories are as follows:

Overall (All Species) • \$100--\$300--\$500--\$1000--\$2000
Hammerhead • \$100--\$300
Tiger • \$100--\$300
Bull • \$100--\$300

The amount of the awards will be the total amount of the monies received less 10% with the remaining 90% being split 50%-30%-20% for eleven or more entries per division or 60%-40% for 6 to 10 entries per division, or winner take all for five or less entries per division.

21. All rules are subject to change at the Captain's meeting.