

WR Beach Rules

King of the Beach

June 4-5, 2015

\$1,000 Entry Fee

40 Team/Boat Maximum

Most Releases Event (Most Tarpon Releases wins)

Payout: 40% to 1st, 20% to 2nd, 10% to 3rd

3 Anglers per Team/ boat (Captain/Guide can be an angler)

Boundaries: No Fishing in Boca Grande Pass. East Boundary- A straight line from the eastern most end of phosphate dock to the northeastern most tip of Cayo Costa Island. West Boundary- A straight line extending from the Southwest corner of Gasparilla Island to the first red buoy (R 12) to the northwest corner of Cayo Costa Island(Marked by an Orange Flag)

Captain's Party: Wednesday June 3rd at 6pm-8pm @ TBA

Fishing:

June 4th, 2015 Check-in/ observer pick-up will start at 5:15am at the Pink Elephant/Guide Dock on Boca Grande. Lines in the water at 6am. Lines-out 12pm. Back to dock by 12:30pm or all releases of the day are disqualified.

June 5th, 2015 Check-in/ observer pick-up will start at 5:15am at the Pink Elephant/Guide Dock on Boca Grande. Lines in the water at 6am. Lines-out 12pm. Back to dock by 12:30pm or all releases of the day are disqualified.

Awards: Awards party 2pm June 5th, 2015 Downtown Boca Grande at the Tarpon Festival

Check-in/out: Pink Elephant/Guide Docks Boca Grande, Florida. Each morning Teams will have to check-in and pick up their observer at the Guide docks. At end of day each Team must Check-out/drop off their observer/submit their signed scorecard

An observer will be placed on competing boats to insure adherence to all rules and to verify releases. An observer's release/non-release decision is final. Any attempt at intimidation from Captain or Anglers of an observer may be grounds for disqualification. Observers will record Hook-up time/release time/angler name on a scorecard. At end of the fishing day: Captain and Anglers must review and sign their scorecard and submit to Head Judge

Releases: An official release will occur when the observer verifies the hooked fish as a tarpon over 40" in total length, the angler retrieves the line to the point where another angler/teammate touches the

leader, and after unhooking/release the Tarpon swims away under its own control. Observers will record Hook-up time/release time/anglers name and text info (via Cellphone) immediately to head Judge after release.

1. No more than 3 Rods can be actively fishing at any one time
2. Line/leader: Leader line must be a minimum of 60lb test and no longer than 15ft in total length. Main line must be a minimum of 50lb test
3. Live, Dead, or Artificial baits are allowed. Only one hook per line may be used. Use of more than one hook, hooks in tandem, or treble hooks are not permitted.
4. Tarpon must remain in the water at all times. Any Tarpon that is removed from the water is disqualified for a release. Any Tarpon that needs to be measured must be done boat side in the water.
5. No Gaffing of Tarpon for any reason
6. Any Tarpon that jumps into a boat while hooked is disqualified for a potential release
7. During a battle with a fish, if an angler gets tired or overwhelmed, another teammate can substitute or aid that person for the remainder of the fight.
8. Absolutely no Alcohol/Drugs may be consumed by any participants during tournament hours.
9. Boats must be operated in a safe sportsman like manner.
10. Any violation of state or federal laws may be grounds for disqualification.
11. Navigation Lights must be used prior to sunrise. Failing to do so are grounds for disqualification.
12. All contestants and captains agree to be respectful to their observer and that any ruling/decision by the head tournament judge is final.

Shark Rule: If it's a confirmed tarpon, a release is counted ONLY if the tarpon is whole and alive. If the tarpon has been hit by a shark, but is still whole and not missing part of its body, the release is valid. If the tarpon has been mutilated and a portion of the body is missing or if the tarpon is no longer able to swim, the tarpon will not be validated as a release.

Tiebreakers: will be decided by time of Tarpon released. (Example: If 2 different Teams have 5 releases each, the Team who released Tarpon #5 first wins the tie) Official Time shall be Verizon phone time. Any observers without Verizon service will set their official time accordingly before the event at the observer meeting.

Weather: Should weather conditions not allow safe competition during scheduled tournament hours, 75% of all entry fees will be returned to competitors and the tournament shall be cancelled. In case of unsafe weather conditions developing after the tournament starts, the tournament may be delayed or stopped at the discretion of the head tournament judge. If delayed, the tournament will resume when the judge determines safe conditions exist. If stopped, the leader board will be frozen at the time the tournament was stopped and winners/winner will be declared.