

TOURNAMENT RULES

- The tournament is open to all members in good standing (i.e. dues have been paid). Junior members aged 12-18 can fish the tournament by paying the entry fee and be eligible for the cash prizes. Youth members under 12 can fish (no fee) and receive a noncash award.
- Entries are only accepted by mail, online, or during the Winter Meeting. Preregistration is necessary, entry forms must be received 7 days prior to the tournament, online registrations -1 day prior to the event.

Prizes will be awarded in each category for 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th place. 1st place \$150.00, 2nd place \$100.00, 3rd place \$75.00 & 4th place \$50.00. You can enter one fish per category and be eligible for more than one prize. The Blue Ox side bet for the tournament will be the largest fish other than the species listed above-payout \$250.00.

- Fish must be caught only on rod and reel from the shore of Portsmouth Island (North Core Banks). You cannot use a boat to reach your fishing destination. Fish entered may not be giggered, snagged, netted, mutilated, speared, frozen or shot.
- All State and Federal rules applying to length and limits must be adhered to. The tournament Director reserves the right to cut open any fish in question or to mark the fish that has been weighed.
- Species in the tournament are:

.....Puffer Fish (Blow Toad) No minimum

.....Red Drum (length between 18" and 27")

.....Bluefish (no minimum length)

.....Black Drum (length between 14" and 25")

.....Sea Mullet (no minimum length)

.....Speckled/Sea Trout (14" minimum length)

***Due to Sea Trout season being closed, Pompano will be substituted for this category for Spring tournament 2025.

NOTE: Flounder may be substituted if a season opens during the tournament period.

- The tournament starts at 6:00 am on Friday and ends at noon on Sunday. Weigh-in starts at 11:00AM on Sunday. Members in line for weigh-in prior to noon will have their fish weighed and measured.
- If you are leaving the island before noon, you can leave your fish with the weigh master. Winners are determined by the weight of fish in each category, and in the case of a tie, the length will determine the winning fish. In the case of a tie the prize money will be split.
- The tournament committee will provide lunch at the weigh in.

We hope to see you there..... bring your families and fishing buddies and have a great time! Fish caught during these tournaments can also be entered in the family fun tournament and if you are lucky enough to catch a red drum over 40" be sure to have a witness for the year-round drum tournament entry. Check the CLMS Website or contact the tournament chairman for entry forms for the other tournaments.