

Pirates of the Gulf

7th Annual Fishing Rodeo

HOOK & LINE

1. All fish are to be registered at the official weigh station. All participants may keep their fish if they choose.
2. The registration fee is \$25 for Adults and \$10 for Children. You must register prior to entering the fishing competition. Late registrants must buy a ticket before weighing fish. Angler has to be present for fish to be entered. Anglers must print their names on their rodeo tickets for correct spelling on the Board.
3. Fish that are obtained by any other means than a rod and reel/spear will not be eligible for competition.
4. Fishing area will extend to all Louisiana coastal, adjacent federal waters and inside waters, which are accessible to all rodeo participants.
5. Fishing will begin at sunrise on August 3rd, 218 and close at 4:00 pm on August 4th, 2018. Divers can begin fishing on August 2nd. Scales will be open as follows:

Friday, August 3rd 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 pm
Saturday, August 4th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.
6. Weights of the fish shall be determined in pounds and ounces. Weighing devices shall be approved by the Judge. Fish shall not be weighed except in the presence of the weigh-master and the angler's registration ticket and number.
7. In the event of a tie, the first fish entered wins the prize.
8. The rodeo weigh-master is the supreme judge, and all decisions are final. He/She decides how many fish an angler can weigh. He/she is a professional at his/her job and SHALL NOT be subject to any type of abuse.
9. The rules and regulations shall be available for examination by any qualified contestant.
10. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third places in all categories. In the case of a tie, the total weight will rule.
11. A Captain's Award will be given to the Angler with the most points for fish placing in the rodeo. The Captain's Award will be given to the Angler in the Big Game, Shoreline, and Inside Divisions. Judging will be based on 3 points for first place, 2 points for second place, and 1 point for third place. In the case of a tie, total weight will rule.

12. After 90 days, all unclaimed prizes will become the property of the Blake Terry Memorial Foundation.

KAYAK DIVISION

NOTE: The following rules & regulations apply to the Kayak Division IN ADDITION TO those listed under Hook & Line.

1. The registration fee is \$25 for Adults and \$10 for Children.
2. PADDLE / PEDAL-CRAFT ONLY - No trolling motors, sails, gas engines, "mother ships," etc... Tandem kayaks, canoes, pirogues, paddleboards are allowed. A participant may wade fish or fish from the bank as long as they remain within 100' of their LAUNCHED paddle craft. With regard to this rule, "launched" means your kayak is off of your vehicle/trailer and that a portion of the paddle-craft is in fishable waters (not a parking lot puddle).
3. WATER COURTESY / ENCROACHMENT - Apply the golden rule. Do your best not to disturb someone else's fishing area by encroachment, noise, etc... If you encounter another angler in a narrow ingress/egress area, as quietly as you can, ask which side he or she would like you to cross. Generally, a good rule of thumb is that if you can both cast to a common point you have encroached.

SCUBA DIVING

Note: The following rules & regulations apply to the Scuba Diving Division in addition to those previously listed.

1. The registration fee is \$25 for Adults and \$10 for Children. You must register prior to entering the fishing competition. Late registrants must buy a ticket before weighing fish. Angler has to be present for fish to be entered. Anglers must print their names on their rodeo tickets for correct spelling on the Board. Diving is limited to Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico. Fishing will begin at sunrise on August 3rd, 218 and close at 4:00 pm on August 4th, 2018. Divers can begin fishing on August 2nd. Scales will be open as follows:

Friday, August 3rd 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 pm

Saturday, August 4th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

2. All fish must be speared by the diver while submerged and must be brought to the boat by the diver who speared it. Fish first caught by means other than a spear gun are not eligible.
3. All fish are subject to autopsy. Any attempt to defraud or cheat in the rodeo disqualifies the offender and his entries.
4. All types of spear guns are allowed except those with free spears or powered by explosive means. A line either to the gun or to the diver will attach all spears. No power heads allowed to be used at any time during the rodeo.
5. All spear guns will be loaded and unloaded in the water.
6. Any infraction will result in immediate disqualification of all fish entered by the offender.
7. No ties considered. All entries must exceed the weight of the earlier fish of that category.
8. All entrants must have a Louisiana fishing license.

9. ALL DECISIONS OF THE WEIGH-MASTER ARE FINAL AND ARE NOT TO BE TAKEN UP WITH OFFICIALS OF THE RODEO.

All fish in the Scuba Division must be weighed by 4:00 pm on the last day of the rodeo.