

# **CAPTAIN'S COVE THREE FISH TOURNAMENT 2022 RULES**

## **FLOUNDER – RED DRUM – SPECKLED TROUT**

- 1) Official tournament dates are 7, 8 and 9<sup>th</sup> of October. The contest allows three days of fishing. No lines in the water prior to 6AM.
- 2) All anglers must comply with all Federal and State Regulations and Laws.
- 3) Fishing boundaries are a fifty-mile radius from Captains Cove Marina – bays, estuaries, surf, ocean, etc. are all open within this area.
- 4) Participants agree that Captains Cove Golf and Yacht Club shall not be held liable for any injury, loss or damage of any kind from participation in this tournament.
- 5) All anglers must be pre-registered by 5 OCT and must be a member of Captains Cove in good standing. Note – non-members may not use the boat ramp in the Cove.
- 6) All entries to qualify must check-in at the weigh-in facility by 4:30pm of the day of the catch.
- 7) Weigh-in will be in the Marina Club parking lot, just beyond the mailboxes. No fish will be accepted for weigh-in if it has not been checked-in by 5:00PM.
- 8) All fish are subject to thorough examination, both internal and external by the tournament committee. Only legal and non-mutilated fish will be accepted for weigh-in.
- 9) No fish caught during the act of commercial fishing will be eligible.
- 10) All fish must be caught on hook and line by the registered angler who must weigh it in.
- 11) Anglers may only weigh-in one fish of each species each day. Highest weight is the winning characteristic. First fish weighed in will be the tie breaker for same weight fish.
- 12) All checked-in tournament fish will be weighed on the official tournament scales. No other weights will be accepted.
- 13) A “Small Craft Advisory” as posted for station ANZ652 – Coastal Waters from Chincoteague to Parramore Island, VA (marine.weather.gov) will automatically qualify as “Inclement Weather” and cancel that day for fishing. Do not rely on a e-blast announcement for notice of contest day cancelation. Boat captains must assess the suitability of current weather conditions for their craft and passengers. Should the contest day start without an Advisory, but an Advisory is issued after 2pm, it will be considered a valid fishing contest day. In the event of the mid-day Advisory, any fish caught on the Cancelled day may NOT be submitted for weigh-in. One valid day of fishing will constitute a completed contest. Failure to complete a single fishing day will rotate the contest to the following weekend. Any fish weighed in a prior weekend will not be counted.

**A GO/NO-GO will be posted at the Marina Club boat ramp by 5:30AM on the day of the Contest. This will be the announcement of ‘inclement weather.’ The Nautical Sports Committee may declare an inclement weather day, without a Small Craft Advisory, for example based on thunderstorms.**

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