

ATTENTION ALL ANGLERS!
INFORMATION AND RULES OF THE
17TH ANNUAL GSH/HGS SALTWATER FISHING TOURNAMENT

The 2017 GSH/HGS SALTWATER TOURNAMENT will be held Friday, October 6, 2017 for you and your guests at The TopWater Grill Marina, located at 815 Avenue O, San Leon, Texas

The following are the rules of the tournament and should provide all the necessary information. However, if we have missed something, please contact Bobby Perez at 281-787-2106.

Fishing hours will be from:

6:00 AM Friday morning, October 6, 2017 until 4:00 PM

Weigh-In Time will start at 2:00PM to 4:00 PM Friday afternoon for the Galveston Bay Complex

Weigh-In Time will start at 2:00PM to 4:00 PM Friday afternoon for Galveston Offshore

All participants are on the honor system. Your support is necessary and appreciated.

Weigh-In will be held at The TopWater Grill Marina. You must be in the Weigh-In line (visible to the tournament chairmen) no later than 4:00 PM Friday, NO EXCEPTIONS!

REGISTRATION:

Early registration will be by mail or GSH Website (gshtx.org) at \$75.00 before Oct. 6th, walk-up registration available at \$85.00 after Oct. 6th 2016. You can register at the TopWater Grill Marina from 6:00 AM to 7:00 AM, Friday, October 7, 2016.

BOAT AND LAUNCH FACILITIES:

Contestants may launch for free at The TopWater Grill Marina. The TopWater Grill Marina is a full service marina with launch facilities, ice, and live & dead bait.

TOURNAMENT BOUNDRIES:

Contestants may fish anywhere on the greater Galveston Bay Complex or Offshore as long as the weigh-in time is met. For those without boats, the tournament is also open to wade fishing, surf fishing, kayak fishing, and pier fishing.

FISH FRY MEAL:

Fish Fry lunch will be served starting at 2:30PM until 5:00PM.
For Non-Participants: \$20.00 per plate.

AWARDS:

Presentation of the trophies will start at/about 5:00PM.
First, second, and third place trophies will be awarded to each of the following in four (4) categories:

Galveston Bay Complex Division

Heaviest Redfish (20" to 28"), no tagged fish will be weighed

Heaviest Speckled Trout (15" to 25"), only one 25" per person per day

Heaviest Flounder (minimum 14")

Heaviest Stringer (1 Redfish, 3 Trout, (one Speckled Trout over 25"), 1 Flounder)

Galveston Offshore Division

Heaviest Cobia (Ling) (minimum – maximum 37")

Heaviest King Mackerel (minimum 27")

Heaviest Mahi-mahi (minimum 30")

In the event of a tie, the earliest weigh-in will prevail.

DOOR PRIZES:

Door prizes will be given away immediately after the Awards.

You must be present to win.

RULES:

This year's tournament will be open to any and all GSH/HGS members and their guests. This is an Individual tournament, no team categories exist, and again, all participants are on the honor system. Please do not consider pooling your catch with someone else's into one stringer. This is not fair to those who are fishing alone.

1. This is a **Big Fish** Tournament. In order to be as fair as possible to everyone, each participant may weigh their largest fish of each species on one stringer; i.e. one person cannot win multiple places for any one species in each category.
2. No lunch break or breakfast is scheduled, so fix your own coffee and sandwiches if you don't want to miss any fishing time.
3. **Both Live and Artificial bait are legal.** Trolling, Tube Floaters, and wade fishing are all allowed. However, the use of, trotlines, seines, electric telephones, dynamite, M-80's, rotenone, spear fishing, etc. or any other means of illegal fishing are strictly prohibited. Only fish caught during the tournament hours are eligible. All fish weighed must be legal according to the laws of the State of Texas. Any person attempting to weigh a fish that is not legal will be disqualified. Fish that are frozen, gutted, or otherwise mutilated will not be eligible and the person attempting to weigh such a fish will be disqualified. GSH is not responsible for any violations or fines/actions resulting from any violations of state game laws, boating laws, or any other law relevant to boating and/or fishing. GSH strongly encourage safe boating practices including the use of kill switches.
4. **DRINKING AND BOATING DO NOT MIX.**
5. Each contestant may launch and fish anywhere on the bay, as long as the Weigh-In deadlines are made at TopWater Grill Marina. We ask all contestants, if possible, especially those weighing in fish, and the trophy winners, to remain at the Weigh-In on Saturday long enough for pictures to be taken for the follow-up GSH Journal.
6. The Tournament Chairman and Weigh-In Master who will act as judges, will handle all disputes or interpretations of the rules. **The decisions of the judges are final!**
7. Each contestant, evidenced by his entry in the tournament, does hereby release and agree to protect, indemnify and hold harmless, the Geophysical Society of Houston and Houston Geological Society, GSH / HGS organization, from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action of any sort and damages, resulting from any accident, incident or occurrence arising out of, incidental to or in anyway resulting from his participation in this tournament. Each contestant hereby further covenants and agrees for himself, his heirs, successors and assigns, that he will not make any claim or institute any suit or action at law or equity against the GSH organization, their respective agents, representatives, employees, successors or assigns, arising out of any injury or damage a contestant may suffer while participating in this tournament. **PLEASE PRACTICE SAFETY!!!**
8. Registration and entry into the tournament constitutes evidence that the participant has read, understands, and agrees with the above rules and disclaimer.

GOOD LUCK AND GOOD FISHING