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**2010 DESTIN COBIA TOURNAMENT**

**TOURNAMENT RULES:**

1. Tournament will officially start when the first fish reaches the HarborWalk Marina weigh-in station, caught using site-fishing methods on a registered boat.
2. All entrants must be registered on calendar day prior to catching and weighing eligible entries. Registration begins February 15, 2010.
3. Entry fee is \$425.00 per boat on or before March 14, 2010. Entry fee is \$450.00 per boat after March 14, 2010. All fees include tax. There will also be a \$100, \$250, \$500 and \$1000 optional cash award for the biggest fish caught during the tournament. This payout will be based on a **50/30/20** split also. The amount of cash awards will be the total amount of monies received less 10%.
4. Tournament will end at 8:00 pm on April 30, 2010.
5. All fish must be caught on rod and reel, using traditional Cobia fishing techniques. Fish caught by bicycle rigs, spears, traps, nets, or any other entangling device will be disqualified.
6. Fish must be brought to the weigh-in station by the angler and Captain by **boat** to **HarborWalk Marina** in Destin, by vehicle to **Outcast Bait & Tackle** in Pensacola or **Half Hitch** in Panama City. The scales at HarborWalk Marina will be open from 10:00 am until 8:00pm daily. All scale locations will close **NO LATER** than 8:00pm.
7. Official weight will be based on whole fish weight. The tournament weigh master or any committee member reserves the right to reject any fish entry because of poor condition, mutilation, or being frozen. Any contents deemed irregular or questionable by the weigh master will be grounds for disqualification of that entry. Their decisions are final.
8. The Destin Cobia Tournament will limit each angler to weighing in a maximum of one Cobia per person per day.
9. Captain will finalize weigh in with signature. Fish entry division must be declared prior to official announcement of fish weight.
10. Any fish entered must meet the current state minimum length requirement of 33" to be eligible.
11. All protests must be submitted in writing and must accompany \$500.00 cash within 24 hours of the fish in question. If protest stands, you will be reimbursed in full. If the protest proves invalid the protest fee will be forfeited. All decisions of the Cobia Tournament Committee are final.
12. No overnight fishing. **All entries must be weighed on day of catch.**
13. In the event of an exact tie, the first fish weighed in will be determined the winner.
14. All fish weighed in may be subject to random gutting. Failure to allow a tournament committee member to gut a fish will result in the disqualification of the fish in question.
15. Pee Wee Angler: Boys and girls 10 years of age or younger on the date of the catch. Junior Angler: Boys and girls between 11 and 15 years of age on the date of the catch. Senior Citizen Division: Male or Female Angler of age 62 and older on the date of catch.
16. "Joel Knight" Memorial (captains award) and the Lynn Kirby (mate's award) will be based upon a point system. The point system is as follows. **Overall division:** 1<sup>st</sup> place = 4pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 3pts; 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 2pts; 4<sup>th</sup> place 1pts; **30ft and under division:** 1<sup>st</sup> place = 4pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 3pts; 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 2pts. **First Fish Caught:** 1pts; **Top five largest fish:** 4pts; Most over 50lbs: 4pts; **Tag and release:** 1pts (It does not matter how many tags are turned in. It is strictly 1pt for