

**IWFA LOUISIANA REDFISH-SPECKLED TROUT TOURNAMENT**  
**VENICE, LOUISIANA – JUNE 15, 16 & 17, 2015**  
**OFFICIAL RULES**

- 1. DATES:** There will be three (3) days of Tournament fishing unless called due to weather; June 15, 16, and 17, 2015.
- 2. ANGLERS:** Two anglers will fish per boat. Anglers will be assigned to boats according to a boat draw that will take place at the tournament kick-off party Sunday evening. Anglers must be ready to board boats at 6:00 a.m. each morning. If an angler is not present at the prearranged time, an alternate angler will replace her. Each boat will carry two (2) anglers at all times.
- 3. FISHING HOURS:** All boats will depart Venice Marina no earlier than 6:00 a.m. Lines in for fishing at 6:30 a.m., and fishing will conclude/lines out at 1:30 p.m. each day. All boats must be back at Venice Marina no later than 3:00 p.m. Failure to arrive at the weigh-in by 3:00 p.m. will result in disqualification of the days points. If a mechanical failure occurs, the Venice Marina must be notified by radio/cell phone and a review by the rules committee will determine eligibility of that days catch.
- 4. SCORE SHEETS:** All anglers must turn in daily score sheets to the scorekeepers immediately upon docking at Venice Marina. The sheets must be signed by the angler, her partner and the captain. Score sheets must be legible to avoid delays in scoring. Ties will be awarded to the angler that catches the last fish first. Times must be recorded on score sheet for last fish each day. The time of the last species caught that completes a Slam must also be recorded.
- 5. ELIGIBLE FISH:** Eligible fish for the tournament shall be Redfish, Speckled Trout, Flounder and Largemouth Bass. The release and casting rules of the IWFA shall apply. All IWFA tournament rules and Guidelines will be followed. No chumming allowed. All fish must be released alive. No eligible fish may be brought to Venice Marina unless a potential IWFA or IGFA World Record might exist.
- 6. TACKLE/LINE:** The terminal tackle for this event shall be artificial lures or dead bait only. Guides shall supply dead bait to be shared by both anglers. No live bait of any kind permitted on boats. Only single rigs may be used. (i.e. No double-rigging for speckled trout.) The official line for the Tournament shall be 8# pink Ande or 12# clear Ande. Spinning or plug tackle may be used in compliance with IGFA rules. Each angler will supply her own rods, reels and terminal tackle. The boat's tackle may be used if it is spooled with the correct Ande line(s).
- 7. ROTATION:** When the trolling motor is in use, anglers will take "ups" on the bow. The first angler to hook up will be in command of the boat until the fish hooked is released. Both anglers may cast when the boat is on anchor. Good sportsmanship applies at all times.
- 8. OFFICIAL RELEASE:** The fish is considered released when the captain, angler or her partner touches the leader. A landing net, Boga-Grip or other fish-handling tool may be used. If a landing net is used, the fish must be boated to be counted. An attempt must be made to remove all hooks and lures. (i.e. large fish may not be purposely broken off

after touching the leader.) All fish must be released alive and where caught, unless a potential for an IWFA or IGFA World Record exists. Gaffs may not be used.

- 9. GUESTS:** No guests are permitted on the boat without the approval of the tournament committee, the other angler and the captain. Guests, if approved, would consist of local media covering the IWFA Redfish & Speckled Trout Tournament.
- 10. GUIDES/CAPTAINS:** Guides are prohibited from fishing during tournament hours. Guides/Captains may not cast for any angler.
- 11. SPORTSMANSHIP:** No favoritism of any kind is allowed by the captain or the anglers. This tournament must be won by the angler on her own merits.
- 12. PROTESTS:** All protests must be presented to the Rules Committee in writing on the back of the daily score sheet provided. The Rules Committee will render its decision on the same day that the complaint is registered. All decisions of the Rules Committee are final.

**Rules Committee: Susan Villere  
Connie O'Day  
Lauren Lemmon**

IWFA Belize Bonefish Tournament  
**Official Rules**

1. **DATES:** There will be three days of tournament fishing, unless called for weather: July 24, 25, 26, 2015.
2. **ANGLERS:** Two (2) anglers will fish per boat. Anglers will be assigned to boats according to a boat draw to be held the evening of July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Each boat must carry two anglers.
3. **FISHING HOURS:** All boats will leave the El Pescador dock at 7 a.m. Lines in will be any time after 7 a.m., and fishing will conclude at 3 p.m. All boats must return to the El Pescador dock by 4:30 p.m. Failure to arrive at the El Pescador dock by 4:30 p.m. will disqualify all of that day's catch. Any mechanical failures will be reviewed by the tournament rules committee. The tournament rules committee will have the final say regarding mechanical failures.
4. **SCORE SHEETS:** All anglers must turn in daily score sheets, signed by the angler, partner, and guide, to the scorekeeper immediately upon docking. Each angler is responsible for keeping track of her catches and filling out her own score sheet. Anglers must turn in their score sheets whether they score or not. Ties will be awarded to the angler who has the official release of the last fish first. Times must be recorded on the score sheet for first and last fish each day.
5. **ELIGIBLE FISH:** Eligible fish will be: Bonefish, Tarpon, and Permit. The release and casting rules of the IWFA shall apply. No chumming allowed.
6. **TACKLE/LINE:** **Spin line** is limited to ANDE 12# **CLEAR Premium** monofilament. Spin anglers may use Rio Saltwater Nylon 12 lb. Tippet attached to their leader if they wish. **Fly tackle** is limited to **Rio Bonefish Tapered 12 lb. Leader** and **Rio Saltwater Nylon 12 lb. Tippet**. All Rio products are available from [www.rioproducts.com](http://www.rioproducts.com) as well as other tackle shops. Plug, spinning, general tackle and fly gear will be allowed on all boats. Tackle will be used in compliance with all IGFA rules. Each angler should bring her own terminal tackle. Anglers fly-fishing must provide tippet in the correct line size and color. No other line will be permitted.
7. **ROTATION:** Throughout the tournament, anglers will take "ups" on the bow. All anglers will rotate ups on the bow after the angler on the bow catches and releases a fish or on the half hour, whichever is the shortest time. The second angler may cast if it does not interfere with the "up" angler. Permission should be asked. The first angler to hook

up will be in command of the boat until the fish hooked is released. Only one line per angler in the water at all times. Good sportsmanship applies.

8. **OFFICIAL RELEASE:** A fish is considered released when the captain, angler, or her partner touches the leader. A landing net, Boga-Grip, or other fish-handling tool may be used. All fish must be released alive. No fish may be brought in unless a potential world record might exist. Time limit on any release is 15 minutes.
9. **GUESTS:** No guests are permitted on the boats without approval of the tournament rules committee, the other angler, and the captain.
10. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** No favoritism of any kind is allowed either by the captain or the angler. The Belize Bonefish Tournament must be won by the angler on her own merits. There will be no deviation from any of the rules.
11. **PROTESTS:** All protests must be presented to the tournament rules committee on the daily score sheets provided. The tournament rules committee will make a decision on the same day that the complaint is received. All decisions of the Tournament Rules Committee are final. The Tournament Rules Committee for this tournament is Joan Vandergriff, Susan Gros, and Denise Freihofer.