



Rules & Regulations

- Registration \$1500 per team/boat with \$500 going directly to Folds of Honor per team/boat. \$1000 will go to the winners of the tournament. Registration is required by May 14th.
- Teams consist of up to 4 people (only 1 charter captain per team, but not required)
- Captain or 1 team member must be present for Captains' meeting on Thursday, May 21st, 2026, at South Seas. Time and location will be provided as we get to the date. If someone from your team is not present your team will be disqualified, and the registration fee will be donated to Folds of Honor
- Every 10 boats registered will pay back 1 place
- Lines in the water at 6:30AM (honor start) and lines out by 3 PM
- If a tarpon is hooked before 3 PM, you first must report the fish being hooked before 3 PM and then you have till 3:15PM to report the catch to the score keeper.
- Only 1 rod per angler can be fished at a time (including catching bait)
- Leaders can be no longer than 6 feet from the main line or double line
- Tarpon will be considered caught when the 6' leader is touched below the knot. While touching the leader a team member must photograph or video the leader touch and tarpon. Wrist bands must be visible in the photo or video.
- Ties will be settled by the time the tying tarpon is caught. Whoever reports the tying tarpon first will be the winner.
- You must report the catch and release to the phone # provided and be acknowledged by the score keeper.
- All tarpons must be whole/intact when scored
- All Florida fishing and boating laws/rules apply. NO RUNNING MANATEE ZONES. You are required to know Spanish mackerel rules
- No wade fishing, all fish must be caught and landed from the boat
- No angler substitutions after the captains meeting, all anglers must fish from the same boat.
- All fish must be caught with hook, line and reel
- No canal fishing, no Marina fishing, no pet fishing, no ramp fishing, no chumming or holding holes at any time for other teams
- Live or artificial bait only
- Circle hooks only
- No jig fishing in Boca Grande Pass
- No boat-to-boat transfers of any kind (bait, rods, tackle etc)
- In the event of dangerous weather, anglers will be notified of change of dates. Registration is non-refundable
- Winning teams may be subject to and must pass a polygraph test prior to being awarded a prize (at the discretion of South Seas)

- If no fish are caught the prize will be rolled over into the following year's prize money