



# **2018 TEXAS FALLEN HEROES YOUTH OPEN FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP JUNE 23RD-24TH TOURNAMENT DATA SHEET**

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS WITH ONE OR TWO STUDENT ANGLERS SIXTH GRADE AND ABOVE AND ONE BOAT CAPTAIN ARE NEEDED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TWO DAY HIGH SCHOOL TEAM TOURNAMENT ON SATURDAY JUNE 23 AND 24, 2018 FOR PRIZES AND A \$5,000 FIRST PLACE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD (BASED ON 100 PAID TEAMS \$2,500 FIRST PLACE REGARDLESS OF NUMBER OF TEAMS). TEAM WILL ALSO FISH IN THE TWO DAY BIG FISH CONTEST SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AS PART OF THE \$60 ENTRY FEE. BOAT CAPTAINS CANNOT FISH ONLY INSTRUCT AND COACH.
- ALL YOUTH ANGLERS OF ANY AGE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULT BOAT CAPTAIN ELIGIBLE TO FISH THE OPEN YOUTH BIG FISH TOURNAMENT ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY FOR GREAT PRIZES. ENTRY FEE IS \$10 PER CHILD.

## **COMPETITION WATERS**

- LAKE SAM RAYBURN TEXAS, JACKSON HILL MARINA FOR MANDATORY PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING AND BOAT NUMBER DRAWING WILL INCLUDE A COMPLIMENTARY COOKOUT FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS WITH ADDITIONAL BBQ PLATES ON SALE FOR \$12 AS WELL AS BBQ SANDWICHES FOR \$6.  
AS BOAT NUMBERS ARE DRAWN EVERY STUDENT ANGLER AND BOAT CAPTAIN WILL BE PRESENTED A SET OF DOG TAGS FROM OUR TEXAS FALLEN HEROES MEMORIAL WALL TO FISH IN THEIR MEMORY AND TO HONOR ALL WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN THE WAR ON TERROR.
- JACKSON HILL MARINA WILL BE THE TAKEOFF AND WEIGHIN SITE BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

## **PRACTICE**

- COMPETITION WATERS ARE OPEN FOR PRACTICE UNTIL THE START OF THE PRETOURNAMENT MEETING ON FRIDAY JUNE 22ND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM
- THE PURCHASE OR BARTERING FOR INFORMATION OR HIRING OF FISHING GUIDE SERVICES ARE NOT PERMITTED AFTER SUNDAY MAY 20TH.

## **BOAT OPERATION**

- **STUDENT ANGLERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO DRIVE BOAT WHEN THE COMBUSTION ENGINE IS IN OPERATION BUT MAY OPERATE THE FRONT OF THE BOAT WHEN FISHING WITH THE TROLLING MOTOR. EACH BOAT MUST BE OPERATED BY BOAT CAPTAIN WHEN THE COMBUSTION ENGINE IS RUNNING. BOAT CAPTAINS MAY ASSIST HIGH SCHOOL ANGLERS IN LOCATING FISH AND GIVING VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS, BUT ARE NOT PERMITTED TO CATCH FISH.**
- **OPEN YOUTH DIVISION TEAMS CAN HAVE AS MANY AS CAN SAFELY FISH. CAPTAIN MUST BE AT LEAST 19 YEARS OLD AND CARRY APPROPRIATE BOAT INSURANCE. YOUTH AWARDS BASED ON BIG BASS, BIG CRAPPIE AND BIG CATFISH CAUGHT ON ROD AND REEL.**

## **CATCH, SIZE LIMITS & LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

- **HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION FIVE BASS PER TEAM, MINIMUM 14 INCHES IN LENGTH, BRINGING A SHORT FISH TO THE SCALES WILL DISQUALIFY THE TEAMS CATCH.**
- **YOU MUST HAVE A VALID TEXAS FISHING LICENSE IF YOU ARE 17 YEARS OR OLDER.**
- **OPEN YOUTH DIVISION WILL BE FOR BIG BASS, CRAPPIE AND CATFISH CAUGHT ON ONE ROD AND REEL PER ANGLER.**
- **BOAT CAPTAINS IN THE OPEN YOUTH DIVISION CAN ASSIST CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS OLD TO LAND FISH FOR ALL OTHER PARTICIPANTS BOAT CAPTAIN MAY ONLY NET FISH.**

## **FORMAT**

- **RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE TOURNAMENT CAN BE FOUND AT [WWW.FISHINGFOROURFALLEN.COM](http://WWW.FISHINGFOROURFALLEN.COM) OPEN YOUTH TEAMS WILL FOLLOW BASIC RULES AS DETAILED ABOVE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AGE LIMITS ON PARTICIPANTS.**

## **HOST LODGING AND TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

- **CONTACT TERRY SYMPSON AT JACKSONHILL MARINA 936-872-9266 FOR ANY TOURNAMENT QUESTIONS, LAKE INFORMATION AND LODGING AT THE MARINA AND SURROUNDING AREA. EMAIL [TERRY@JACKSONHILL.US](mailto:TERRY@JACKSONHILL.US)**

## **REGISTRATION**

- **PRE-REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE ONLINE ON OUR WEBSITE LISTED ABOVE. ONLY TEAMS THAT ARE PREREGISTERED WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZE DRAWINGS AT THE MANDATORY PRETOURNAMENT MEETING AND COOKOUT. ENTRY FEE FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS IS \$60 AND INCLUDES THE BIG FISH CONTEST FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. OPEN YOUTH ENTRY FEE IS \$10 PER YOUTH ANGLER.**

## **MANDATORY CHECK IN**

- **FRIDAY, JUNE 22ND 4-7 PM**
- **JACKSON HILL MARINA 1705 FM 2851 BROADDUS, TEXAS 75929; PHONE 936-872-9266**
- **PRETOURNAMENT CHECK IN WILL INCLUDE EACH PARTICIPANT BEING PRESENTED A SET OF DOG TAGS FROM ONE OF OUR TEXAS FALLEN HEROES THAT THEY WILL CARRY WITH THEM TO HONOR THEIR MEMORY AND ALL OF OUR TEXAS FALLEN HEROES. ALL ANGLERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THE TIME TO LOOK UP THEIR FALLEN HERO ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND POST A NOTE OF THANKS AND REMEMBRANCE TO THEIR FAMILY IF POSSIBLE.**
- **BOAT NUMBERS WILL BE PREASSIGNED IN RANDOM ORDER AND WILL BE REVERSED FOR DAY 2 OF THE COMPETITION.**

- **AT LEAST ONE ANGLER OR CAPTAIN MUST ATTEND AND PICKUP THE TEAMS NUMBER AND DOG TAGS HOWEVER WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE INCLUDING FAMILY MEMBERS TO BE AT THE MARINA FOR A SPECIAL OPENING CEREMONY AT 6:00 PM FRIDAY.**
- **WE HAVE A GRADUATION EXCEPTION FOR TEAMS THAT CANNOT ALL MAKE IT ON FRIDAY. TEAMS CAN COME EARLIER AND RECEIVE THEIR BOAT NUMBER AND DOG TAGS OR SEND A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER TO REPRESENT THEM.**
- **COMPLIMENTARY COOKOUT FOR ALL REGISTERED CONTESTANTS AND BOAT CAPTAINS WILL BE PROVIDED AND PREPARED BY OUTDOOR FREEDOM NETWORK. ADDITIONAL BBQ PLATES CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$12 PER PERSON WITH THE PROCEEDS BEING DONATED. BBQ SANDWICHES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE FOR \$6. FOOD PROFITS DONATED TO THE TEXAS FALLEN HEROES MEMORIAL WALL.**

#### **TAKEOFF AND WEIGH IN**

- **SATURDAY JUNE 23RD AND SUNDAY THE 24TH - HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS WILL TAKEOFF FROM JACKSON HILL AT APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES BEFORE OFFICIAL SUNRISE OR ADJUSTED BY TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR BASED ON FIRST SAFE LIGHT. WEIGH IN WILL BE AT JACKSON HILL AT 3:00 PM SATURDAY AND 1:00 PM ON SUNDAY. FLIGHTS OF 25 BOATS EACH WILL TAKEOFF WITH EACH SUCCESSIVE FLIGHT ADDING 15 MINUTES TO THEIR WEIGH IN TIME. BOATS 1-25 3:00 PM BOATS 26-50 3:15 ETC.**
- **SUNDAY JUNE 24TH WILL HAVE THE BOAT NUMBERS REVERSED SO THAT THE NUMBER ONE BOAT SATURDAY WILL BE THE LAST BOAT SUNDAY.**

#### **YOUTH DIVISION**

- **SATURDAY JUNE 23RD - OPEN YOUTH DIVISION WILL BE A BIG FISH CONTEST FOR BIG BASS, CRAPPIE AND CATFISH CAUGHT ON ROD AND REEL. THE YOUTH TOURNAMENT WILL BE A TRAILERING TOURNAMENT WITH FIRST CAST AT 7:00 AM LAST CAST AT 12:00 PM AND FINAL CHECK IN FOR WEIGH IN AT 1:00 PM AT JACKSON HILL MARINA.**
- **SUNDAY JUNE 24TH WILL BE A BIG FISH CONTEST FOR BIG BASS, CRAPPIE AND CATFISH CAUGHT ON ROD AND REEL. THIS IS A TRAILERING TOURNAMENT WITH FIRST CAST 7:00 AM. LAST CAST IS 12:00 PM SCALES WILL BE OPEN FROM 12:00 PM UNTIL 1:00PM ON SUNDAY. TEAMS CAN FISH ONE OR TWO DAYS.**