



## Cape Coral Bass Club

### Memo

To: All Cape Coral Bass Club Anglers

From: Mike Oler, President

Reference: Contestant Crowding

Date: May 21, 2024

It was brought to my attention of a matter regarding the two-cast rule under section 19 of the CCBC Tournament Rules. The rule states the following:

**19. CONTESTANT CROWDING:** Contestant crowding is not allowed. Each boat actively fishing must keep at **least two (2) cast (75 feet) lengths** distance from any other boat actively fishing. This rule may only be waived if agreed to verbally by contestants in each boat. Sportsmanship should prevail.

There seems to be a misconception that if an angler can park himself in the middle of an open area having the capability to cast **150 feet** to all sides, then they would be able to close off the area to other competitors. The two cast rule was established to keep a competitor sitting down within that **150 feet** from his already established competitor and start fishing, It does not include the opposite of the canal, lake or any other location having "sides".

Therefore, keep sportsmanship in mind while fishing these tournaments. Any angler violating the **150 feet** rule fishing on the "same side" of the location will be disqualified if a protest is filed. This would include any boat pulling behind and follow or head the opposite direction of another angler already established within that distance.

Any angler fishing on any other side of the area will not be in violation and any protest filed will be denied. This area includes coves, lakes, canals etc.

Respectfully

Mike Oler