

Tournament Rules

Indian River Lagoon Paddle Classic, September 24th, 2011

1. **PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY.** Participation is open to anyone 18 years of age or older. Jr. Anglers are eligible to participate with a parent or legal guardian signature on the release form. A completed entry form, waiver, and entry fee must be received no later than the published entry date. Entry fee includes rights to fish, post-tournament meal, 2 raffle tickets, t-shirt, and captain's bag.

2. **PRE-REGISTRATION AND CAPTAINS MEETING.** Each contestant must pre-register and pay by September 23th, 2011. On-line registration will close September 22, 2011, but registration will be open through the Captain's Meeting at 6:00pm, Friday, September 23th, 2011 at the Melbourne Strike Zone. A \$10 fee will be charged for registering the day of the event. Attendance at the Captain's Meeting is **MANDATORY** for all contestants. If a contestant is unable to attend the Captain's Meeting they must prearrange eligibility with Coastal Charities prior to being allowed to participate. Uniform measuring devices and unique tokens will be distributed at the Captain's Meeting. Lines in at sunrise Saturday, September 24th, 2011.

3. **SAFETY.** Safe boating must be observed at all times. During competition each contestant is required to comply with US Coast Guard regulations including the possession of a PFD and sounding device. All USCG and FWC regulations are in effect at all times. Should anglers choose to paddle prior to sunrise, boats must be equipped with adequate lighting that meets all USCG and FWC regulations.

4. **CHECK IN.** Check-in will begin at 11am at The Lagoon House located at 3275 Dixie Highway NE, Palm Bay FL. Check in will be accepted for all anglers in line at the Lagoon House by 3:00pm. All competitors must check-in with their cameras by 3pm to be eligible for prizes. At check in you must indicate whether or not you are submitting your camera for review and fill out a scoring sheet. The post-tournament banquet, raffles, and awards ceremonies will begin at 4:00pm.

5. **SPORTSMANSHIP.** All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation. No alcoholic beverages or use of illegal drugs is allowed. Any use of drugs, participation in criminal activities, or other conduct reflecting unfavorably upon our efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition, and/or compliance with tournament rules are grounds for immediate disqualification and return of any prizes awarded.

6. **PERMITTED FISHING METHODS.** All fish must be caught via hook and line. The selection of baits is up to the discretion of the participant. All fish must be caught from the kayak. No wade fishing or shore fishing is permitted unless the kayak is tethered to the angler. Tethers may not exceed eight (8) feet in length. Anglers may fish with no more than 2 lines while out of their kayak and no more than 4 while in their kayak. If an angler is out of their kayak, they must remain in contact with all lines in the water. Staked pole holders or any other methods of holding device not attached to the kayak are prohibited.

7. **NO MOTORS.** The use of a boat or motorized water vehicle to transport your boat on the water is prohibited. All craft must be self-propelled – no engines are allowed. Canoes and paddle vessels designed to be paddled (not powered by motor) are permitted.
8. **FISHING LOCATIONS.** Any inshore location is permitted, including locations in Volusia, Brevard and Indian River counties. This includes the St. Johns River, Intracoastal Waterway, and associated creeks and waters. No fishing in the ocean is allowed, including jetties and inlets. Specifically you must be south west of the Volusia Coast Guard Station on the Intercoastal Waterway, west of the Cape Canaveral Lock System, West of the “L-Dock” on the South Side of the Sebastian Inlet, North West of 17th St Bridge, Vero Beach FL. All fishing locations must be in waters accessible according to the law, USCG, and FWC regulations
9. **OTHER.** During competition contestants may not obtain or receive assistance including but not limited to following a non-competitor's boat, the placing of markers by a non-competitor, being towed or riding motorized vessels, or receiving electronic, voice, or data communications from non-competitors.
10. **SCORING.** The event uses catch-photo-release scoring determined by the length of each fish, combined in the case of slam and individually for each class. Each angler will be issued a uniform measuring device and unique scoring marker/token at the Captain's Meeting. The first photo on the camera must be of your rigged boat as put in at launch with measuring device and scoring marker visible. Fish must be photographed in or on the boat, on the provided measure, clearly showing the length of the fish with the scoring marker visible. More than one photo of a fish may be taken and is strongly encouraged. Length is determined from the forward-most point of the fish to the natural top of the tail. All species 14” or greater may be presented for scoring purposes. All species above the slot limit are eligible. If a fish is larger than the 45” measuring stick, the fish will count, but the angler will only receive credit for a 45” fish. In the event of a tie, the entry checked in earliest will be declared the winner. The judging committee will review the photos to verify reported results and determine place winners. The tournament director is responsible for the final decision in all matters.
11. **DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY.** Participants may only use digital cameras for recording scoring fish. Entrants must bring the storage chip from their camera to check-in or bring the download cable for their camera so that pictures may be retrieved. Cameras may be shared - in the event of camera sharing both entrants' kayaks at launch must be initially on the roll, and each entrant will use a different unique scoring token as directed at the captains meeting, both in the launch picture and the fish scoring pictures. In the scoring fish pictures the appropriate entrant's kayak must also be in the picture.
12. **TANDEM/SHARING.** It is permissible for more than one entrant to share the same paddle vessel. Each paddler must be a registered participant and is scored separately. Fish may NEVER be shared among entrants. If more than one person is in a tandem both must be registered anglers - use of an extra person strictly as a paddler/motor is forbidden.

13. PROTEST. All protests must be made in writing and delivered to a tournament official within 30 minutes of the last check-in. The tournament director is the final authority in all considerations.

14. RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE. A waiver, release of liability, and covenant not to sue are part of the entry form. It is required that all contestants take responsibility for themselves while participating in event activities.

15. PHOTO RELEASE. Scoring photos remain the sole ownership of Coastal Charities, Inc. to be used at their discretion. Contestants grant Coastal Charities, Inc. and the sponsors the unconditional right to use their name, voice, photographic likeness and biographical information in connection with Coastal Charities tournaments, production, promotion, and/or articles and press releases, and shall not be entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation in connection with such use.

16. RULE CHANGES. Rules interpretation is exclusively left to the Tournament Director. The decisions of the Tournament Director are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal.

17. PRIZE STRUCTURE. For the September, 24th 2011 Tournament, prizes are trophies and equipment/gifts. Contestants are eligible for only one of the class prizes but remain eligible for all raffled prizes.

18. JR ANGLER AWARD. There will be a Jr. Angler Awards for entrants younger than 18. Jr. Anglers are also eligible to win prizes in all divisions.

19. LADY ANGLER AWARD. There will be a Lady Angler Award for female entrants. Lady Anglers are also eligible to win prizes in all divisions.

20. ADDITIONAL DIVISIONS: Additional divisions may be awarded based on sponsor support.

20. RAFFLE. Prizes will also be awarded by raffle. Each contestant will receive 2 raffle tickets at check in. Additional tickets may be purchased at the Captain's meeting and at check in the following day. You must be present at the raffle to win.

25. CONTINGENCY PRIZES. Sponsors may at their discretion award contingency prizes for anglers winning or placing using their products.

WAIVER. RELEASE OF LIABILITY
AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in Coastal Charities, Inc's sport fishing activities or related events and activities, the undersigned agrees to the following:

_____ 1. I have read, and understand and will participate under the guidelines outlined in "**Tournament Rules, Indian River Lagoon Paddle Classic, September 24th, 2011**"

_____ 2. Prior to participating, I will inspect the launch/tournament area and any equipment to be used. If I believe anything is unsafe, I will immediately advise an agent or employee of Coastal Charities, Inc. of the existence of such condition(s) and refuse to participate.

_____ 3. I acknowledge and fully understand that I will be engaging in activities that involve risk of damage to personal property, or serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from my own actions, inactions or negligence, but the actions, inactions or negligence of others, as a result of kayaking, fishing, wading in the water and swimming, including but not limited to perils of sea and waterways, acts of other participants, adverse sea and weather conditions, and I hereby assume complete responsibility and liability for such risks. Further, there may be other risks not known or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.

_____ 4. I do hereby release, waive, discharge and COVENANT NOT TO SUE Coastal Charities, Inc, its directors, agents, employees, sponsors or any other individual in any way associated with Coastal Charities, Inc, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "Releasees," from any and all liability to me, my heirs and next of kin for any and all claims, demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence or any other actions of the Releasees or otherwise.

_____ 5. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation.

_____ 6. I certify that my physical condition and training are adequate to enable me to compete safely in this Coastal Charities, Inc. event.

_____ 7. I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the sponsors of this event or their representatives to use any photographs, video tapes, email address or any other record(s) of or from this event.

_____ 8. This waiver may not be modified in any way. If any part of this waiver is determined to be invalid by law, all other parts of this waiver shall remain valid and enforceable.

_____ 8a. I hereby warrant and represent that I am over 18 years of age and have signed this WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE freely and voluntarily.

_____ 8b. I hereby warrant and represent that I am the parent or legal guardian for the above named participant, and that I have signed this WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE freely and voluntarily in my capacity as their parent or legal guardian on the their behalf.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE AND INITIALED EACH AND EVERY PARAGRAPH THERETO, AND UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY.

Participant's _____ Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

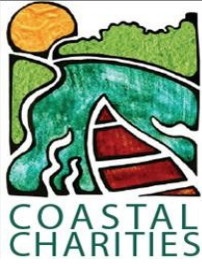
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Parent/Legal _____ Guardian _____ Name: _____ Signature: _____

_____ Date: _____

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Witness



Coastal Charities Presents the
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Name: _____

Age: _____ Male () Female ()

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Kayak Make/Model: _____

Fishing License #: _____

Registration: Standard Entry () Jr Angler ()

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

T-Shirt Size (check one) ___S, ___M, ___L, ___XL

Signature of Participant _____ Date _____

Checks for **\$65.00** (\$75.00 the night of the event) Payable to:

Coastal Charities, Inc.

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