**TOURNAMENT HOST**

N.C.L.A. - Nature Coast Lady Anglers

When: Saturday, October 28th, 2017

**TOURNAMENT DESCRIPTION**

NCLA 2nd Annual F.L.A.G. (Fish Like A Girl) Tournament

A C-P-R (Catch - Photo - Release) Tournament

**For manually propelled vessels only**

The proceeds of the NCLA's FLAG Tournament will benefit the Coastal Camp Citrus student financial aid scholarship fund. Coastal Camp Citrus is a residential summer camp held annually in June at the Citrus County School District's Marine Science Station (MSS) in Crystal River, Florida. Student applicants who can demonstrate a documented financial hardship and meet the basic eligibility requirements for camp attendance may be eligible to receive a financial aid scholarship to partially or fully cover the cost of the camp registration. For more information on Coastal Camp Citrus at the Marine Science Station, visit

**http://mss.citrusschools.org or call (352) 795-4393**

**PARTICIPATION & ELIGIBILITY**

For NCLA Members and Invited Guests Only

Mandatory teams of 2 or more (assistance with loading & unloading & safety)

**REGISTRATION / FEES / SIGN-IN**

$30 entry fee per person due upon entry into the Captain's Meeting Friday Night

A team member is allowed to submit signed waiver/payment on behalf of other team mate(s)

**REFUNDS & CANCELLATIONS**

There will be no refunds

Tournament will take place rain or shine

Somebody's going to win some $$ one way or another

**CAPTAIN'S MEETING**

Guests may attend Captain's Meeting and Award Ceremony

6:00 p.m. at Backwater Fins Restaurant

13982 W. Ozello Trail / Crystal River / FL / 34429

Captain's Meeting is mandatory, however if you absolutely **CANNOT** make it for some reason, your teammate is responsible for submitting your payment and accepting your token on your behalf.

Please wear your NCLA shirts to Captain's Meeting & Award Ceremony

Wi-Fi access has been confirmed.

Teri Hines will be taking pictures of each Team at the Captains Meeting

At least **ONE** team member **MUST** attend the Captains Meeting

Ron Leger will be collecting entry fee envelopes (unsealed) and distributing Token Bags

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will be selling raffle tickets @ $1.00 each

Explain raffle ticket process

NON MOTORIZED PADDLE CRAFT

SHARING KAYAKS

PRE-FISHING

**LAUNCH RULES / FISHING HOURS**

Safe Light for launch is at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**LAUNCH SITES**

You may launch from anywhere you choose - there are no restrictions

naturecoastladyanglers -> Launch Sites tab for various locations

You may fish anywhere you want - there are no restrictions

Please take a picture of your token displayed on your measuring devise at this time

**SAFETY**

You must have a PFD / whistle / current saltwater fishing liscense

Please have in your possession a cell phone or VHF marine radio

We will be monitoring channel 72 for emergencies

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Emergency Contact Information:

Brian's cell phone: (352) 442-4311

Ty's cell phone: (352) 266-5382

Delores's cell phone: (352) 895-0988

**TARGET FISH**

Black Drum

Black Sea Bass

Bluefish

Catfish

Cobia

Croaker

Flounder

Grouper

Jacks

Kingfish

Ladyfish

Lizardfish

Mackerel

Needlefish

Pigfish

Puffer fish

Porgies

Sharks

Sheepshead

Snapper

Snook

LEGAL FISHING METHODS

**MEASUREMENTS**

You may use any measuring device you choose. There are no restrictions.

If you are using a folding ruler, please make sure it is extended all the way out.

**Fish's head must be at the -0- mark.**

If your measuring device has a 'head-board', the fish head **must** touch the head-board for accurate measurement.

Fish measurement will be rounded up to the next quarter inch.

**CAMERA RULES / PHOTOGRAPHY & TOURNAMENT TOKENS**

You may use a digital camera with a removable SD card or a compatible USB connector cable

You may use a cell phone and e-mail your photos to NCLAFLAG@gmail.com

You may use a cell phone and bring a compatible USB connector cable

If you are planning on using your cell phone to e-mail photos, please send a test e-mail to NCLAFLAG@gmail.com to confirm open communication so you won't have any problem getting them to go through on the day of the tournament.

Your first acceptable picture **must** be of your token displayed in your measuring devise.

The only fish pictures accepted will be **after** your token/measuring devices as stated above.

Photo must be taken with **mouth closed, touching the -0- mark** on your measuring device**. (example)**

Explain token position in picture.

It is not necessary to pinch the tail but you may if you wish.

Take as many photos as you can. You may receive help from your fishing partner.

If you are e-mailing your photos, please use your **name and token number** in the subject line

Ability to e-mail photos will depend on your cell phone network coverage and service

HARVESTING FISH

This tournament is designed to be a Catch-Photo-Release tournament but you may harvest your catch if it meets FWC regulations.

CHECK-IN

SCORING

**AWARDS & PRIZES**

You **must turn in your token after getting off the water** even if you are not staying for the Award Ceremony. It is our way of accounting for all participants for safety reasons.

No photos will be accepted after 3:00 p.m. **FIRM**

A cooler full of ice-cold bottled water will be provided for all participants upon return from fishing

Guests may attend the Award Ceremony and participate in the raffle

Please wear your NCLA shirt to Award Ceremony

Explain raffle ticket process

**RAFFLE PRIZES**

You will be given a zip-lock bag with your taken and one free raffle ticket when you turn in your $30 entry fee at the Captain's Meeting on Friday the \_\_\_\_\_.

Approximately \_\_\_\_# various door prizes will be displayed on tables on Saturday when you return from fishing.

You will find a ziplock bag located beside each door prize item

On Saturday, when you arrive back from fishing, place your ticket(s) in the bag(s) associated with that specific prize

You may purchase more raffle tickets from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for $1 each

Raffle Prize drawings will begin at approximately 3:00 p.m. Must be present to win.

Unsure at this point if we'll be offering a 50/50 at the Awards Ceremony

**JUDGES**

Brian Stauffer, Kayak Fishing Guide & Owner of Fishhead Kayak Charters

Ty Belanger

All fish measurements will be rounded **up** to the next 1/4 inch

All fish measurements will be displayed on the projector screen for public viewing

**SCORING**

Scoring is based on the variety of species caught.

Six different species photographed beats 4 different species photographed

Each fish will be measured and in case of a tie (three anglers catch four species)

Fish measurement will be rounded **up** to the nearest quarter inch

If your fish is longer than your measuring device, you will only be given credit for the length of your device. Any part of the fish that is not on the device will not be acknowledged.

The longest measured total length will win in this situation

1st / 2nd / 3rd Place winnings will depend on the amount of funds collected during registration. 50% of the funds collected will go directly to the MSS in the form of scholarship monies. The remaining 50% will be divided between 1st / 2nd / 3rd Place.

Prize money will depend on number of registered entries

APPLICATION

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