

OUTCAST COBIA CLASSIC RULES 2018

1. All fish must be caught during the specified dates of the tournament, **March 17 – April 30, 2018.**
2. Registration will continue throughout the dates of the tournament. Entry fees: Open division \$372.10 + tax = \$400.00. Small Boat division \$186.05 + tax = \$200.00. **Entries received on or after March 17, 2018 must wait 48 hours to weigh a fish.**
3. All fish must be weighed in on the day they are caught.
4. **Tournament hours and dates are from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, March 17, 2018 through 8:00 p.m. Monday, April 30, 2018.**
5. **The Captains/Anglers meeting will be Friday, March 16, 2018** at Legendary Marine located at 84 W Airport Blvd in Pensacola (Car City). The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.
6. **The awards presentation will be Sunday May 6, 2018** at Sam's Seafood and Steaks. The doors will open at 6:00 and dinner will start at 6:30.
7. **Official weigh stations will be OUTCAST TACKLE and MARINE in Pensacola, HARBOR DOCKS in Destin, ANDERSON'S SEAFOOD in Panama City, and ZEKE'S MARINA in Orange Beach.** Fish may also be weighed in at the Outcast Cobia Invitational weigh-in (at Boshamps Oyster House) March 29-March 31. Fish may be weighed in until 8:00 p.m. daily. Outcast Tackle and Marine will be open until 8:00 p.m. however the other locations may close earlier. It will be your responsibility to know when your choice of locations closes. Remember all scale locations will close no later than 8:00p.m.
8. Winners will be determined by weight; in case of a tie, the first fish weighed in will be determined the winner.
9. **Decision of the tournament committee is final.** Violation of any of the tournament rules will subject the boat to disqualification from the tournament without refund.
10. Any protest must be presented to the weigh-master within 24 hours of the weigh-in of the fish in question. No protest will be accepted after 9:00 p.m. on the final day of fishing which is April 30, 2018. A \$500 (cash only) protest fee must accompany the protest application. In the event the protest is upheld, the fee will be refunded. If the protest proves invalid the protest fee will be forfeited.
11. A polygraph examination will be required and must be passed in a conclusive manner. Failure to submit to such a polygraph examination will result in disqualification of the entrant without refund at the sole discretion of the tournament committee. Polygraph examination will be done on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at Sam's Seafood and Steaks. All possible winnings will also be forfeited if the entrant refuses to take the required polygraph.
12. All fish must be in acceptable condition. The tournament chairman or any committee member reserves the right to reject any fish entry because of poor condition, mutilation, or being frozen. The condition of the fish will be left up to the scrutiny of the committee. Their decision is final.

13. **All fish must be caught on ROD and REEL.** Fish caught by bicycle rigs, spears, traps, nets, or any other entangling device will be disqualified.
14. The use of HARPOONS is strictly prohibited.
15. Intentional snagging or foul hooking is prohibited.
16. The use of illegal fish attracting devices (hereinafter called "FAD'S") is strictly prohibited during the Outcast Cobia Classic. For tournament purposes, FAD'S will be defined as any permanent or nonpermanent structure or device that is deployed into the Gulf of Mexico for the purpose of attracting fish to its location that has not met proper United States Coast Guard and/or Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission guidelines. Participating vessels and/or individuals found to have participated in the deployment of, assisted in deployment of, and/or acquisition of coordinates of previously deployed FAD'S from any source will be disqualified from the Outcast Cobia Classic pending results of a polygraph test. The captain/owner of each registered vessel must sign a FAD rules Acknowledgement Waiver accompanied with the Official Tournament Entry Form to be eligible to participate in the Outcast Cobia Classic.
17. Any Cobia knowingly or intentionally found, hooked, and/or caught on or near a FAD will not be eligible to be weighed in the Outcast Cobia Classic. If in the course of traditional Cobia sight fishing a Cobia on or near a FAD is found, hooked, and/or caught that Cobia will not be eligible to be weighed in the Outcast Cobia Classic unless it is determined that there was at no point any knowledge of said FAD. Participating vessels and/or individuals found to have knowingly caught and weighed any Cobia on or near a FAD will be disqualified from the Outcast Cobia Classic pending results of a polygraph test.
18. In order to promote conservation and preserve the species; The Outcast Cobia Classic will limit all of its participants to weighing in a maximum of one Cobia per person per day, and a maximum of two Cobia per registered vessel per day. Alabama boats participating in this event MUST abide by the Florida limits of one cobia per person and a maximum of two per vessel. **NO ILLEGAL ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** This complies with the State of Florida regulations at the time of printing. Any changes in State regulations after the printing of this publication will be covered at the Captain's meeting.
19. The Culling of dead fish is strictly prohibited and is also a violation of state law. This will be explained in detail at the captains meeting.
20. The Outcast Cobia Classic, in order to conserve the resources, has set a minimum weight limit of 45 pounds. **NO ILLEGAL ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
21. A Junior Angler is defined as a young male or female who has not yet reached his or her 13th birthday before the day the fish is caught and is an active participant in the tournament. A Senior Angler is defined as a relatively young male or female who has reached his or her 55th birthday before the day the fish is caught and is an active participant in the tournament.

22. A small boat is 29 feet and under based on manufacturer's designation.
23. All fish weighed may be subject to random gutting. Failure to allow a tournament committee member to gut a fish will result in the disqualification of the fish in question.
24. Only one prize per boat per division this includes the optional cash awards categories as well.
25. The Outcast Cobia Classic is under obligation and will report any violation of the minimum size lengths and possession limits of all fish involved.
26. All tagged fish must be a minimum of 24 inches.
27. **All rules are subject to change at the Captain's meeting.**

ENTRY FEES

OPEN DIVISION

\$372.10 + tax = \$400.00

OPTIONAL CASH AWARDS

-OPEN DIVISION-

SINGLE LARGEST

\$100 • \$250 • \$500 • \$1000 • \$2000

AGGREGATE (3 FISH)

\$250 • \$500 • \$1000

SMALL BOAT DIVISION

\$186.05 + tax = \$200.00

OPTIONAL CASH AWARDS

-SMALL BOAT DIVISION-

SINGLE LARGEST

\$50 • \$100 • \$250

AGGREGATE (3 FISH) • \$100

Optional Cash Awards will be winner take all for 5 or less entries per category, split 60/40 for 6-10 entries per category and 50/30/20 for 11 or more entries per category.

The amount of the cash awards will be the total amount of the monies received less 10%.

(3 entrants per division minimum.)

OUTCAST COBIA CLASSIC 2017 RESULTS

OPEN DIVISION

1st Long Weekend • Blake Nelson ...98.80
 2nd Sweet Caroline • Todd Williams ..89.30
 3rd Sur Reel • Andrew Johnson84.85

SMALL BOAT

1st Sea Ya Later II • Karla Boyd 87.37
 2nd First Light • Luke Adams73.61
 3rd Dawn Patrol • John Tenore.....72.40

LADY ANGLER

3rd Sea Ya Later II • Karla Boyd 87.37

JUNIOR ANGLER

1st Sweet Caroline • Luke Bilger73.90

SENIOR ANGLER

1st Shady Lady • Ginger Daniels.....60.90

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1st Instigator 6 Tags
 2nd Click Through 5 Tags
 3rd SurReel..... 5 Tags