



Saturday - May 3rd, 2008

LOWCOUNTRY LAW ENFORCEMENT BENEFIT TOURNAMENT

Tournament Rules and Competition Information:

1. **Date/Time/Scope:** May 3rd, 2008. The check-out will be from 6:00am until 7:00am at the Charleston County Parks County Farm Landing in North Charleston, SC. Fishing will commence at 7:00am. If the captain chooses, it will not be required to launch from this landing. The captain will be required to conduct the check-out registration at the captain's meeting on Friday, May 2nd if the County Farm ramp is not used to launch. Official weigh-in and check-in will begin at 3:00pm and be completed by 4:00pm. Any fish not weighed by 4:00pm will be disqualified. Registration forms including the fee of \$25 per angler must be filled out and returned to the office at Eagle Harbor or a committee member no later than April 25th, 2008.
2. **Captain's Meeting:** There will be a captain's meeting on the evening of May 2nd, 2008. Attendance is appreciated but not mandatory provided the angler has contacted the tournament committee prior to May 2nd in order to receive the captain's package. The captain's meeting will be held at Sportsman's Island on Daniel Island, Charleston, SC. The facility is off of I-526 at Clement's Ferry Rd. Dinner will be provided. The tentative start time is 6:00pm. There will be a raffle for door prizes, with all proceeds going to Eagle Harbor.
3. **Sportsmanship:** Anglers are requested to uphold the proud tradition of law enforcement in the Lowcountry and conduct themselves accordingly. It is the desire of the tournament committee to see anglers practice courtesy, safety, and conservation while on the water. Be especially cognizant of the rights of anglers and boaters not competing in Lowcountry Bluefish 2008 while on the water and at the landing.
4. **Safety:** Safe boating will be observed at all times. Each angler is required to have the required number of U.S. Coast Guard approved flotation devices on board and all other basic regulations of the USCG and South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) must be met. Any captain that has an angler aboard from the Eagle Harbor Boy's Ranch are asked to require a flotation device be utilized by the angler while the boat is in motion. Any captain with a boy's home participant aboard will also be required to have a working cell phone with the number provided to the tournament committee.
5. **Regulations:** Anglers are required to adhere to all applicable local, state, and federal laws while participating in the tournament. At least one angler per boat must be a



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certified law enforcement officer from the agencies invited to participate in the tournament. There is no limit to the number of anglers per boat provided the number is within USCG guidelines for the vessel. Each individual angler must present his or her own fish for weigh-in. On boats where there is an angler from Eagle Harbor Boy's Ranch, the *consumption of alcohol will not be permitted*. Furthermore, during the weigh-in ceremony, the committee asks that participants refrain from alcohol consumption.

6. Tournament Species and Guidelines: This is an inshore-saltwater tournament. All fish must be taken live on a rod and reel. Fish cannot be taken from impoundments. All anglers must have a current South Carolina saltwater fishing license. A map of the fishing area will be provided at the captain's meeting. The basic area is inside the Charleston Harbor jetties. Fish may be taken with live or dead bait, and artificial lures. All fish must meet the 2008 guidelines as determined by the SCDNR. There will be awards for 1st through 3rd place in each of the following species category:

- Bluefish
- Sheepshead
- Flounder
- Spotted Sea Trout
- And for the novice angler: Lizardfish and Toadfish

- *At the request of the Marine Resources section of SCDNR, Red Drum will not be one of the species included in the tournament. SCDNR will be conducting the official weigh-in of species. Eliminating red drum from the tournament will assist SCDNR in conservation efforts while providing species for study that are less commonly sought after.*

*Thank you for your support and participation of Lowcountry BLUEFISH 2008. This year, all proceeds from registration fees and sponsorship funds will be given to the Eagle Harbor Boy's Ranch of Summerville, SC for support of their important ministry.