American Legion Yacht Club

"Harbor and Ocean Challenge"

September 26, 2015

Rules, Regulations & Information

Captains / Angler Meeting:

An informal, not required, but suggested get-together will be Thursday September 24th on the patio of the American Legion from 7:00pm to 8:00pm to go over the rules and regulations, along with all questions answered (hopefully). In the event that an individual cannot make it please email <u>4dano@cox.net</u> for last minute information. A no-host BBQ, burn your own burgers are \$6.00, the bar will be open for you to purchase along with your favorite beverage. *If you are not a member, you must sign-in as a guest.

Tournament Communications:

All communications the day of the tournament will be on VHF Channel 7. Any questions prior to the tournament can be made by emailing <u>4dano@cox.net</u>.

Lines In/Lines Out:

Lines in at 6:00am (Excludes the practice of catching bait), Lines Out at 2:30pm.

Weigh In:

All eligible fish will be weighed in at the American Legion guest dock starting at 2:00pm and will close at 5:00pm (Unless you are checked in with tournament officials and in line to weigh)

Divisions and Prizes:

Adult (16 & over), \$20.00 entry fee for registration, \$25.00 if registered after September 23th, 2015 Ocean Division and Harbor Divisions – There will be 1st and 2nd place awards presented for top point winners for each division. One fish per division will be eligible from each angler.

Kids Division (under 16), \$5.00 entry fee with paying adult, Ocean Division and Harbor Divisions – There will be 1st and 2nd place awards to top point winners for each division. One fish per angler will be eligible per angler.

Point System/Species:

In the Harbor (both adult and kids)

Halibut will receive 1 point per pound. Bass (calico, spotted, and sandbass); Croaker (corbina) will receive 5 points per pound. In the event of a Yellowtail or White seabass being caught within the harbor limits 1 point per point will be given, but a picture of the angler, the fish and showing the location must be presented at weigh in.

Ocean (both adult and kids)

White Seabass, Yellowtail and Pelagic Species (excluding Swordfish and Marlin) will receive 1 point per pound. Swordfish, Marlin and Shark (mako & thresher) will receive 1/5th point per pound, if released you will be credited for 100 pounds or 25 points, a photo with both the fish and the leader in the hand of the angler or a crew member with bill in hand will be allowed to be credited).

Rules & Regulations:

All anglers must possess a valid California Fishing License except for anglers under 16 years of age, As per California Department of Fish and Game Regulations.

Captains, deckhands or guests may assist in chumming, gaffing, running the boat, they may also assist in the clearing of trolling rods, other rods in the way. Touching the rod or reel of the person fighting a fish in any way is prohibited.

In case of unfishable weather, the tournament will be called and rescheduled for the following Saturday.

Tournament is open to ALL Saltwater-fishing enthusiasts.

Recreation bag limits apply.

All anglers are responsible for meeting all State regulations on size minimums and bag limits on all species.

All fish entered in the Tournament must be caught on hook and line on the day of the tournament, after 6am (Excludes the practice of catching bait).

We do not care where you launch from as long as you check in at the Captain's/Angler Meeting 7-8 PM Thursday, Sep 24th, or by email to <u>4dano@cox.net</u>.

If you are weighing a fish you must return to The American Legion Yacht Club by boat.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to test for freshness any suspect fish submitted for weigh-in.

All decisions of the Tournament Committee are final and cannot be challenged.

All anglers are responsible for their own safety and determining if the tournament will take place as specified before they depart.

Details on checking status of tournament will be discussed at the Captain's Meeting.

In the event of a tie the angler who weighed in their fish first will be declared the winner.

All participants in the tournament enter at their own risk.

American Legion Yacht Club and/or all of its officials and members and Tournament Headquarters as well as all tournament sponsors shall be exempt from any liability for loss, damage, negligence, harm or injury suffered by any participants, entrants, boat captains, crew members, vessels, equipment or property which may occur during the tournament.

Anglers are cautioned to allow sufficient time to proceed from the Harbor Entrance to the weigh-in station at lawful speeds. Please NO WAKE in Newport Harbor.

This is a one day tournament, no lines in the water prior to 6:00am. (Excludes the practice of catching bait).

Anglers can fish either or both divisions.

Violations of these rules will result in disqualification

Rules are subject to change.