

**ROCK THE DOCK FISHING TOURNAMENT  
2026 TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS  
(July 14, 2026)**

**2026 OFFICIAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Friday, September 11, 2026

Captains Meeting Woolley Park, Panacea, FL

Late Registration 5 –7 PM Mandatory Captains Mtg @ 7:00PM Dinner 5:30-7:30 pm Live

Music 6-8PM / Tournament Shirts and Raffles 5-8 PM

September 12-13 – Fishing Tournament

**Official Weigh-In Station Location and Hours**

Woolley Park, Panacea, Florida

Sunday September 13, 2026 - Noon – 4 PM    You must be in line with your fish by 4 PM

**EARLY REGISTRATION** may be completed online ([www.visitpanacea.org](http://www.visitpanacea.org)), or in person at Mike's Marine Supply, Panacea, FL., or in advance by mail (mailed in forms must be received by Fri. September 4, 2026).

Entry into the tournament will be registered by Individual Angler for Inshore and Offshore Divisions and by individual for Youth Division. No refunds will be given.

**DIVISIONS, PRIZES, AND ENTRY FEES**

**INSHORE \$75 per ANGLER** (Late registration after Friday, September 4, 2026 - \$100) (Includes 2 Friday night dinner tickets)

Flounder - Red Fish - Spanish Mackerel - Trout - Cobia

1st place - \$750

2nd place - \$500

3rd place - \$300

**OFFSHORE \$75 per ANGLER** (Late registration after Friday, September 4, 2026 - \$100) (Includes 2 Friday night dinner tickets) \*

Red Snapper - Red Grouper - Gag Grouper - Kingfish – Hog Fish

1st place - \$1,500

2nd place - \$1,000

3rd place - \$750

**SPONSORED PAYOUT**

Red Grouper & Mangrove Snapper Only

1st Place - \$500    2nd Place \$250

Must be in weigh-in-line with your fish on Sunday, September 13, 2026, by 4PM

**WILL BE AWARDED IMMEDIATELY AFTER WEIGH IN CLOSES ON SUNDAY- YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!**

**YOUTH DIVISION (age 13 and under) \$35 per PERSON**

Red Fish - Flounder - Trout – Spanish Mackerel – Gag Grouper - Red Grouper

1st place – Trophy & Prize    2nd place – Trophy & Prize    3rd place – Trophy & Prize

Each Youth who is registered in the Youth Division and weighs in an eligible fish will be entered into a drawing for:

12-foot G-3 Jon Boat, 4-HP Yamaha Outboard and 12-foot Galvanized Trailer

\*\*\*\*\*Youth Angler Must Be Present to Win these Prizes\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*Additional Dinner Tickets may be purchased at the T-shirt tent on Friday night.

**Sea Tow Member**

Weigh A Fish Win \$1000 Sea Tow member must sign in at the Sea Tow tent at the tournament before weighing in or checking in a fish. All Sea Tow members who are registered in the Inshore or Offshore Division and weighs in an eligible fish will be eligible for the drawing to win \$1000 cash. \*\*\*\*\*Sea Tow Angler Must Be Present to Win\*\*\*\*\*

Lady Anglers weigh in a fish for a chance at winning! Each lady angler who weighs in an eligible fish, will be entered into a drawing to win one of two prize packages. The lady angler must fish on a registered boat.

1<sup>st</sup> \$500 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Loaded Tote Bag from Crum's Mini Mall! Youth division female anglers are not eligible.

\*\*\*Lady Angler must be present to win these prizes\*\*\*

## **JACKPOTS - All Jackpots will be 100% payout**

### **INSHORE**

**TROUT JACKPOT - \$75 (per Angler)**

**REDFISH JACKPOT - \$50 (per Angler) - Redfish with Most Spots**

**TROUT BAG JACKPOT - \$25 (per Angler) 4 Slot Fish plus one over slot– Heaviest bag wins**

### **OFFSHORE**

**KINGFISH JACKPOT - \$100 (per Angler)**

**HOGFISH JACKPOT - \$100 (per angler)**

**RED SNAPPER - \$100 (per angler)**

**GAG GROUPE JACKPOT - \$100 (per Angler)**

**Includes all species of legal grouper open in Federal Waters.**

### **TARGET WEIGHTS**

**\$500 each / Weights will be announced at the Captains Meeting**

**Gag Grouper / Trout / Redfish / Red Snapper**

### **RULES**

Changes due to State and Federal Regulations may be made to any categories.

Scoring of all fish will be by weight. In case of tie, fish weighed in first will win. The rules of this tournament may be amended verbally or in writing at any time prior to the opening day and will be posted on our website and Facebook page and reviewed at the Captains' Meeting. Anglers are responsible for knowing all the rules.

This is a recreational boat tournament. You may only hold one place in each fish category.

Lines in the water at 5:30AM on Saturday, September 12, 2026. All fish must be weighed at the designated weigh in location as stated above.

**FISHING AREAS** Departure points: Tournament entrants must depart from and return to a port within the boundaries from Steinhatchee to Apalachicola.

Tournament winners will be awarded their prizes, and all drawings will be held during the ceremonies held immediately after final weigh-in at Woolley Park.

In the event of a tie in weight, the winner shall be determined by the earliest weigh-in time.

All fish presented for weigh-in must be fresh, in edible condition, and must not have been frozen, and must be caught during tournament fishing hours.

Acceptability of fish will be determined by the Tournament Judge. All fish must adhere to recreational size and bag limits of the State of Florida.

Any angler who wins a prize may be subject to a polygraph test (lie-detector). The Tournament reserves the right to amend the lengths and/or remove any fish from competition, without notice, at any time in order to comply with federal and/or state requirements.

Electric reels are allowed but deck mounted winch devices ("one-armed bandits") are prohibited. No drone fishing is allowed.

**Handling** Fish being weighed in will be gut checked for any foreign objects, including but not limited to hooks, leaders, ice and bait; documented with the official weight and boat name and returned to the angler. We will not keep any fish, however there will be someone on site who will take the fish if you do not wish to keep them.

**Lie Detector (polygraph)** tests will be administered to randomly selected anglers at the tournament board's discretion. Individuals selected for the polygraph test must pass all portions of the test to be eligible to receive any prize. Failure to do so for any reason will result in immediate disqualification.

Rule violations, the eligibility of entrants or entered fish, disqualifications, and any other matters not specifically covered by these rules will be decided by the Tournament Judge in consultation with the Tournament Chairman. The Tournament Judge may disqualify any person who commits any violation of tournament rules. Decisions of the Tournament Judge are final and non-negotiable for all entrants.

Protests of any nature must be submitted to the Tournament Chairman in writing at the time the fish is being weighed. No protests will be accepted once a fish has been weighed and left the stage. Protests must be accompanied by a cash deposit of \$100.00 to be binding on the outcome of this tournament. An unsuccessful protest will forfeit the \$100.00 deposit.

### **SAFETY AND CONDUCT**

All entrants participate in the tournament at their own risk. Participants are expected to follow all applicable laws and rules for safe boating, including those regarding USCG equipment requirements.

Participants are expected to follow all applicable laws pertaining to the taking of marine fish.

Participants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship and courtesy. Any participant who exhibits threatening behavior or who otherwise engages in disorderly, illegal or improper conduct of any kind is subject to immediate disqualification from the Tournament.

All fish must adhere to recreational size and bag limits of the State of Florida.

Willful violations of marine laws or other violations of safe and proper conduct may lead to disqualification.

### **WEATHER CONTINGENCY**

The tournament will not be canceled or postponed due to weather or sea conditions. All anglers participate at their own risk.

### **PHOTO and VIDEO RELEASE**

The participants specifically agree and consent to the use of any photograph, motion picture, video or audio recording in which they appear or are heard by the Rock the Dock Fishing Tournament for any purpose whatsoever including, but not limited to resale, advertising, and promotional material without compensation or restriction of any kind.

### **TOURNAMENT ORGANIZATION**

Tournament Officials, Panacea Waterfronts Florida Partnership Members, Tournament Committee Members, Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners, Wakulla County Parks & Recreation Department, and all other persons directly or indirectly connected with the operation of the tournament are exempt from any liability for loss, damage, injury, negligence, or harm to any entrant or equipment which may occur during the tournament.

The Panacea Waterfronts Florida Partnership is a community-based organization designated by the State of Florida, Department of Community Affairs, and Waterfronts Florida Program for the purpose of planning, design, beautification, and revitalization of the coastal community of Panacea. Funds raised from this Tournament will benefit the revitalization of projects of the Panacea Area and further the goals of the Partnership. The Panacea Waterfronts Florida Partnership, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Florida. Our EIN is 14-1922802.