

**5th ANNUAL GAGE PITMAN MEMORIAL
ROCKIN' REDS FISHING TOURNAMENT
2025 RULES AND REGULATIONS (05/10/2025)**

OFFICIAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events will take place at Woolley Park in Panacea, FL

Friday, June 6, 2025 – Late Registration 5:30PM – 7 PM / 7PM Mandatory Captains Meeting

Live Music by Madden Metcalf 6-8, Food will be available for purchase / Jackpots, Raffles, Shirts & Beer 5:30-8

Official Weigh-In Station Hours

Saturday, June 7, 2025 2 – 6 PM

Sunday, June 8, 2025 1 – 4 PM

REGISTRATION

Registration may be completed in advance by mail or online (www.gagepitmanmemorialrockinreds.com). Late registration will be available on Friday, June 6 from 5:30-7 pm. Registrations mailed in must be received no later than Friday, May 30, 2025.

Early registration will end on Friday, May 30, 2025 at midnight; after that date a late fee will apply. For more information and other methods of payment, call or text Barbara Gardner @ 850/509-7585 or rockinredsfish@gmail.com

Registration will end at 7PM on Friday June 6, 2025

No refunds will be given. This is a Recreational Boat Tournament (Recreational Boat being defined as a vessel powered by a combustion engine being at least 10 hp) – entry will be by boat for Inshore and Offshore and by angler for Youth..

RED SNAPPER	(2 fish aggr. weight)	\$250 / Boat	(\$300 after Friday, May 30)
REDFISH	(heaviest fish)	\$150 / Boat	(\$200 after Friday, May 30)
YOUTH (under 16)	Redfish /Red Snapper	\$25 / Angler	(\$30 after Friday, May 30)

(Youth anglers must fish on a registered boat and must be registered in the youth division in order to win prizes in that division)

*******100% Payout in each division*******

1st Place 45% 2nd Place 25% 3rd Place 15% 4th Place 10% 5th Place 5%

Target Weights (will be announced at Captains Meeting): Red Snapper / Redfish \$500 Payout for each

G & S Fence & Deck Saturday Payouts – Heaviest Redfish and Red Snapper weighed in on Sat. \$500 each **(must be present to win)******

Russell Family “Big D” Bonus Payout – Heaviest Flounder & Kingfish \$500 payout for each **(you must be present to win)******

SeaTow Members - Weigh a Fish Win \$1000 - SeaTow members registered in the tournament and weigh in an eligible fish will be entered into a drawing to win \$1000 cash. You must sign in at the SeaTow Booth before weighing in. **(you must be present to win)******

Williamson Outfitters Veterans Payout – Heaviest Redfish and Red Snapper weighed in by a Veteran fishing on a registered boat \$500 each **(you must be present to win)******

Optional Jackpots

All Jackpot entries will be available only at the Captains Meeting. They will not be available online.

INSHORE

Redfish with Most Spots	\$50 Winner takes all
Redfish (2 day/2 fish aggr. weight)	\$50 (must weigh in 1 fish each day) Winner takes all
Saturday Trout Bag (5 slot fish 15-19 inches only) (SAT ONLY)	\$50 Winner takes all
Ladies Only Redfish	\$50 Pays 3 Places (1st 50% / 2nd 30% / 3rd 20%)

OFFSHORE

Red Grouper (heaviest fish)	\$100 Winner takes all
Ladies Only Red Snapper	\$100 Pays 3 Places (1st 50% / 2nd 30% / 3rd 20%)
Red Snapper (heaviest fish)	\$200 Tier 1 - Pays 3 Places (1st 50% / 2nd 30% / 3rd 20%)
Red Snapper (heaviest fish)	\$500 Tier 2 - Winner takes all
Red Snapper (2 fish aggr. weight)	\$200 Tier 1 - Pays 3 places (1st 50% / 2nd 30% / 3rd 20%)
Red Snapper (2 fish aggr. weight)	\$500 Tier 2 - Winner takes all

*******YOU CAN ONLY ENTER ONE TIER*******

(Youth Divisions are not eligible for any Jackpots)

*******A 10% administrative expense will be applied to all jackpots**

**All drawings and awards for all divisions and fish categories will be held on Sunday, June 8th after the weigh-in closes at 4PM.
(Saturday Payouts will be held immediately after weigh-in closes at 6PM on Saturday, June 7th.)**

FISH DROP OFF – You may drop your fish at the park entrance and go park; however fish dropped off are not considered in line. Signs will be posted.

Saturday - you must be in line with your fish by 6:00 PM EDT on Saturday, June 7, 2025

Sunday - Final Weigh-In - You must be in line with your fish by 4:00PM EDT on Sunday, June 8, 2025.

RULES and COMPLIANCE

The rules of this tournament may be amended verbally or in writing at the Captains Meeting. Anglers are responsible for knowing all of the rules. This is a Recreational Boat Tournament (Recreational Boat being defined as a vessel powered by a combustion engine being at least 10 h.p.). Tournament fishing hours begin at 5:30AM EDT on Saturday, June 7, 2025. Fish must be weighed at Woolley Park in Panacea.

FISHING AREAS Departure points: Boats must depart from and return to a port within Wakulla, Franklin or Taylor counties.

A boat may only win one place in their division. In the event of a tie, the first fish weighed in will win.

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. Electric reels are allowed. Deck mounted winch devices ("one-armed bandits") are prohibited. Drone fishing of any kind is prohibited. All fish must be harvested in full compliance with State of Florida regulations, i.e. means of harvesting, size limits, bag limits, and any/all other applicable State of Florida regulations.

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.

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 and will follow all applicable laws and rules for safe boating, including those regarding USCG equipment requirements. You will also follow all applicable laws pertaining to the taking of marine fish; and will 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. Entry fees are non-refundable. 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 Rockin' Reds 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, Gage Pitman Memorial Officers, 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 Gage Pitman Memorial, Inc. (GPM) is a registered non-profit 501(c)(3) whose mission is to raise funds that are utilized to enhance the educational and recreational opportunities for the youth of Wakulla County, Florida. GPM was incorporated as a means to both honor the short lived life of Mr. Gage Pitman, as well as a means to provide a legacy in his honor, which is focused on enhancing the lives of the youth in Wakulla County.

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION

Chris Russell, Tournament Chairman rockinredsfish@gmail.com

All entrants participate in the tournament at their own risk. By submitting this form, you acknowledge that you have read and accepted the rules and regulations of the Gage Pitman Memorial Rockin' Reds Fishing Tournament.

Rules and regulations are also on our website.

Signature: _____ Date: _____