

South Brevard Ducks Unlimited
“Band the Slam”
7th annual Inshore Flats Classic
Friday, April 30, 2010 - Captain’s Meeting
Saturday, May 01, 2010 – Tournament

RULES & REGULATIONS

1) FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS: All anglers are expected to obey all applicable federal, state and local regulations and laws. Violation of such rules may result in your disqualification from the tournament. International Game Fish Association (IGFA) rules & regulations apply to all catches that may be submitted for line class records.

2) TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS: Tournament headquarters will be at Squid Lips Overwater Grill in Sebastian, Florida. Tournament registration will open on @ 5:30pm. The mandatory captain’s meeting will start at 7:00pm. The entry fee is \$65.00 dollars per adult angler & 15 y.o.a. & younger FREE w/paying adult. Adult anglers will received a (1) one year membership to Ducks Unlimited & a capt’s bag. Only the first (150) one-hundred fifty anglers will receive a captain’s bag.

3) HOLD HARMLESS RELEASE: All anglers enter the tournament at their own risk & must sign a “**Hold Harmless**” agreement prior to fishing.

4) COMMUNICATION: It is highly recommended that all vessels/waders have access to a VHF marine band radio or cell phone during tournament hours. The committee “**will not**” monitor any of the marine channels. In case of an emergency, notify the USCG, Marine Patrol or local law enforcement immediately.

5) COMMITTEE AUTHORITY: Nothing in these Tournament rules shall be construed to limit or restrict the authority of the Tournament Committee & Chairmen to modify, promulgate, add, delete, or make other changes to these rules, as they deem appropriate in their discretion, without prior notice.

6) SAFETY: Safe boating will be observed at all times. The Tournament may be shortened or canceled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. The decision to shorten or to cancel will be left totally to the discretion of the Tournament Chairman & the Tournament Committee.

7) ALCOHOL & DRUGS: NO alcoholic beverages or non-prescribed drugs are to be consumed by the angler, his crew, or boat captain while engaged in tournament fishing.

8) PERMITTED FISHING METHODS: All fish must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner. **Live bait, dead bait and artificial lures may be used during tournament.** Commercially sold pork trailers or scents may be added and used. Only one fishing rod may be used at a time per angler. A cast must be fully retrieved before an angler may pick up another rod. Foul hooked fish shall not be weighed during the tournament. A foul hooked fish is defined as a fish that does not have at least one hook in its mouth, and it must be released.

9) PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS: Anglers may fish from shore, wade, canoe, boat or kayak. The angler(s) may wade from the boat to fish. Anglers may fish anywhere on tournament **waters accessible to the public**, except areas designated as “**off limits**” or “**no fishing**” by private ownership or local, state and federal officials. For safety issues, the following predetermined boundaries will be in place during the tournament hours.

North Boundary: Merritt Island/520 Causeway
Southern Boundary: Southern most point of land @ Sewell’s Point
Eastern Boundary: Westside of Sebastian Inlet Bridge/A1A

10) SPORTSMANSHIP: Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on tournament waters. Unless drifting, please keep at least (100) one hundred yards away from other tournament anglers unless invited over. At no time shall an exchange of fish between anglers or other vessels occur to better their catch. Any act of an angler(s) actions which reflects unfavorably upon Ducks Unlimited and its effort to promote waterfowl & fisheries conservation, clean waters, and courtesy, shall be reason for disqualification.

11) COMMITTEE INSPECTIONS: All boats & gear may be inspected at the Tournament Chairman's discretion for possible rule violations.

12) CHECK OUT LOCATIONS/OFFICIAL TIMES: The tournament will have a "Gentlemen's Start." Fishing may begin @ 5:30 am on Saturday morning.

13) SCALE OPEN/WEIGH-IN: Scales open from **Noon - 3:00pm**. In order to insure a live release, anglers may proceed to the weigh-in station, check in a species of fish, then go back out & fish. Anglers may only weigh (1) one fish of each species. The fish must be in whole condition & no mutilated fish will be accepted (fresh net scars/prop scars/shark bites). Any vessel in line @ 3:00pm within the Squid Lips Marina docks may weigh fish. The tail pinch method will be used to determine a legal/slot fish.

14) WEIGH IN SLIPS: Anglers are required to sign the weigh-in sheet prior to leaving the weigh-in station.

15) DEAD FISH PENALTY: A (1/2) one-half pound per fish penalty (excluding the Trash Slam) will be assessed for any trout, redbfish, and snook not brought in for weigh-in alive.

16) TAGGING: After weigh-in & prior to the live fish being released, the fish will be "**tagged**" by a designated tournament official. The fish will then be returned back to the angler for a safe release outside of the marina area. Live fish must be taken outside the docks & safely released. **Failure to do so will result in immediate disqualification of the angler.**

17) Break-Out Categories: Based on the single heaviest trout & redbfish.

18) Redfish/Spots: Legal/Slot size redbfish with the most spots wins this category. Spots that connect will be counted as one spot. Tail pinch method used to determine length.

19) Mirco-Skiff: Defined as vessels 40hp & below

20) Trash Slam: Aggregate weight of ladyfish, sheepshead & jack crevelle

21) Grand Slam: Aggregate weight of trout, redbfish & TBA.

22) TIES/WEIGHTS: If there is a tie in weight, the winning fish will be determined by weigh-in time.

24) PROTEST AND REPORTING PROCEDURE: All rules will be applied equally to all anglers. All protests must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Chairman along with a \$50.00 cash deposit, prior to 4:30pm. All decisions made by the Tournament Chairman, Tournament Committee, & Weighmaster are final & binding. If the Tournament Chairman, Tournament Committee or Weighmaster sustain the protest, the cash deposit shall be returned to the contestant submitting the protest. If any protest is not-sustained, the deposit will be forfeited & put towards as a donation to Ducks Unlimited in the protestor's name.

25) Photo/Press Release: All anglers/guardians agree that participation in this tournament allows South Brevard Ducks Unlimited & GAFF magazine to release & use any/all photos taken during the tournament hours. These photos may be used to but not limited to: promoting future tournaments, press releases, or posting tournament results.

26) GOOD COMMON SENSE: Obviously not every rule or issue can be addressed. The South Brevard Chapter of Ducks Unlimited & the Florida Flats Fishing Association asks that all anglers apply "**Good Common Sense**" and enjoy your day out on the water.