



TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Destin Flathead Classic is a boat only tournament.
2. All boats must register before 9:00 pm prior to the first day of eligibility of the tournament.
3. All fish entered must weigh a minimum of 45 pounds. Fish under 45 pounds will not be eligible. Dink of the Week will be the fish weight closest to 45.00. Tie will be split.
4. All fish must be caught on a rod and reel.
5. THE CULLING OF DEAD FISH IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. And is also a violation of State Law.
6. To promote conservation and preserve the species; Boshamps Flathead Classic will limit all its participants to weighing in a maximum of one Cobia per person per day, and a maximum of two Cobias per registered vessel per day. NO ILLEGAL ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Any changes in State regulations after the printing of this publication will be covered at the Captain's meeting.
7. All fish entered must be brought to Boshamps Seafood and Oyster House Weigh Station on the same day it was caught, on the same boat, which it was caught.
8. Destin Flathead Classic is open to all anglers.
9. Destin Flathead Classic-Junior Division is open to all anglers whom are 13 years old or younger, on the date of April 20th, 2023.
10. Destin Flathead Classic-Ladies Division is open to all female anglers.
11. Destin Flathead Classic-26' and Under Division is open to all boats that have an LOA (length over all) of 26' and under as specified by the manufacturer. They must also be powered by an outboard motor.
12. The Destin Flathead Classic is a FLORIDA tournament, to be fished in FLORIDA STATE WATERS ONLY. 9 Nautical miles from the Florida shoreline, and the AL/FL state boundary located at (87 - 31.100W)
13. All fish must be handled by the team members and/or crew on which, the boat was caught on.
14. All fish entered may be subject to inspection.
15. All fish entered will be weighed and recorded at Boshamps Seafood and Oyster House.
16. The weigh station will be open from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm, Friday, April 21st through Sunday, April 23rd.
17. All Boats will be considered "on time" by judgment of tournament officials. Please call Miller Phillips cell phone at (850) 461-4745 if waiting to weigh fish around 7:00 pm. You must be in front of Boshamps, waiting to weigh fish by 7:00 pm.
18. All prize-winning fish shall be the largest by weight. In the event of a tie, the first recorded shall be the winner.
19. All fish that appear to have been altered, spoiled, mutilated or frozen will be disqualified in the tournament.

20. Any boat who enters a fish that is proven to have been weight altered or frozen will be disqualified in the tournament overall.
21. All boats entered in the tournament must have appropriate state licenses.
22. Prizes will be announced after the tournament party on Sunday night, April 18th.
23. All prizes must be accepted and retrieved at Boshamps Seafood and Oyster House by May 15th, 2023, at 5:00 pm. Any remaining monies shall be donated to the Austin Lacey Fund.
24. 10% of all prize monies will be donated to the Austin Lacey Fund.
25. Tournament will begin on Thursday, April 20th and will end Sunday, April 23rd at 7:00 pm.
26. All rules are subject to change. Any changes will be announced at the Captain's Meeting Thursday, April 20th at 6:00 pm.
27. Tournament prizes will be based on boat entries, not angler entries. All anglers will be required to sign an acknowledgement form.

28. FAD RULING:

1. FAD Rules

a. The use of illegal fish aggregating devices (hereinafter called "FADs") is strictly prohibited during the Destin Flathead Classic. For tournament purposes, FADs will be defined as any permanent or nonpermanent structure or device that is deployed into the Gulf of Mexico for the purpose of attracting fish to its location that has not met proper United States Coast Guard and/or Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission guidelines. Participating vessels and/or individuals found to have participated in the deployment of, assisted in deployment of, and/or acquisition of coordinates of previously deployed FADs from any source will be disqualified from the Destin Flathead Classic pending results of a polygraph test. The captain/owner of each registered vessel must sign the FAD Rules Acknowledgement Waiver accompanied with the Official Tournament Entry Form to be eligible to participate in the Destin Flathead Classic

b. Any cobia knowingly or intentionally found, hooked, and/or caught on or near a FAD will not be eligible to be weighed in the Destin Flathead Classic. If in the course of traditional cobia sight fishing a cobia on or near a FAD is found, hooked, and/or caught that cobia will not be eligible to be weighed in the Destin Flathead Classic unless it is determined that there was at no point any knowledge of said FAD. Participating vessels and/or individuals found to have knowingly caught and weighed any cobia on or near a FAD will be disqualified from the Destin Flathead Classic, pending results of a polygraph test.