

2008 OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

ORIENTAL ROTARY CLUB TARPON TOURNAMENT

1. **Deadline for Entries:** The deadline for receiving entry fees in the 2008 Oriental Rotary Tarpon Tournament is Friday, July 25, 2008.
2. The total number of registered boats shall be limited to the first 75 entries received.
3. Once officially registered, all entry fees are non-refundable, except for cancellation of the entire tournament.
4. **Official Hours:** The official fishing hours for the 2008 Oriental Rotary Tarpon Tournament are as follows:
Saturday, July 26: Lines in the water – 7:00 a.m. Lines out of the water – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 27: Lines in the water – 7:00 a.m. Lines out of the water – 2:00 p.m.
5. **Official Observers:** Each boat entering the tournament is required to have an “Official Observer” aboard during all fishing activity unless an exception is granted by the Tournament Director. The observers will judge lines in and out of the water as well as the actual “catch and release” and “official jump off” of all Tarpon. All “Official Observers” will be provided by the Tournament Committee and assigned randomly. No observer will be assigned to the same boat two days in a row. Observers will be officially assigned by the Tournament Committee at Tournament Headquarters at 6:00 a.m. each morning, and scorecards must be picked up jointly by the Fisherman and Observer at that time. It will be the responsibility of the Captain to deliver the Observer with the scorecard back to the Tournament Headquarters not later than 6:30 p.m. on Saturday and 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. Scorecards will not be accepted after these deadlines.
6. **Captains Meeting:** All Captains of officially registered boats should be present at a “Captains Meeting” which will be held at the Tournament Headquarters at 6:30 p.m., Friday, July 25, 2008.
7. **Fishing Boundary:** There is no set fishing boundary for this tournament other than fish must be caught in the waters of Pamlico Sound or its tributaries.
8. Tournament Headquarters will monitor VHF channel 72 during the tournament. Headquarters cell phone numbers will be provided at the “Captains Meeting.”
9. **Catch and Release Tournament:** The Oriental Rotary Tarpon Tournament is strictly a “Catch and Release Contest.” The winners will be judged by the total number of tarpon judged as caught and released within the official fishing hours. **In case of a tie, all placements will be determined by the earliest tarpon caught.**
10. A tarpon will be judged “caught” when the leader is touched by a registered tournament participant.
11. To be eligible, tarpon must be hooked and caught by one person. No other person may touch the rod, reel, or line until the leader is at the boat. At that time another person may touch the leader only for the purpose of releasing the catch. Remove the hook from the fish or cut the leader as close to the tarpon’s mouth as possible.
12. The leader may be no longer than 6 feet from the line swivel to the hook snap.
13. The use of gaffs on a tarpon is not permitted.
14. Any tarpon “boated” during the tournament will disqualify the boat for the entire tournament.
15. Both natural and artificial bait are permitted.
16. Four (4) tarpon/skate lines are allowed in the water at any time, regardless of the number of anglers on board. These lines must be designated to the observer. Unlimited light tackle bait lines are permitted. Any tarpon/skate caught on the light tackle bait lines will be disqualified.
17. A registered boat may have no more than five (5) people on board during the contest. One of these will be the Observer.
18. Only one (1) hook per line may be used. No trailer hooks are allowed.
19. For safety purposes, all boats entered must adhere to USCG regulations for their size. It will be the responsibility of the boat captains to provide an approved personal flotation device for the observer.
20. A registered boat may not be replaced after competition begins without permission of the Rules Committee.
21. **Questions Not Covered by the Rules:** The Tournament Rules Committee shall determine the solutions to questions or situations and its judgment SHALL BE FINAL.
22. Failure to adhere to any of the above rules shall be grounds for disqualification.
23. All tournament prizes will be awarded. In the event of an inadequate number of tarpon catches, further prize awards will be based on the number and time of “tarpon jump-offs.” As a final resort drawings will be held to award prizes.
24. Except as noted in the “Cancellation Policy” published in the Tournament Program, suitability of the weather is the captain’s choice. Fishermen fish at their own discretion and the captain accepts full responsibility for the safety of the crew and boat. In the event that extreme weather or other emergency causes cancellation of both days fishing by the Rules Committee, entry fees will be refunded. Fishing either day or partial day will constitute a tournament.

Oriental Rotary Club tarpon Tournament

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www.orientalrotary.org/tarponentournament.html

CAPTAIN'S ENTRY FORM

Make check payable to & mail form to:
Oriental Rotary Club Tarpon Tournament
PO Box 205
Oriental, NC 28571

 Captain's Name

 Address

 City State Zip

 Telephone (____) _____

 E-mail (optional) _____

 Boat (make & length) _____

 Engine Mfg. _____ Type: _____ (I/O, IB, OB)

 Boat Name: _____

 Hull Color: _____ VHF? _____ Head? _____

Entry Fee Schedule

Before 5:00 p.m. 6/20/08 — \$225.00
 Before 5:00 p.m. 7/25/08 — \$300.00
 After 5:00 p.m. 7/25/08 — \$350.00 (if observer available)

Entry Fee Enclosed (incl. 4 BBQ tickets) _____
 Extra BBQ tickets _____ @ \$10.00 _____
 Bait (50# Spot/Croaker) _____ @ \$75.00 _____
 Championship TWT \$150.00 _____
 Sportsman TWT \$100.00 _____

TOTAL \$ _____

I, as an Entrant, do hereby RELEASE, DISCHARGE and HOLD HARMLESS, ORIENTAL ROTARY CLUB TARPON TOURNAMENT, its officers, directors, sponsors, and agents, whether individual or corporate, from any claim for damages to my person or property incurred by my participation in the Tournament. This release applies to all members of my crew and all parties fishing from or occupying my boat. By signing the entry form and paying the entry fee, I acknowledge that I have read this release and am bound by the same. This release shall also be binding on my heirs, executors, administrator, or assigns.

 Signature (required)

OBSERVER'S ENTRY FORM

The Oriental Rotary Club places a volunteer observer on each boat to officially record tarpon catches and releases. The minimum age for observers is 18.

As an observer, you can expect to have two fun-filled days on the waters of the Neuse River, Pamlico River, and Pamlico Sound with some great contestants. Officials at the Observers Meeting on Friday will go over everything you need to know, including a look at a five-foot tarpon so there will be no doubt as to what you will be "observing."

To show our appreciation, we'll give you a Tarpon Tournament T-shirt and a ticket to the barbecue dinner on Saturday.

The **Observer Photo Contest** awards prizes for the best three tournament photos submitted. Prizes are \$150, \$100 and \$50. **Bring your camera.**

Treat yourself to a great weekend by returning this form as soon as possible. Returns will be logged and assigned in the order received.

Mail to:

Oriental Rotary Club
Tarpon Tournament Observer Chairman
PO Box 205
Oriental, NC 28571
Or Fax to 509-561-6642

 Name

 Address

 City State Zip

 Telephone (____) _____

 E-mail (optional) _____

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TROPHIES & PRIZES

1st Prize	\$4500
2nd Prize	\$2250
3rd Prize	\$1125
4th Prize	\$900
5th Prize	\$788
6th Prize	\$675
7th Prize	\$562
8th Prize	\$450

Total \$11,250*

TOURNAMENT WITHIN THE TOURNAMENT

There are two (2) additional tournaments within the main tournament, the "Championship TWT" and the "Sportsman TWT."

* Prize money is based on the number of entrants.

All prizes will be awarded.

TWT Prizes are in addition to and not a part of the main tournament prizes.

Entrants must be in the Tournament.

Prizes are awarded based on Tournament catches (refer to tournament rule 23).

In the event all prizes within a TWT are not awarded for caught or jump-off Tarpon, the total amount of prize money not awarded shall be divided by the number of unclaimed prizes to determine an equal amount to be awarded for each unclaimed prize. Each unclaimed equal prize shall be awarded by a drawing from those entrants in the specific TWT who were not awarded a prize for either caught or "jump-off tarpon."

CHAMPIONSHIP TWT

Open to any entrant

Entry Fee \$150 (50 boats = \$7,500)

Prize payout: First Place 50%, Second Place 30%, Third Place 10%, Retained 10%

SPORTSMAN TWT

Open only to boats where no one on the boat has caught a tarpon in a previous Oriental Tarpon Tournament

Entry Fee \$100 (50 boats = \$5,000)

Prize Payout: First Place 40%, Second Place 25%, Third Place 15%, Fourth Place 10%, Retained 10%

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, July 25th

5:00 p.m.....Check In
 6:30 p.m.Captains & Observers Meeting
 7:30 p.m.....Social/"Early Bird" Drawing

Saturday, July 26th

6:00 a.m.Pickup Scorecard/Observer
 7:00 a.m.Lines In
 5:00 p.m.Lines Out
 6:30 p.m.....Check In
 7:00 p.m.....Barbecue Dinner
 "Door Prize" Drawings
 FREE Concert

Sunday, July 27th

6:00 a.m.Pickup Scorecard/Observer
 7:00 a.m.Lines In
 2:00 p.m.Lines Out
 3:30 p.m.....Check In
 4:00 p.m.Awards Presentation

Tournament History

Over \$170,000
 in Scholarships & Awards to
 College-bound High School Seniors

Over \$150,000 in Prize Money
 to Fishermen

