**10th Annual STM Fishing Rodeo**

**July 19-20, 2019**

**Rules and Regulations**

1. All fishes and anglers must be in accordance with state and federal regulations, along with STM Alumni Fishing Rodeo rules and regulations.
2. No billfish (marlin, sailfish, spearfish, or swordfish) or sharks allowed in the Rodeo.
3. All fish must be weighed on the designated rodeo scale. Only fish weighed on the designated rodeo scale by a designated weigh-master will be eligible for participation. Fish will be weighed one time only. The Weigh- Master (Iberia Gun and Rod) has final authority on declaring weights and fish condition (whether fish will be allowed to be weighed) and cannot be overruled by anyone, including committee members. Excessive arguing with Rodeo organizers or the Weigh-Master will result in disqualification. Care should be taken not to interfere with the Weigh-Master.
4. **ALL BOAT CAPTAINS MUST FILL OUT A WEIGH IN TAG DOCUMENTING EACH FISH TO BE WEIGHED AND THE ANGLER PRIOR TO WEIGHING A FISH. A RODEO GREETER WILL PROVIDE EACH BOAT WITH THE APPROPRIATE TAG TO FILL OUT UPON ARRIVAL TO THE WEIGH IN. FISH BROUGHT TO THE SCALES WITHOUT A TAG WILL NOT BE WEIGHED.**
5. All money transactions are final. All rodeo entry fees and sponsorships are non-refundable. *Extenuating circumstances may warrant individual entry refund. Sponsorships will carry over to next year.*
6. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated, including any violation of State law regarding alcohol consumption.
7. No frozen, spoiled, gutted, altered, or mutilated fish will be accepted by the weigh-master. Fish already weighed will be designated by the weigh-master clipping the dorsal or tail fin.
8. In the event of a tie, the fish that was weighed in first shall be declared the winner.
9. Fishing starts at 6:00 A.M. on Friday, July 19th , 2019. The scales will open at 2:00 PM and close at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, July 20th, 2019. A team member must check in with the weigh-master or committee member by 5:00 P.M. to enter a fish. NO EXCEPTIONS
10. The entry fee shall be $50 per person, and $10 for youth (15 and Under)
11. Prizes shall be awarded for 1st through 3rd in the following categories:
* Inshore Division: Speckled Trout, Slot Redfish (Under 27 inches), Bull Redfish (Over 27 inches), Black Drum, Catfish, Flounder, and Croaker.
* Offshore Division: Cobia, Mangrove Snapper, Red Snapper, Blackfin Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna, Wahoo, Dolphin (Mahi-Mahi), and Grouper
* Spearfishing Division: Cobia, Mangrove Snapper, Red Snapper and Grouper
* Youth Division: Largest Fish in each Inshore and Offshore category.
1. Best Boat Awards:
	1. Best boat prize will be awarded to the boat(s) in Inshore, Offshore and Spearfishing Division that amasses the most points.
	2. Points will be awarded as follows:
* 1st place in category: 3 points
* 2nd place in category: 2.6points
* 3rd place in category: 1.2 points
	1. In case of a tie in Best Boats Points, the boat with the highest total weight of awarded fish will determine the winner.
1. It is the responsibility of each participant to read and follow all the rules of the STM Alumni Fishing Rodeo and those mandated by State and Federal law.
2. It is expressly understood that all participants in the STM Alumni Fishing Rodeo enter at their own risk, and that Saint Thomas More Catholic High School, sponsors of the STM Alumni Fishing Rodeo and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of said rodeo shall be exempt from any liability for libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury or death suffered by any participants, boat captains, crew members, vessels and equipment which may occur during or in connection with the Rodeo. All participants, by their attendance at the Rodeo agree to indemnify Saint Thomas More Catholic High School and the STM Alumni Association. By rodeo entry the captain or owner consents that the STM Alumni Fishing Rodeo may use without payment or restriction, any photographs in which he/she or any of their crew may appear for any purpose whatsoever, including but not limited to resale, advertising, commercial or promotional material.