

LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN BASIN FOUNDATION
14th ANNUAL SAVE OUR LAKE & COAST FISHING RODEO
Friday, June 3, & Saturday, June 4, 2011
OFFICIAL RULES

Awards Presentation will be held on
Saturday, June 4, 2011 at the Back to the Beach Festival

Contestant must purchase ticket before Thursday, June 2, 11:59 PM. Fishing for the Rodeo will begin at 12:00 AM on Friday, June 3, 2011. Fish anywhere in the public waters of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin from a boat or the bank. The basin area includes bayous, rivers and tributaries of Lakes Pontchartrain, Maurepas, St. Catherine, Borgne and Breton Sound.

Bring your catch to Rodeo Headquarters at the Kenner Boat Launch. Weigh-in times are Friday, Noon to 5:30 PM and Saturday from Noon to 4 PM. No fish may be entered following the close of the scale by the weighmaster. Anyone in line for weighing at the time of scale closure will be allowed to enter fish.

In the event of a tie, the earliest recorded weigh-in time of the fish will be the determining factor. The fish weighed first will be the winner. Fish will not be weighed or measured by anyone other than the weighmaster or someone designated by the Rodeo Committee.

You may choose to either catch and release or catch and eat. Any fish submitted for weighing may have their tails cut or be marked in some other way to cancel them.

Professional fishing guides, charter captains or any others that operate a boat for compensation, are not allowed to enter in the Rodeo. However, contestants are not prohibited from utilizing these services. The nominal sharing of expenses by participants is not considered operating a boat for compensation.

Only fish obtained by rod and reel, hand lines or pole lines are eligible for competition and must meet all state and federal rules and regulations. Fish must be caught by the contestant and within tournament hours. Anyone entering a fish that was obtained by means other than those specified in the Rodeo rules will be disqualified from the Rodeo. In any and all matters concerning fish, fish types, or anything regarding fish in this Rodeo, the decision of the weighmaster is final. In addition, for any matters not specifically covered in these Rodeo rules, the decision of the Rodeo Committee will be final.

If the veracity of a participant's catch is called into question, he or she may be asked to submit a lie detector examination for validation.

HANG ONTO YOUR TICKET STUB. You must bring your ticket or your ticket number to the weigh station in order for your fish to be weighed. You will also need to present your ticket at the Awards Party to receive your t-shirt and door prize ticket. The Awards Presentation will be held at The Back to the Beach Festival at Laketown in Kenner on Saturday, June 4th at 5:20 PM.

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Species Categories: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place

Speckled Trout, Redfish, Black Drum, Sheepshead, Croaker, White Trout, Flounder, Catfish (any species). All fish entered must be of legal minimum size and must be caught by the person entering them. In the event of a tie, the contestant who weighed in first will be the winner.

Speckled Trout Stringer (1st place only)

The contestant that weighs in the heaviest 5-fish stringer of speckled trout wins. To be eligible, all five fish must be of legal minimum size and must be caught by the person entering them. No sharing of fish between contestants/boats is allowed. Stringers consisting of less than five fish may be weighed. In the event of a tie, the contestant who weighed in first will be the winner.

Biggest Crab (1st place only)

The contestant that brings in the biggest crab wins. Crabs will be measured point-to-point, in inches, across their back from the tips of the two main points across the shell. In the event one or both points are damaged or broken, the measurement will be the width across the back of the shell to the outer most edges where the main shell points should be. Crabs may be caught by rod and reel, hand line, dip net or single drop net. Crabs caught in traps are not allowed. In the event of a tie, the contestant who weighed in first will be the winner.

The “Big Kahuna”

The “Big Kahuna” award will be decided by an assigned point system awarded to each contestant in the adult division. 15 Points for each 1st place species, 10 Points for each 2nd place species, and 5 Points for each 3rd place species. The points are added together and the contestant with the highest points wins the Big Kahuna. In the event of a tie, the total weight of the contestant’s winning entries will be considered first. If there remains a tie, it will be broken by a coin toss.

The “Lil’ Kahuna”

The “Lil’ Kahuna” prize will be awarded to the contestant (under 16 years old) who catches the redfish with the most spots. Total number of spots will be determined by the official weighmaster. All fish entered must be of legal minimum size and must be caught by the person entering them. In the event of a tie, the angler who weighs the fish in first will be eligible for the prize.

Biggest Fish – Other Species* (1st place only)

The Biggest Fish award will be awarded to the contestant that weighs in the heaviest fish of any species OTHER than the Save Our Lake & Coast Fishing Rodeo categories. (i.e. a Jack Crevalle would be eligible for this award, but a Redfish would not.) ***Note: Shark season in Louisiana will be closed during the rodeo. Sharks may not be entered into this category.**

Biggest Fish - Boy and Girl Award*

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards will be presented to the officially registered boy and girl (under 16 years old) that catch the biggest fish of any species in the Save Our Lake & Coast Fishing Rodeo categories. These awards are sponsored by Captain “Deadly Dudley” Vandenborre.

***Note, a contestant is only allowed to win one place in the boy and girl award category.**