

Bridge & Boats

30th Annual NSFA Backwater Tournament

"It's All About the Kids"

This tournament will consist of two divisions that are open to the public. Fishing will be on Saturday November 5, 2015. If weather should force a postponement a substitute date will be announced.

"Bridge" Division This will be strictly for kids who must be accompanied by a parent or adult, fishing off the George Crady Bridge Fishing Pier located on the south end of Amelia Island. Each fish of any species caught by a youth contestant will be measured and the inches recorded. At the end of the tournament the youth who has caught the most "inches" of fish will be declared the 1st Place Winner. Winners will be determined from 1st through 10th place. Those ten anglers will receive trophies. The first twenty five contestants to check in at the bridge will also be awarded a free fishing rod and reel when trophies are handed out. In addition, all contestants regardless of how many enter the tournament, will receive a Certificate of Participation for competing.

This competition begins at 8:30 AM on November 5th and ends at 12:00 noon. The hot dog lunch and awards ceremony for the "Bridge" Division will take place at the Amelia Island Yacht Basin starting at 12:45 PM.

"Boats" Division This part of this tournament will be for those anglers who may enter their kids and/or themselves. If any other angler wishes to compete in the "Boats" division they may do so. **ONLY YOUTH ANGLERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR YOUTH AWARDS.** Anglers may fish from a boat, beach, dock, kayak or by wading using normal rod, reel, line and hook equipment. This group will begin fishing with lines in the water at daylight on November 5th and will end with a weigh-in at the Amelia Island Yacht Basin beginning at 2:30 PM and ending at 3:30 PM. Refreshments will be available and awards will immediately follow the completion and scoring of the weigh-in. Kids, who must be accompanied by a parent or adult, will be fishing for the largest spotted sea trout. Each

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fish caught by a youth will be entered in the kids "Boats" tournament. At the end of the tournament the youth who has caught the largest spotted sea trout will be declared the 1st Place Winner. Winners will be determined from 1st through 10th place. Those ten youth anglers will receive trophies. The first twenty five youth contestants to weigh-in or check-in will also be awarded a free fishing rod and reel at the awards lunch when trophies are handed out. In addition, all youth contestants regardless of how many enter the "Boats" Division tournament, will receive a Certificate of Participation for competing.

Non youth anglers who have chosen to enter the "Boats" Division tournament will be given the opportunity of participating in a prize pool created by donations of \$50 from each dock or surf angler who wishes to participate in the pool. Each boat will require a donation of \$120. The prize pool will be divided in thirds. One third will go to the largest redfish caught, One third will go to the largest spotted sea trout caught and the last third will go to the largest Slam caught. Each third will be divided into 60% for 1st, 25% for 2nd and 15% for 3rd. The prize pool will pay out at least 80% of what is put into it by the anglers. This prize pool and the fish weighed in it are completely separate from the youth portion of this tournament. No fish can also be in the kids "Boats" Tournament and vice versa.

There will be a short Captains meeting at 6:00 PM on Friday, November 4th at Amelia Island Marina located at 251 Creekside Drive, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034, Phone : (904) 277-4615. The purpose of the meeting will be to take final "Boats" or "Bridge" registrations. We will also answer any questions regarding rules or procedures that may be asked at that time.

Definitions:

1. Youth are considered to be anglers that are under the age of 16 years.
2. All fish weighed in the "Boat/Dock/Surf" Division tournament must be legal by FWC rules.
3. All anglers keep their own fish.
4. Youth registration for both divisions is \$5. Adult registration for "Dock & Surf" anglers is a prize pool contribution of \$50 if they want to be in the pool. Each boat will make a \$120 prize pool contribution.