

Davis Island Fishing Foundation

29TH ANNUAL FALL SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT

\$10,000 in Prize Money

October 13-15, 2016

ENTRY FEE OF \$100.00 IS

DUE WITH ENTRY FORM

POST MARKED by JULY 31, 2016.

NO EXCEPTIONS



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Tournament Entry Fees will fund at least:

\$2,500.00 in DIFF Scholarships

+ \$1,000.00 in DIFF Grants.

The DIFF Club Surf Fishing Tournament is open to DIFF Club members only. The tournament will begin at 12:00 noon on Thursday, October 13, 2016 and will end at 12:00 noon on Saturday, October 15, 2016. All contestants must register at Cabin 16, DIFF headquarters, between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM on October 13, 2016. The deadline for entering the tournament is July 31, 2016. Tournament Fee for DIFF members under 16 before 10-13-2016 will be waived when accompanied by an adult entrant. When you register, please provide your current email address. Entry confirmation cards will be sent via email. Please print the confirmation email and bring it to Tournament or confirm with Director or Treasurer before Tournament.

All contestants must attend a pre-tournament meeting at DIFF headquarters beginning at 11:00 AM on October 13, 2016. Late arrivals that have prepaid must advise a DIFF official of their estimated arrival time and check in with an official prior to fishing. Contestants may not leave DIFF headquarters to begin fishing until the pre-tournament meeting is adjourned and the starting signal is given. There will be a random roll call. The tournament director reserves the right to call a complete roll call of tournament entrants as needed. All registered contestants not present at starting signal will be **DISQUALIFIED!!** All fish in your possession at the beginning of the tournament must be dressed. Your vehicle and premises may be inspected by tournament officials at the beginning of the tournament and at any time during the tournament.

All fish (including appropriate paper work for fish) entered in the tournament must be brought to and registered at the fishing tournament headquarters. Entrants are strongly encouraged to take photos of the fish they catch and enter into the weigh-in, even those fish which must be released. Tournament headquarters will be open on a limited schedule. Entrants will be given the schedule at the pre-tournament meeting. To be eligible, a fish must be entered and registered in the tournament by 12:00 noon, October 15, 2016. No exceptions! Contestants in the check-in line at noon on Saturday will be processed and eligible for the tournament. Fish check-in will be closed when that final group of entrants is processed. For a fish to be eligible for a cash prize it must be registered and weighed-in by the individual catching the fish. Fish will not be weighed-in for anyone showing up after 12 noon Saturday. In addition to being eligible to fish in the tournament entrants are eligible to participate in all other tournament activities.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

(* Species to be determined.)

	RED DRUM	PUPPY DRUM	FLOUNDER	BLUEFISH	WHITING	OPEN*	OPEN*
1st	\$500	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
2nd	\$330	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
3rd	\$220	\$220	\$220	\$220	\$220	\$220	\$220
4th	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$160
5th	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120
6th	\$90	\$90	\$90	\$90	\$90	\$90	\$90
7th	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70
8th	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$50</u>
Total	\$1540	\$1410	\$1410	\$1410	\$1410	\$1410	\$1410

A contestant may win one cash prize per category. Contestants can win a cash prize in more than one category. Any prize money not awarded in a category will be awarded as Scholarships or Grants. Any ties for a merchandise prize (Example-First Place Combo) will be settled by a coin toss. Any ties for cash will be divided equally, after summing the total of the cash awards for that position and the next lower cash award levels as is appropriate. If there are less than 200 paid entrants or funds are not otherwise raised to cover tournament expenses and prizes, the prize money in each category will be reduced proportionally. Contestants are eligible to win only one door prize, and must be present at the drawing to win. Contestants must be present to win Raffle prizes with the exception being the Generator Raffle.

RULES FOR DETERMINING WINNING FISH

RED DRUM: A single fish per entrant to be determined by measurement from the tip of upper jaw to the tip of the tail, plus measurement of girth (per diagram), both measurements to nearest 1/8". Fish must be measured and recorded in presence of two tournament members and witnessed with their signatures. Forms must be fully completed and turned in at the designated time. State size limit will apply. All fish outside of the State slot size must be released alive.

PUPPY DRUM: A single fish per entrant to be determined by weight. State size limit will apply. All fish outside of the State slot size must be released alive. The same fish cannot be entered for Red Drum category.

FLOUNDER: A single fish per entrant to be determined by weight. All flounder must be caught by bait (natural or artificial). No intentional snagging will be allowed with weight and treble hook.

BLUE FISH: A single fish per entrant to be determined by weight. State size limit will apply.

WHITING: A single fish per entrant to be determined by weight. State size limit will apply.

OPEN CATEGORIES: A single fish per entrant to be determined by weight. State size limit will apply.

The open categories will be announced during the pre-tournament meeting based on species available at that time.

SPECIAL CATEGORIES: Additional fish categories may be announced during the pre-tournament meeting. State size limits will apply. Entrant must declare the category during weigh-in and only one fish can be weighed in per entrant per category.

FISHING AND CONDUCT RULES

All fish must be caught on hook and line with rod and reel from the shoreline or permanent structures attached to Core Banks South (Davis Island). The fish will belong to the person originally hooking the fish, but can have another entrant assist in landing, or as a relief handling the rod or reel. A non-contestant person may not assist in any way.

Each contestant is permitted to fish with two rods at any given time. Any fish whose physical makeup has been altered in any way will be disqualified. Any violation of the rules will warrant disqualification of the contestant in all fish categories.

Fishing spots may not be reserved prior to or during the tournament in any way such as, placing rod holders, the aid of entrants or non-contestants or parking vehicles at a place on the beach where you intend to fish. Parked vehicles left other than in the camp area should be well above the high tide mark. Please apply common courtesy while visiting or traveling through congested fishing areas. Many of us share favorite fishing spots on the south core banks.

The tournament director and/or his assignees (protest committee) reserve the right to disqualify any fish of suspicious nature that is entered. Names of the Rules and Protest Committee members will be given at the beginning of the tournament. Written protests must be filed with the Rules and Protest Committee by 12:30 p.m. on October 8, 2016. Any protest after that time will not be considered. All decisions by the committee will be final. All Federal, State and Park Service laws and/or rules shall be observed. NOTE: North Carolina Saltwater Fishing License regulations are in effect. It is the responsibility of entrants to know current creel and bag limits. See <http://www.ncwildlife.org/>.

NO-SHOWS

In the event the entrant cannot for any reason, other than provided below, attend the tournament, the entrant shall not be eligible for any refund. Entrants' rights to tournament are not transferable.

TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION AND/OR MODIFICATIONS

In the event the Park Service closes the island/cabins during the tournament dates, the tournament will be cancelled. In the event the island is closed for a period during the week of the tournament and is reopened prior to the beginning of the tournament, the tournament committee shall, with the input of the Park Service and the concessionaires, make a determination as to whether all entrants can be transported to the island so that the tournament can begin no later than 9:00 PM on Thursday evening of the tournament. If that cannot be reasonably accomplished in the opinion of the tournament committee, the tournament will be cancelled. **Each entrant is responsible for contacting Ferry Service and NPS to determine the status of Island closures due to extreme weather. Please see diffclub.com or contact a DIFF Board Member for Tournament Status.** In the event that the Park Service gives notice to the tournament committee before 8:00 AM Friday that the Island is being closed, the tournament shall be deemed cancelled. This rule will be in effect even if the tournament has already started. **In the event of cancellation of the tournament because the island has been closed by the Park Service as contemplated herein, \$75.00 of the entry fee for each entrant will be applied toward next year's tournament entry fee.** Entrants may request a refund of \$75 by emailing the DIFF club treasurer by Dec. 31 of 2016. In the event that the Park Service gives notice to the tournament committee after 8:00 AM Friday that it is closing the island, the tournament shall be deemed official and the tournament committee shall determine the official deadline for the tournament. The tournament committee will conclude that the Park Service has made a reasonable effort to notify on a timely manner, each person on the island of its decision to close the island. Should this event occur, it is the entrant's responsibility to contact the tournament committee regarding early termination of the tournament, weigh-in times, etc.