

**Rules For Jacksonville Kayak Fishing Classic
Redfish-Trout-Flounder Challenge, May 13-14, 2016**

1. **PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY.** Participation is open to anyone 18 years of age or older. Minors are eligible to participate with a parent or legal guardian signature on the release form. A completed entry form, waiver, and entry fee must be received no later than the published entry date. Entry fee includes rights to fish, post-tournament meal, 2 raffle tickets, Columbia fishing shirt, and captain's bag.
2. **PRE-REGISTRATION AND CAPTAINS MEETING.** Each contestant must pre-register and pay before March 30, 2016 to avoid late fee of \$15 (entry fees are nonrefundable). Registration will be open through the **Captain's Meeting at 6:30pm, Friday, May 13, 2016 at Ramallah Club of Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL.** Attendance at the Captain's Meeting is **MANDATORY** for all contestants. If a contestant is unable to attend the Captain's Meeting they must prearrange eligibility with JaxKayakFishing prior to being allowed to participate. Uniform measuring devices and unique tokens will be distributed at the Captain's Meeting. Fishing begins at sunrise Saturday May 14, 2016.
3. **SAFETY.** Safe boating must be observed at all times. During competition each contestant is required to comply with US Coast Guard regulations including the possession of a PFD and sounding device. All USCG and FWC regulations are in effect at all times.
4. **CHECK IN.** Check in will begin at 1pm at **Ramallah Club of Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL.** All competitors must check in their cameras and measuring devices **by 4pm** to be eligible for fishing prizes. At check in you must indicate whether or not you are submitting your scoring fish pictures for review. The post-tournament banquet, raffles, and awards ceremonies will begin at 4:00pm.
5. **ONLINE CHECK IN.** Anglers may optionally utilize the 321Fish.com website and apps to check in fish during the event fishing hours. 321Fish.Com will host a placeholder free online Classic tournament that Classic anglers who are registered with 321Fish can join, and fish checked in via 321Fish.com via web browser or smart phone app are counted just as if the angler came to check-in with a camera. Anglers utilizing the online check in procedure must also check-in a launch picture showing the boat with measuring device and token per rules 11 and 12.
6. **SPORTSMANSHIP.** All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation. No alcoholic beverages or use of illegal drugs is allowed. Any use of drugs, participation in criminal activities, or other conduct reflecting unfavorably upon our efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition, and/or compliance with tournament rules are grounds for immediate disqualification and return of any prizes awarded.
7. **PERMITTED FISHING METHODS.** All fish must be caught via hook and line. The selection of baits is up to the discretion of the participant. All fish must be caught from the kayak. No wade fishing or shore fishing is permitted unless the kayak is tethered to the angler. All rod holders with rods being fished must be on the kayak or the angler.
8. **NO MOTORS.** The use of a boat or motorized water vehicle to transport your boat on the water is prohibited. All craft must be self-propelled – no engines are allowed. Canoes and paddle vessels designed to be paddled (not powered by motor) are permitted.
9. **FISHING LOCATIONS.** Any inshore Jacksonville location is permitted, including locations in Duval, St. Johns, Nassau, Flagler, Camden, and Glynn counties. This includes the St. Johns River, Intracoastal Waterway, and associated creeks, ponds, and waters. No fishing in the ocean is allowed, including jetties and inlets. Specifically you must be west/inshore of the Mayport Ramp on the St. John's River (except Haulover Creek is allowed), west/inshore of the Ft. George Inlet, west of Ft. Clinch State Park in Fernandina at the St. Mary's Inlet, west/inshore of the Nassau Sound A1A bridge (except Simpson's creek and south is allowed), west/inshore of the St. Augustine Inlet, west/inshore of the Claude Varne bridge at the Matanzas Inlet, west/inshore of the St. Andrews Sound, west/inshore of the St. Simons Sound, west/inshore of the Hampton River mouth, north of Granada Blvd which is just south of the Tomoka Basin in Volusia County and south of the Glynn county line which is the Altamaha Sound. West/Inshore means you may fish creeks which would be considered inshore relative to the aforementioned landmarks (such as Simpson Creek etc). All fishing locations must be in waters accessible according to the law, USCG, and FWC regulations.

10. OTHER. During competition contestants may not obtain or receive assistance including but not limited to following a non-competitor's boat, the placing of markers by a non-competitor, being towed or riding motorized vessels, being paddled or propelled by a non-contestant, or receiving electronic, voice, or data communications from non-competitors.
11. SCORING. The event uses catch-photo-release scoring determined by the length of each fish, combined in the case of slam and individually for each class. Each angler will be issued a uniform measuring device and unique scoring marker/token at the Captain's Meeting. Measuring jigs based on the 321Fish.Com measuring sticker or sticks are also allowed. The first photo on the camera must be of your rigged boat as put in at launch with measuring device and scoring marker visible. Fish must be photographed in or on the boat, on the provided measure, clearly showing the length of the fish with the scoring marker visible. More than one photo of a fish may be taken. Length is determined from the forward-most point of the fish to the natural un-pinched top of the tail. Fish must be above FWC minimums to count – reds may be above the slot limit. The maximum fish size is 45", the length of the fish measuring stick. In the event of a tie the entry checked in earliest will be declared the winner. The judging committee will review the photos to verify reported results and determine place winners. The tournament director is responsible for the final call in all matters.
12. DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY. Participants may only use digital cameras for recording scoring fish. Entrants must bring the storage chip from their camera to check-in or bring the download cable for their camera so that pictures may be retrieved. Phones are not recommended. Cameras may be shared – in the event of camera sharing both entrants' kayaks at launch must be initially on the roll, and each entrant will use a different unique scoring token as directed at the captains meeting, both in the launch picture and the fish scoring pictures. In the scoring fish pictures the appropriate entrant's kayak must also be in the picture.
13. TANDEM/SHARING. It is permissible for more than one entrant to share the same paddle vessel. Each paddler must be a registered participant and is scored separately. Fish may NEVER be shared among entrants. If more than one person is in a tandem both must be registered anglers – use of an extra person strictly as a paddler/motor is forbidden.
14. PROTEST. All protests must be made in writing and delivered to a tournament official within 30 minutes of the check-in time. The tournament director is the final authority in all considerations.
15. RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE. A waiver, release of liability, and covenant not to sue are part of the entry form. It is required that all contestants take responsibility for themselves while participating in event activities.
16. PHOTO RELEASE. Scoring photos remain the sole ownership of JaxKayakFishing LLC to be used at their discretion. Contestants grant JaxKayakFishing LLC and the sponsors the unconditional right to use their name, voice, photographic likeness and biographical information in connection with JaxKayakFishing LLC tournaments, production, promotion, and/or articles and press releases, and shall not be entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation in connection with such use.
17. RULE CHANGES. Rules interpretation is exclusively left to the Tournament Director. The decisions of the Tournament Director are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal.
18. PRIZE STRUCTURE. For the May 16, 2015 Redfish-Trout-Flounder Tournament prizes are trophies and equipment/gifts. Number of places awarded is based on the number of entrants. Contestants are eligible for only one of the class prizes but remain eligible for all raffled prizes. More details about prizes are available online at www.JacksonvilleKayakFishingClassic.com.
 - Aggregate/Slam – 1st place - 2nd place - 3rd place - 4th place – 5th place
 - Biggest Redfish – 1st place - 2nd place - 3rd place - 4th place – 5th place
 - Biggest Trout – 1st place - 2nd place - 3rd place - 4th place – 5th place
 - Biggest Flounder – 1st place - 2nd place - 3rd place - 4th place – 5th place
19. JR ANGLER AWARD. There will be a Jr. Angler Award for entrants younger than 18. Jr. Anglers are also eligible to win prizes in all divisions.
20. LADY ANGLER AWARD. There will be a Lady Angler Award for female entrants. Lady Anglers are also eligible to win prizes in all divisions.
21. SR ANGLER AWARD. There will be a Sr. Angler Award for entrants 60 and older. Sr. Anglers are also eligible to win prizes in all divisions.

22. FLY ANGLER AWARD. There will be a Fly Angler Award for best catch(s) on fly tackle. Fly Anglers are also eligible to win prizes in all divisions and may also use other tackle. Only scoring pictures that include the fly rod will be considered for the fly award.
23. FAMILY CUP AWARD. There will be a Family Cup Award for the best slam caught by a family of two or more anglers. The family score is the aggregate of the best redfish, trout, and flounder caught by members of the family. More than one family member's fish must be included for the family score to qualify.
24. RAFFLE. Prizes will also be awarded by raffle. Each contestant will receive 2 raffle tickets at check in. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$5. You must be present at the raffle to win.
25. BEST DANG TACKLEBOX. Anglers may contribute one lure/tackle/bait product for a single ticket in HoosierPaddler's BDTB raffle. We will draw one winner for the BDTB and the winner receives all the contributed items. Only one ticket is permitted per entrant.
26. CONTINGENCY PRIZES. Sponsors may at their discretion award contingency prizes for anglers winning or placing using their products.