



Tournament Sponsors:



2016 Sunset Beach Paddle Fest Official Fishing Tournament Rules

Participation and Eligibility

The 2016 Paddle Fest Kayak & SUP Fishing Tournament is open to all anglers in the USA provided they meet the requirements and honor all rules and regulations stated.

Prizes and Awards*

- 1st Place: \$500
- 2nd Place: \$300
- 3rd Place: \$120
- Special Prize-Most Red Fish Spots: \$100

* Minimum 12 entries for prizes to be awarded

Location

The tournament will take place at the Sunset Beach Town Park, 206 Sunset Boulevard N., Sunset Beach, NC 28468

Liability Release and License Requirements

- All participants must sign a liability release before the start of the event
- No participants under the age of 18 will be allowed to participate without parental consent and signed waiver
- All participants must have a valid North Carolina fishing license for the event and follow all North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission regulations.

Entry Fees

- Entry Fees are \$100.00 for pre-registration- Prior to September 21, 2016
- After September 21, 2016 the entry fee is \$120.00
- Payments are due before participating in the event
- Registration for event will be close September 24th at 7:00 AM
- All participants must pay the entry fee prior to fishing
- Prepaid entry is preferred
- All participants will have to complete a SIGNED waiver prior to fishing the event

Winner Take All Tournament

- Tournament within a tournament for species, including: Flounder, Trout, Red Fish and Black Drum.
- **\$25** entry fee per species



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Watercraft

- Only man powered kayaks and SUPs will be allowed, no gasoline, electric motors, sailboats, air boats, or air tubs. Accommodations can be made for special needs anglers on a case to case basis, and are at the discretion of the tournament director.
- All fish must be taken from your kayak or SUP; you are not permitted to leave your kayak/SUP to fish from shore.
- Only one paid entrant per vessel.

Launch Point

- All competitors must launch from shore at the Sunset Beach Public Boat Ramp. All competitors will launch at a designated launch time (8:00 am or soon after rules briefing).
- Anglers will be on their kayaks/SUPs in the water soon after the 7:45 Roll Call and safety brief.
- A shotgun start will happen soon after roll call

Acceptable Fishing Methods For Event

- Only commercially available artificial baits/lures/flyes and hand tied flies will be permitted
- Live and cut-bait may be used are permitted. Live bait must be caught or purchased after tournament start time.
- Rod and Reel and Fly Rods are the only acceptable devices for use

Safety Regulations

- PFD must be worn at all times while on the water. Violators will be immediately disqualified.
- No alcohol, illegal substances, or non-prescribed drugs may be used at any time while participating at any event. This includes from the time the challenge starts (Rules Meeting) until the time awards are awarded.
- Drug and alcohol use is strictly prohibited. Any challenger found to be under the influence within reasonable suspicion will be disqualified, moneys non-refunded, and receive a score of 0.

General Rules

- Any one fish can only be submitted once
- Attendance at rules meeting is mandatory
- Winner to be determined by length and weight

Qualifying Fish - Red Fish (Red Drum)

- Must be in the slot limit for Red Fish, 18- 27 (TL) and caught within the laws specified by the North Carolina Wildlife Commission

Weigh In

- ALL ANGLERS HAVE TO BE BACK BY 3:00 PM.
- All competitors must submit fish at weight station
- Late check-in all participants will be given a 2-ounce penalty per 5 minutes that will be deducted from the challenger total. At the 30 minute (3:30 pm) mark the angler will be disqualified (no exceptions).



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Judging for Event

- Challenger fish will be judged and scored by a panel designated by the Tournament Staff
- Fish that do not meet requirements will not be counted
- No competitors will be allowed in the scoring area while the judging is taking place
- The Tournament organizer and staff will be solely responsible and retain the right to declare any fish unacceptable
- Prizes are awarded after the tournament is declared complete
- Fish that do not meet requirements will not be counted.
- All fish will be scored to one tenth of an ounce increments.
- All fish entered must be within the legal methods determined by the North Carolina Wildlife Commission where the fish are caught.

Recording You Catch

All fish that must be returned to the judging station at the Paddle Fest site.

Delays/Reschedule/Cancellation for Live event

- This is a rain or shine event. Refunds will not be granted for any reason. There will be no refunds for no-shows regardless of reason.

Scoring

- The weight will be your total score fish. Fish will be weighted to the closest 1/10 ounce.

Fish Retention

- All fish shall be retained by the Sunset Beach Paddle Fest fishing tournament; you **do not keep submitted fish.**

Photo Release

Participants grant event director and sponsors all rights to use their photos, name, voice, biographical information in any promotion, production, articles, or press releases without entitlement to royalties or compensation in connection with such use.

Rules, Interpretation, and Protests

- All rules are decided and interpreted by the Tournament Director
- The Tournament Directors decisions are final
- Any protests shall be immediately directed to the Tournament Director
- Once the award ceremony begins all results are official and final even in the event of an error

Ties During Event

In the event of a tie, the following criteria will decide the winner:

1. Longest Fish (length)
2. The time the fish was submitted at judging station
3. Greatest number of spots on Red Fish

Sunset Beach Paddle Fest Fishing Tournament

WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the **Sunset Beach Paddle Fest** sport fishing activities, or related events and activities, the undersigned agrees to the following:

_____1. I acknowledge and fully understand that I will be engaging in activities that involve risk of damage to personal property, or serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from my own actions, inactions or negligence, but the actions, inactions or negligence of others, as a result of kayaking, fishing, wading in the water and swimming, including but not limited to perils of sea and waterways, acts of other participants, adverse sea and weather conditions, and I hereby assume complete responsibility and liability for such risks. Further, there may be other risks not known or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.

_____2. I do hereby release, waive, discharge and COVENANT NOT TO SUE the **Sunset Beach Business and Merchants Association, LLC**, its directors, agents, employees, sponsors or any other individual in any way associated with the **Sunset Beach Paddle Fest** or **Sunset Beach Business and Merchants Association, LLC**, all of which are hereinafter referred to as 'Releasees', from any and all liability to me, my heirs and next of kin for any and all claims, demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence or any other actions of the Releasees or otherwise.

_____3. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation.

_____4. I certify that my physical condition and training are adequate to enable me to compete safely in the **Sunset Beach Paddle Fest Kayak Fishing Tournament**.

_____5. I hereby grant full permission to **Sunset Beach Business and Merchants Association, LLC**, any and all of the sponsors of this event or their representatives to use any photographs, video, or any other records of this event for any purpose whatever.

_____6. All prizes may be subject to federal and/or state taxes. **Sunset Beach Business and Merchants Association, LLC**, assumes no responsibility for winners' failure to report awarded prizes to the appropriate taxing authorities.

_____7. This waiver may not be modified in any way. If any part of this waiver is determined to be invalid by law, all other parts of this waiver shall remain valid and enforceable.

_____8a. I hereby warrant and represent that I am over 18 years of age and have signed this WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE freely and voluntarily.

_____8b. I hereby warrant and represent that I am the parent or legal guardian for the named participant, and that I have signed this WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE freely and voluntarily in my capacity as their parent or legal guardian on their behalf.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE AND INITIALED EACH AND EVERY PARAGRAPH THERETO, AND UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY.

Participant's Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____, 2016
(PLEASE PRINT)

Parent/ Legal Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____, 2016
(PLEASE PRINT)

Applicant must initial all lines, complete the form, and return to SBBMA, PO Box 7747, Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469 or email to info@sunsetbeachpaddlefest.com