



**60th Annual Empire South Pass Tarpon Rodeo
Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - August (14, 15 & 16) 2008**

Donation: \$35 per angler – Proceeds to benefit St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Port Sulphur, & the Recreational Fisheries Research Institute’s Sport Fish Tagging and Wish to Fish Programs (RFRI@charter.net).

Download application at www.lafishrodeo.com or attend the Registration Party at the Delta Marina on Wednesday (Aug/13, 7-9pm) Food and Refreshments provided!

Categories: **Open** – Tarpon (1 entry per person, >4.5 feet), Tag & Release Tarpon, & 1st Tarpon (Weighted) Wahoo, Dolphin, Tuna, Amberjack, Cobia, Mangrove Snapper, Black Drum, Flounder, Redfish, Sheepshead, Speckled Trout, Bass, Best Overall Angler and Best Overall Female Angler.
Kids (under 12) - Redfish, Speckled Trout, Flounder, Sheepshead, Black Drum & Bass.

Weigh-in Hours: Thursday & Friday 3 pm - 8 pm (the Delta Marina)
Saturday 3 pm - 6 pm, Awards 7 pm - 9 pm (the Delta Marina)

Location: The Delta Marina, 317 Rose Marie Drive, Empire, LA 70050,
504-657-5116, www.TheDeltaMarina.com

Name:(print) _____ ; **Sex:** M or F **Age:** under 12 or >12

Full Address:(City, State, Zip) _____

Phone # : _____ **Hm Wk Cell (circle one).** **E-mail:** _____

Make Check to: Empire South Pass Tarpon Rodeo



***** READ BACK FOR RODEO RULES *****

RFRI Empire South Pass Tarpon Rodeo RULES

1. All fish entered in rodeo competition must be registered and weighed at rodeo headquarters at the Delta Marina in Empire. Only persons who register for the Rodeo and either receive an entry receipt or are listed on the Rodeo's list of eligible participants are eligible to participate.
2. The registration fee is \$35 per person. Anglers must be registered prior to the official start of the rodeo. Ticket number must be presented to the weighmasters (WM) each time a fish is brought in for entry. Tickets will not be accepted without the angler's name legibly printed. Angler must be present.
3. All fish entered in the rodeo shall be marked by the WM. No fish may be entered more than once. No transfer of fish among rodeo participants shall be allowed. No frozen, spoiled, gutted, altered, or mutilated fish will be eligible for entry.
4. Fishing waters include all Louisiana inshore and offshore territorial waters and the Gulf of Mexico.
5. Fishing competition during the rodeo shall begin at sunrise on Thurs, Aug 14, the first day of the rodeo and close at 6 pm on Sat, Aug 16. The official weigh station shall be open at 3:00 pm and will close at 8 pm on Thurs and Fri and open 3 pm and close at 6 pm on Sat and the rodeo officially ends.
6. Weights will be determined in pounds and ounces. Fish shall not be weighed except in the presence of the WM and the owners' registration ticket or ticket number must be presented or the fish will not be weighed.
7. In the event of a tie, the first fish entered places.
8. The rodeo WM is the supreme judge and all decisions are final. WM decides how many fish an angler can weigh. He is a professional at his job and SHALL NOT be subject to any type of abuse.
9. ALL decisions of the WM are final.
10. The WM, in ruling on the eligibility of mutilated fish, shall do so in accordance with the rules of the International Game Fish Association (IGFA).
11. Categories - Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third places in all categories for heaviest fish by weight – Open – Tarpon (1 entry per person, >4.5 feet), Tag & Release Tarpon, & 1st Tarpon Weighted) Wahoo, Dolphin, Tuna, Amberjack, Cobia, Mangrove Snapper, Black Drum, Flounder, Redfish, Sheepshead, Speckled Trout, Bass, Best Overall Angler and Best Overall Female Angler.
Kids (under 12) - Redfish, Speckled Trout, Flounder, Sheepshead, Black Drum, & Bass. (Award for BEST OVERALL ANGLER will be awarded. Judging will be based on 3 points for first place, 2 points for second place, and 1 point for third place. In the case of a tie, the total weight will rule).
12. All participants and fish must comply with the rules and regulations of the State of Louisiana governing the recreational harvest of saltwater fish in 2008.
13. All fish entered which qualify for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place at any time during rodeo competition become property of the rodeo. (Waiver of the rule permitted in case of Yellowfin Tuna only.)

The decision of the Board of Directors of the Recreational Fisheries Research Institute, Inc. (RFRI) in its sole discretion shall be final on any and all matters. In the event of any litigation between a participant and the RFRI and/or any of the other sponsoring entities that arises, out of any aspect whatsoever of the Rodeo, the losing party in said litigation shall be bound to pay all attorneys fees, expenses of litigation, court costs and other costs incurred by the winning party in said litigation. The entire responsibility for valid entry and eligibility rests solely on the participant. Each participant is responsible for knowing the rules of the Rodeo and, by participating in the Rodeo, agrees to comply with and abide by all rules of the Rodeo.

In consideration of your acceptance of this RFRI fishing rodeo entry, I expressly agree that my participation in this event shall be undertaken at my own risk. The RFRI, event sponsors and all companies', directors, officers, and volunteers shall not be liable for any claims, demands, injuries, damages, or actions whether resulting for active or passive negligence on the part of the heretofore stated parties and I hereby individually do expressively forever release and discharge the heretofore stated parties from all of the above stated claims. I have read and agree to the terms and conditions above and on the back of this page.

Sponsorships Levels: Call John at 504-256-8175 or email to reddfish55@yahoo.com.

Trophy Sponsors Levels: \$150 (1st, 2nd, or 3rd) and \$500 (1st, 2nd, & 3rd).

Banner Sponsors: \$1,500 Bronze; \$2,500 Silver; \$5,000 Gold

All Sponsorship Donations must be finalized before Aug 5 to ensure proper recognition.

Donated cash, goods and services are deductible under IRS ruling 501(C)3 for public charities

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