

# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual West Bay Black Jack Tournament

## *Rules & Regulations*

1. All Federal and State rules and regulations will apply. Violations will result in disqualification of the entire team.
2. This is an individual tournament however any number of anglers can fish together.
3. Wade fishing is permitted; must be within sight of other anglers fishing with you (200 yards max)
4. Fishing hours will begin at 7:00 a.m. May 22, 2010 and contestants must be in weigh-in line by 4:30 p.m. **Weigh-in will begin at 4:00 p.m.**
5. Artificial, live or dead bait may be used. All fish must be caught on a rod and reel.
6. No angler(s) is permitted to approach nearer than 50 yards to any other boat, unless permission has been granted.
7. No fish may be accepted from or given to another angler(s).
8. All anglers on your boat or in your group must be entered in the Tournament.
9. Boat, Wade, Kayak or Beach fishing is all permitted within the stated boundaries.
10. **“Black Jack”** means: Trout, Slot Red and Flounder closest to 21” without going over
11. **All Flounder weighed in must be ALIVE!**
12. **Flounder:** The angler that brings in the most live flounder or first to bring in 5 ALIVE, will receive an award & prize (see #23). **Flounder should not be placed on a stringer!** Take extra care to ensure their survival & transport. Use a proper aerated live well / oxygen system. Flounder being donated will be transported to the Sea Center to be used in restocking efforts for West Bay.
13. Participants may fish anywhere in West Bay, being any navigable waterway West of the Texas City Dike. Anglers must stay North of Pelican Island and can venture as far into West Bay as Bastrop, Chocolate Bay / Bayou and Christmas Bay. Anglers wishing to fish from the surf may fish any beachfront area between the end of the Seawall and San Luis Pass (Galveston side)
14. All participants will be subject to polygraph testing if the need shall arise
15. Anglers must be in the weigh in line no later than 4:30 p.m., unless you are standing in line, weigh in will close by 5:00 p.m.
16. All fish weighed in must be within the regulations of TPWD. Any undersized or oversized fish that are turned in for measuring that are not within regulations will disqualify the angler.
17. In case of a tie, the earlier measured fish will prevail.
18. All Weigh master’s rulings are FINAL
19. Sponsors and organizers are not responsible for any accident or injury, nor loss, damage, or theft to any property.
20. Trophies will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place in Trout, Red & Flounder categories.
21. **1<sup>st</sup> place** in each division will receive a custom Billy StiX Spiral Rod!
22. **All paid entries will receive a FREE 1 year subscription to Texas Outdoors Journal, a West End Anglers Hat & Koozie!**
23. **02 System Prize:** The first 5 **LIVE** flounder to be brought in will receive a complete 02 System. The fish must be ALIVE. If they touch a stringer you will be disqualified! If you string your Flounder they will not make it. Net them and place immediately into a properly aerated live well.
24. **Door Prizes: Texas Tackle Factory** lures / soft plastics etc. **HookSet Marine Gear:** Boga Grips w/ Float, Wade Belt, Stringer & Hat! **BAAD Marine Supply** two fishing reels and 10% off all purchases during tournament (mobile store will be on site) **Capt Steve Soule:** Guided fishing trip for two people. **Big Nasty Bait Co.** Assortment of lures (MORE TO COME)
25. Awards Ceremony: 5PM, May 22, 2010 at West End Marina (SEA ISLE) 14302 Stewart Rd. Galveston, TX.
26. **IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER, THIS EVENT WILL BE RESCHEDULED, IF FOR ANY REASON EVENT CANNOT BE HELD ALL ENTRY FEES WILL BE REFUNDED**

