

2008 ECSWFC – FHFC BULL DRUM CHALLENGE

RULES and REGS

1. Bull Drum are defined as red drum measuring over 27 inches
2. Circle hooks only, (barbless recommended)- one hook per line
3. Up to 4 designated rods for bull drum are allowed per boat, regardless of number of anglers. Extra rods may be used to catch bait. Drum caught on these bait rods can not be entered in the Challenge
4. Each angler may catch a maximum of 3 Bull Drum. Once accomplished, their rod may be used by another angler aboard. Rods are to be out of the water by 8:00 pm
5. The drum should be handled with wet hands or wet gloves to prevent the removal of their exterior protective coating. If necessary, drum should be lifted aboard horizontally by supporting the head and behind the stomach. They can be placed on a wet surface for hook removal, pictures, and measuring. Please release the drum quickly when done.
6. If a drum is deeply hooked it's better to cut the leader as close as possible to the hook before releasing it. Trying to extract it could cause unnecessary injury
7. Cameras will be provided to be used for a full length picture of the side with the most spots. A close up showing all the spots is recommended. Photos could be taken of drum in the water alongside the boat while being held by the crew to help minimize handling.
8. All cameras are to be picked up at the Captains Meeting at Whittaker Pointe Marina after the BBQ. They should be returned no later than 10 pm. A drop box will be provided at the Marina for early finishers. The first picture needs to be of the Captain or boat. Please return cameras in their original box.
9. Guests can be included once all club members have been placed aboard. If the two clubs can not meet the 20 boat requirement, additional boats, Captains and crews will be invited to join us. The coordinators have a list of interested persons and businesses that have helped in some way with this Challenge or the Oriental Artificial Reef Rehabilitation Project.
10. The Boat Prizes will be decided by reviewing the provided pictures and determining which boats caught the Red Drum with the most and next to most spots. A tie for the most spots will split the first and second place prize money equally per boat. A tie for second place will split that prize money. Any boat can win only one prize. The coordinators and one volunteer will be the judges.
11. For info or questions, Channel 68 will be monitored during the Challenge. Additional contact can be made with these cell numbers—Ron Zielinski (252-249-2128) Geoffrey Gable (252-514-4058)
12. All dockage fees collected for the use of Whittaker Pointe Marina, surplus monies after running the Red Drum Challenge, and any personal contributions will go toward the Oriental Reef Rehab project. Checks for dockage or charitable contributions should be made out to “ Town of Oriental “ with -- AR-396 --written somewhere on the face