

2017 Swamp Cabbage Bass Fishing Tournament Hosted by: The River's Edge Motel

Entry Fee: \$150 (2-person team)
\$50 extra for additional angler
(3-person max)

- Contestants must check-in on Saturday at the docks at 6:00 AM.
- Boats will be placed in 3 heats of 15
- Fishing will begin at 7:00 AM and finish at 2:00 PM
- Weigh in begins no sooner than 12:00 PM

-We encourage all tournament participants to attend the Captain's Meeting on Friday, February 24, 2017, from 4-5 PM, followed by the Captain's Dinner and Rally on the River event from 5-9 PM

Registration includes: 2 Bass Tournament t-shirts, food and beverage vouchers, parking, promotional goodie bag and discounted rooms

**!! OVER \$5k IN CASH PRIZES AND
MERCHANDISE IS UP FOR GRABS !!**

Event proceeds will be distributed to various
Hendry County Non-Profit Organizations

RULES AND REGULATIONS

*Proof of vessel registration, liability insurance, boating I.D. (if applicable) and fishing license is required to register for tournament.

ALL BOATS MUST BE CHECKED BEFORE LAUNCHING. The official tournament waters are all bodies of water reachable from the launch point without removing boat from the water. **AIR BOATS ARE PROHIBITED.** Safe boating must be observed at all times. Each competitor is required to **WEAR** a Coast Guard approved flotation life vest securely fastened whenever the combustion engine is running.

All competitors are expected to show courtesy to all persons in the water. **DRUNKENNESS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** Boat captains are not permitted to drink any alcoholic beverages during the tournament. No competitor shall have a non-competitor "sit on a hole", spot or scout for them. All decisions by the judges will be final. All bass must be taken in a sporting manner. At any given time, **ONLY 3 rods** will be allowed in the water per boat. Each boat **MUST** have a functional kill switch. Boats **MUST** have a functioning live well, or some type of live well system, coolers with air pumps are permitted. **A TOTAL OF 5 LARGEMOUTH BASS PER BOAT MAY BE WEIGHED IN.** 15-inch size limit will be enforced. Any team presenting more than 5 fish to the tournament staff will be culled down to 5 fish, starting with the largest fish first. Big Fish will be determined by the total weight of one single bass. **NO DEAD FISH** will be accepted at weigh in or be eligible for Big Fish. All boats must check in by appointed time or a one pound per minute late penalty will be subtracted from the total score. **15 MINUTES LATE IS A TOTAL DISQUALIFICATION.** There will be no weigh in before 12:00 p.m.

NO FISHING AT THE DOCKS

In case of a boat or motor failure, one team member may be brought in on another tournament team member's boat, with both team's fish being separated at all times. Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament officials. Decisions of the officials are **FINAL.** Infraction of these rules is grounds for disqualification from this and future tournaments.

State of Florida Statutes for Boating

The owner and/or operator of a vessel is responsible to carry, store, maintain and use the safety equipment required by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG).

All vessels are required to have onboard a wearable USCG-approved personal flotation device (PFD) for each person. The PFDs must be of the appropriate size for the intended wearer, be in serviceable condition, and within easy access. The state of Florida urges all people onboard a boat to wear a life jacket.

Vessels 16 feet in length or longer must also have at least one USCG-approved throwable Type IV PFD that is immediately available in case of a fall overboard.

A child under the age of 6 must wear a USCG-approved Type I, II or III personal flotation device while onboard a vessel under 26 feet in length while the vessel is underway. "Underway" is defined as anytime except when the vessel is anchored, moored, made fast to the shore or aground.

Vessels with built-in fuel tanks or enclosed compartments where gasoline fumes can accumulate are required to carry at least one fire extinguisher (depending upon vessel length) which is approved for marine use.

All vessels are required to carry an efficient sound-producing device, such as a referee's whistle.

Vessels less than 16 feet in length are required to carry at least 3 visual distress signals approved for nighttime use when on coastal waters from sunset to sunrise. Vessels 16 feet or longer must carry at least 3 daytime and three nighttime visual distress signals (or 3 combination daytime/nighttime signals) at all times when on coastal waters.

The use of sirens or flashing, occulting or revolving lights is prohibited except where expressly allowed by law.

Recreational vessels are required to display navigation lights between sunset and sunrise and during periods of reduced visibility (fog, rain, haze, etc.).

***(State of Florida Statutes as given by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission)**

All normal boating regulations as put forth by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission must be adhered by at all times

I, undersigned have carefully read the above and expectations and understand it has legal consequences, and that I have had the opportunity to consult with an attorney and that this document is a release of all claims and causes of action for injury, death, or damage to property that occur while I am participating in the described activity and it obligates me to release and hold harmless any party for any liability for injury, death of any person and damage to property caused by negligent, intentional or unintentional omission. I hereby accept all risk to myself and all persons aboard my vessel. My signature releases all sponsors, organizations and individuals from any and all liability, losses, costs, damages, expenses, including but not limited to court costs, attorney's fees on account of claims for any reason, including but not limited to personal injury, including death, sustained by any person or persons, and for injury to or damage or destruction of property in this event. I also agree to abide by the tournament rules and all State of Florida Regulations related to this event.

Boaters Name Printed: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Signature: _____

Co Angler's Name Printed: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Signature: _____

Optional Third Angler's Name Printed: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Signature: _____

Make checks payable to: The River's Edge Motel

Please deliver completed sponsorship forms and checks to:

The River's Edge Motel

285 Old County Road 78, LaBelle, FL 33935

Questions? Contact us at (863) 675-6062

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Saturday, February 25, 2017

7 A.M. – 2 P.M.

The River's Edge Motel, LaBelle, FL 33935